

**MARTYRS CARPUS, PAPYLUS,  
AGATHADORUS, AND AGATHONICA,  
AT PERGAMUM**

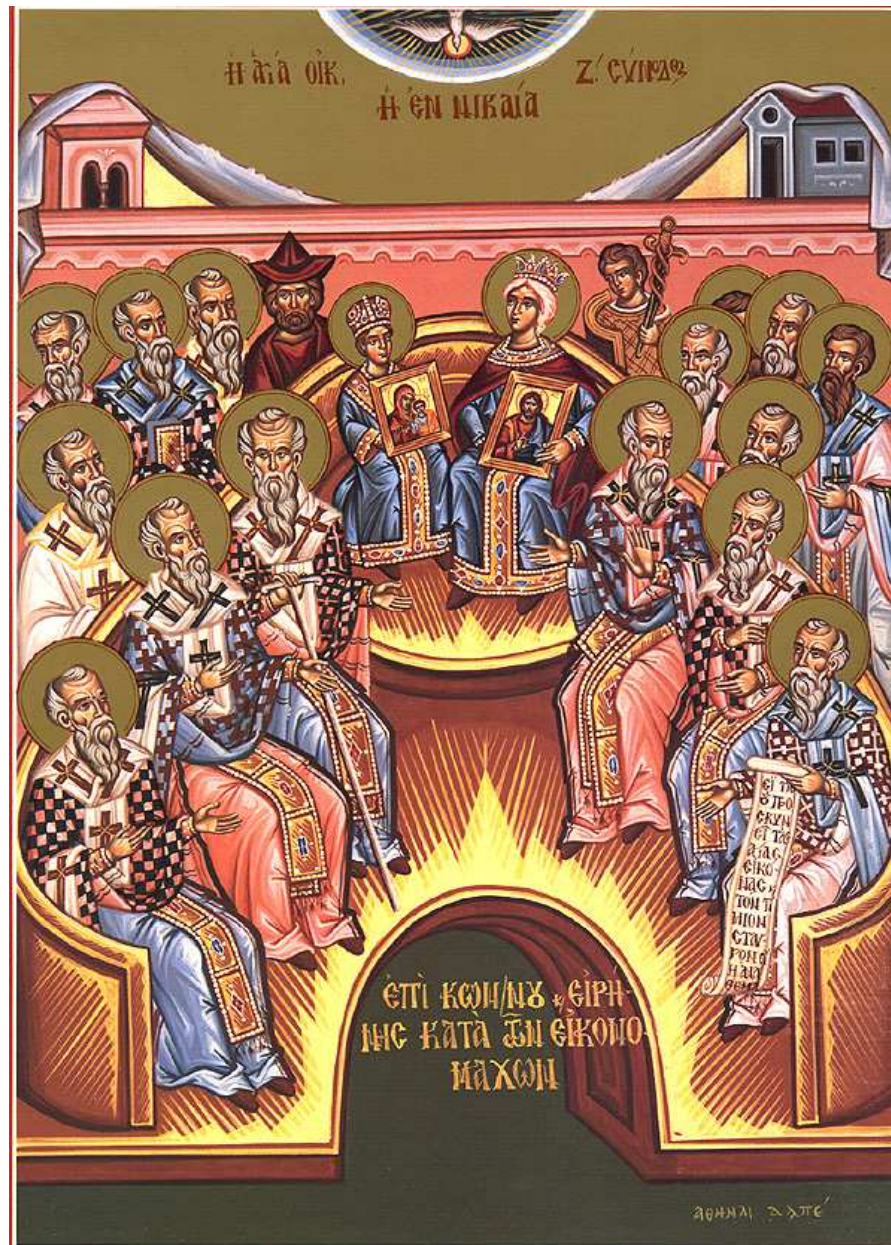
The Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica suffered at Pergamum during the persecution of Decius in the third century.

The governor of the district where the saints lived discovered that Carpus and Papyrus did not celebrate the pagan festivals. He ordered that the transgressors be arrested and persuaded to accept the Roman pagan religion. The saints replied that they would never worship false gods. The judge then ordered them to be bound in iron chains and led through the city, and then to be tied to horses and dragged to the nearby city of Sardis.

Agathadorus and Agathonica voluntarily followed after Carpus and Papyrus. Saint Agathonica was choked to death with ox sinews, and Sts. Carpus, Papyrus and Agathadorus were beheaded in Sardis.

During his life, St. Papyrus was known for his gift of curing the sick. Since his martyrdom, he has granted healing to all who pray to him with faith.

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## ***SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Œcumenical Council***

***Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus Agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamus;***

***Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica; Martyr Benjamin the Deacon, of Persia;***

***St. Nicetas the Confessor of Paphlagonia; Ven. Benjamin of the Kiev Caves;***

***New Martyr Chryse of Bulgaria;***

***Translation of the "IVERON" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos to Moscow in 1648;***

***The "SEDMIYÉZERNAYA Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos***

"Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them You have guided us to the true faith. O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!"

Troparion, Tone VIII

"Your holy martyr Carpus and his companions, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercession, save our souls."

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 6:16-7:1  
HEBREWS 13:7-16

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:5-15  
JOHN 17:1-13

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, October 19      5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, October 14	Ephesians 4:25-32	Luke 9:18-22
Tuesday, October 15	Ephesians 5:20-26	Luke 9:23-27
Wednesday, October 16	Ephesians 5:25-33	Luke 9:44-50
Thursday, October 17	Ephesians 5:33-6:9	Luke 9:49-56
Friday, October 18	Ephesians 6:18-24	Luke 10:1-15
(Apostle Luke)	Colossians 4:5-9,14,18	Luke 10:16-21
Saturday, October 19	I Corinthians 15:39-45	Luke 7:1-10
(Departed)	I Thessalonians 4:13-17	John 5:24-30

**COMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER:**

- 14, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 17, Thursday 7:00 p.m. EOWG Annual Pasta Dinner at HTOC
- 19, Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vespers and ZOE for Life program at St. Michael's
- 20, Sunday 3:00 p.m. Eastern Churches Seminar at Notre Dame College
- 27, Sunday 10:45 a.m. HTOC Parish Meeting

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27,  
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY**

**EOWG PASTA DINNER:**

The Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild invites all to a Pasta Dinner here at HTOC on Thursday, Oct. 17. Doors open at 6:00 for socializing and appetizers; dinner is at 7:00. Adults are \$15—see Joanne Stoyka for tickets. Further details are on the bulletin board.

**EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:**

“My Sin and God's Mercy” is the theme of the 2019 annual seminar. Dr. Peter Bouteneff, professor at St. Vladimir's Seminary, will speak. The seminar is Sunday, Oct. 20, 3:00-5:00; at Notre Dame College in South Euclid. The presentation is free and open to the public. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet Monday, October 14, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading the chapters on Creation and on Illness—pages 218-231—in Wounded By Love. All are welcome.

**LIVING IN POVERTY:**

FOCUS Cleveland will hold a panel discussion on Monday, Nov. 18, at Breen Center for Performing Arts. The topic is “Beyond the Numbers: A Closer Look at Living in Poverty.” Doors will open at 6:00 for appetizers; presentation is at 7:00. Tickets are \$30. Further details are in the Fellowship Hall.

**MEATLOAF LUNCHEON:**

HTOC will host a Meatloaf Luncheon on Sunday, November 3, to raise funds and awareness of our monthly meal outreach at St. Herman's House of Hospitality. For luncheon details, see Judy Howe. A basket auction is planned, and donations are needed. Gift cards are popular. To help, contact Dianna Kall: [dkall@ameritech.net](mailto:dkall@ameritech.net) or 216-741-2888.

**ZOE FOR LIFE PROGRAM:**

ZOE for Life invites all adults and high school teens to a showing of the movie Unplanned, a true story that includes a look inside the abortion industry. The event is Saturday, October 19, after 5:00 Vespers at Archangel Michael Church.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Thank you to the Evanoff Family for preparing and serving our refreshments today.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by the Crowder and Riley Families in memory of Frank and Mary Kostohyrz.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Frank, Joanne, and Jessie Stoyka.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, OCTOBER 6	\$ 4819.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	110.00
BUILDING FUND	25.00
MORTGAGE FUND	55.00
CANDLES	105.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	77.00
COFFEE HOUR, 9/29/19	77.00

**THE SAINTS AMONG US –  
MARTYRS PROBUS, TARACHUS AND ANDRONICUS**

On October 12, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus. These three saints came from different backgrounds but ended their lives together as Christian martyrs about the year 304 AD. Tarachus was a Roman citizen and had served as an exemplary soldier. Probus and Andronicus came from noble families. They all lived in regions of Asia Minor, which is today the area of the southern coast of Turkey, bordering the Mediterranean Sea. They were arrested because of their adherence to the Christian faith. This came about during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian (244-311), who initiated what became the last and greatest persecution of Christians. Earlier Emperors did also persecute Christians but with varying degrees of intensity and consistency. Some of them were actually quite tolerant of other, non-Roman, religions in general and of Christianity in particular. Diocletian had a strong attachment to his pagan religions and clearly saw that Christianity posed a threat. While actual numbers are difficult to obtain, scholars estimate that there may have been up to a million Christians in the Roman empire by the end of the third century.

After their arrest, Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus were subjected to various tortures. Tarachus, who was already an elder, had his jaw broken. Probus was flogged violently. He was urged to take pity on himself but replied, “This bloodshed is perfume to anoint myself for the future life.” Andronicus, the youngest, also fearlessly faced the tortures without giving any sign of compromise or defeat. After suffering various sorts of torture for several months, the three Christian heroes were taken and put in the arena with the gladiators and wild animals. Because they were unable to walk, they were carried into the arena. Wild animals had already been devouring other victims, but as if trained, a wild bear came up to Andronicus and began to lick his wounds. The spectators in the arena were moved by the sight and expressed admiration for the martyrs. The governor in charge, however, became furious and had gladiators cut the three Saints in pieces. One of the liturgical hymns on their feast day describes them this way: “Valiantly imitating the Passion of Jesus, Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus were led into the stadium rejoicing, where they convicted the godlessness of the lawless. Therefore we honor their memory and extol their struggles, for the Lord had made them wondrous luminaries in the world, as they contested nobly for the Faith.”

After their martyrdom, pious Christians took up their holy remains. From early on, Christians tradition regarded martyrs as the bedrock of Christian faith. Their courage, fortitude and unwavering devotion became powerful expressions which had the effect of attracting non-believers to Christianity. As was the custom among those first Christians, the places which held martyrs’ relics became the sites where liturgical services were conducted. This established the practice held to this day of placing martyrs’ relics inside of Altar Tables. So it is that relics of Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus are among those which are inside the Altar Table of our church. Twenty feet to the side of the Altar Table, on the rear wall of our sanctuary, one will see depicted the Three Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus. On the opposing side wall in the sanctuary are three other, modern Saints whose relics are also inside of our Altar Table: Sts. Innocent and Herman of Alaska, and the New Martyr St. Elizabeth.

*Fr. Alexander Garklaus*