

***APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY:
ERASTUS, OLYMPAS, HERODION,
SOSIPATER, QUARTUS, AND TERTIUS***

The holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius were all disciples of St. Paul and lived during the first century.

St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, speaks of them in the Epistle to the Romans, “And Erastus, the city treasurer, greets you, and Quartus, a brother” (Romans 16:23).

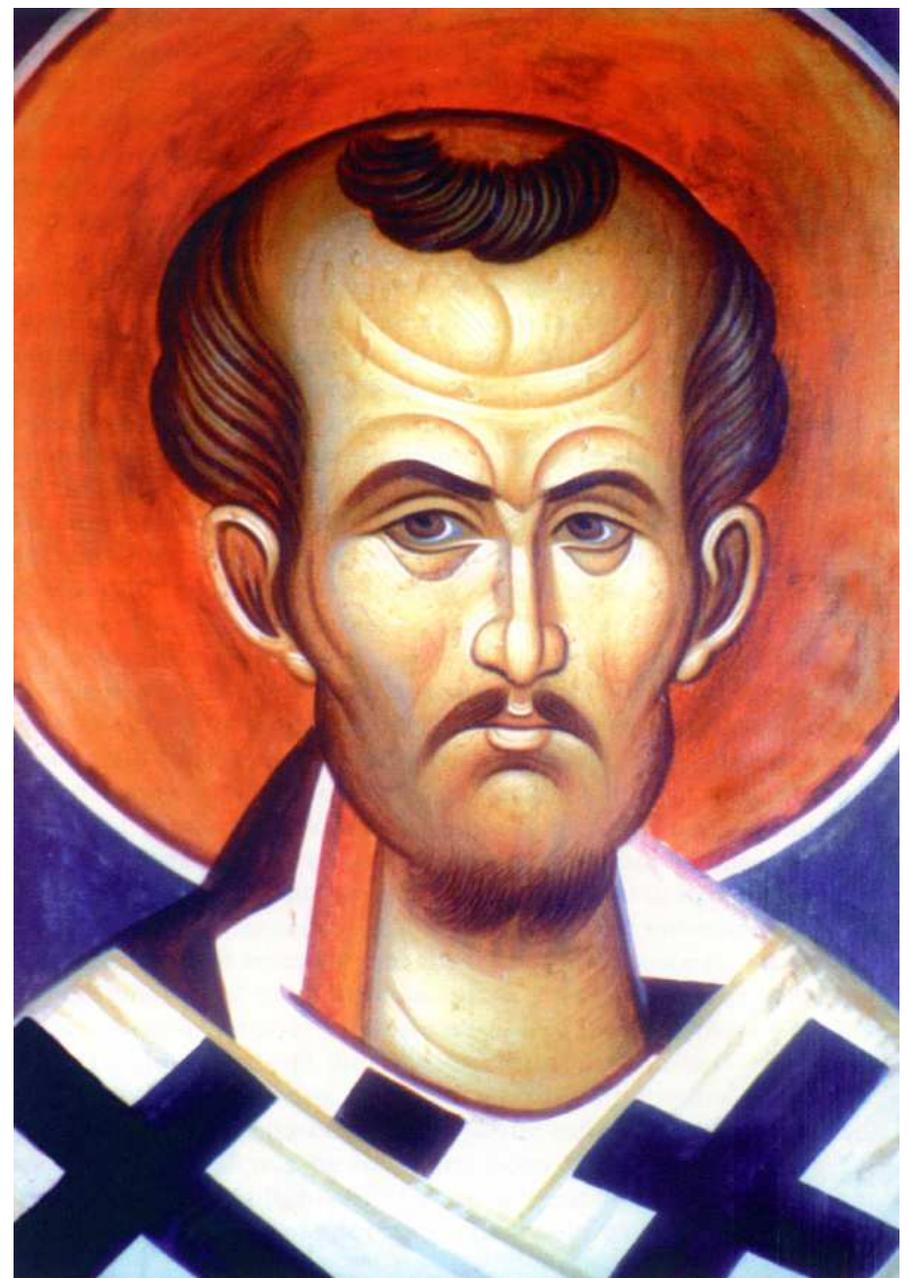
St. Sosipater, a native of Achaia, was Bishop of Iconium, where he also died. St. Paul mentions him in Romans 16:21.

St. Olympas was mentioned by the holy Apostle Paul (Romans 16:15). He was also a companion of the Apostle Peter. St. Herodion was a kinsman of the Apostle Paul (Romans 16:11) and left the bishop’s throne at Patras to go to Rome with the Apostle Peter. Sts. Herodion and Olympas were beheaded on the very day and hour when St. Peter was crucified.

St. Quartus endured much suffering for his piety and converted many pagans to Christ, dying peacefully as a bishop in the city of Beirut.

St. Tertius is mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans, “I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord” (Romans 16:22). St. Tertius, to whom St. Paul dictated the Epistle to the Romans, was the second Bishop of Iconium, where he also died.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius
Martyr Orestes of Cappadocia;
Hieromartyr Milles, Bishop in Persia, and two disciples;
Ven. Theocteristus, Abbot of Symbola on Mt. Olympus;
Martyr Constantine, Prince of Georgia*

“Having sharpened your minds with the clarity of divine light, you easily refuted crafty arguments with true wisdom, O glorious martyrs. Thus, you won unbelievers over to Christ, the Master, leading them to the worship of the Trinity.”

Kondakion for Apostles of the Seventy, Tone II

St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople Wednesday, November 13

“Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty; it has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!”

Troparion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 2:16-20

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Friday, November 15 7:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service at St. Mary Church
Saturday, November 16 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 11	Colossians 2:13-20	Luke 14:12-15
Tuesday, November 12	Colossians 2:20-3:3	Luke 14:25-35
	Colossians 3:17-4:1	Luke 15:1-10
Wednesday, November 13	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Thursday, November 14	Colossians 4:2-9	Luke 16:1-9
(Apostle Philip)	I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 1:43-51
Friday, November 15	Colossians 4:10-18	Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4
	II Corinthians 5:1-10	Luke 9:57-62
Saturday, November 16	I Corinthians 4:9-16	Matthew 9:9-13

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

- 10, TODAY Food Sale
11, Monday 10:00 a.m. Orthodox Moms Group at St. Innocent Church
 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
18, Monday 6:00 p.m. FOCUS Cleveland program to benefit St. Herman's House

PARISH COUNCIL:

The Council will meet tomorrow, November 11, at 7:00 p.m.

MEATLOAF LUNCHEON:

The profit at the "St. Herman's Style Luncheon" last Sunday was over \$1,000. That will go to underwrite our parish's ongoing outreach ministry to St. Herman's House of Hospitality, the monthly preparing and serving of a meal at their residence. Thanks to Jewelann Stefanar and her team for preparing the delicious meal. Thanks also to Dianna Kall, who oversaw the gift-basket raffles. Several residents of St. Herman's House were our guests at the meal, and they brought some of the "St. Herman's Honey" for sale. Bottles of their honey are now available at our La Coupole Bookstore.

HOLY UNCTION SERVICE:

The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy invites all to participate in the sacrament of Holy Unction on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:00 p.m. The service will take place at St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral; 3256 Warren Road, Cleveland 44111.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet on Monday, Nov. 11, at 12:30. We are reading pages 1-36 of A Short Study, "On the Holy Spirit." All are welcome.

LIVING IN POVERTY:

FOCUS Cleveland will hold a panel discussion to benefit St. Herman's House on Nov. 18, at Breen Center, within St. Ignatius High School. The topic is "Beyond the Numbers: A Closer Look at Living in Poverty." Doors open at 6:00 for appetizers; the panel is at 7:00. Tickets are \$30; see Jewelann Stefanar.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Mary Ann Moga.

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE:

Today is our monthly Food Sale. Please help by shopping at the food tables in the Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We are continuing our Special Collection to assist our parishioner Aaron Rutz during his last year at St. Vladimir's Seminary. The monies collected will be matched by the Seminary. Use special collection envelopes in basket at rear of church; mark them "Seminarian." Write checks to "Holy Trinity Orthodox Church." You will be credited for your donation on your annual financial statement.

COFFEE HOUR:

We are in need of volunteers on November 24, and December 29. Please consider maintaining our fellowship program by volunteering once or twice a year. If more people do not step up, the program cannot operate on a weekly basis. Refreshments need not be anything more than donuts and coffee, and you can be reimbursed for the cost — or turn in the receipts and get credit on your financial statement. Join together with others in your pew, at your table, or in your family. Help is available for operating the coffee machine.

ORTHODOX MOMS GROUP:

A Pan-Orthodox group of moms will meet on Nov. 11 at St. Innocent Church, 8526 Usher Rd. in Olmsted Falls; 10:00 a.m. Bring your young children, who will make an advent mobile to take home. Moms can join in fellowship with other Orthodox moms while they help their children. Refreshments will be served.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar in memory of Andrew Stefanar.

Last Sunday an additional offering of flowers was made by Gil and Pat George.

JESUS THE TRUTH

*“Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life.’”
(John 14:6)*

What does Jesus mean when He says, “I am ... the truth.” He does not say, “I will show you the truth” or “I will tell you the truth.” Certainly, He is full of grace and truth, and the truth is in Him. He does indicate the truth, He speaks the truth, and He even argues with the leaders of the people that what He is saying is the truth (John 8). Jesus even says His words bear witness to the fact that He is truly the Son of God. Yet, the truth He speaks is the Truth that He is! He is, personally, essentially and completely, the Truth.

When we think of Jesus being the Truth, we remember that the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and the whole witness of God’s people Israel is that the God of Abraham is the *true* God. No other god is God. Even Muslims would agree with this, because they also claim that this God of Abraham is the only god. Muslims also say that Mohammed was the last prophet and he comes to tell the final truth. But Christians say, “No, Jesus is the final Prophet, the very Word of God incarnate in human flesh, and He is full of grace and truth. There is no truth that goes beyond Him.” Christians agree with Jews and Moslems about God, the God of Abraham, but they insist to Jews and Muslims and everyone, that Jesus Christ is the Truth of the true God.

Jesus said, “and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:32). If you are not in the truth, you are enslaved to falsehood. If you know the truth of God, you will know the truth about yourself. This is very important because we can mouth truths. We can talk about the Holy Scriptures being the inspired words of God in human words. We can say all kinds of things, but when we say those things, if we are in delusion about ourselves, whatever we say has no power. That is what St. Paul means when he writes of those who hold the truth in unrighteousness. We can hold the truth, but if we are unrighteous ourselves, we cannot even know what we are talking about, although, verbally, our words may be true. In other words, we may speak of Christ, but if our hearts are far from Him, we do not know Him in truth. If we are Christians, we have to be the children of God who are following the truth. We have to put the truth into practice by living according to Christ’s commandments, by living according to the Truth. We must love our enemies, bless those who curse us, pray for those who abuse us. We must decide to do good and not curse or lie or be angry. We must live purely and truly, living as true human beings in the ethical sense: dependable, responsible. We must keep our word. A person who does these things will come to know the truth and, being convinced of it, will come to know the true God, despite whatever doubts and failures occur along the way.

We have to be lovers of the truth. If we have that desire, then we will come to see that Jesus Christ is indeed the Truth, that He is not lying when He says, “I am the Truth.” If we keep saying to Him, “What is truth?” like Pontius Pilate, He will stand there silently and say, “Look at Me and you decide. How many instructions can I give you so you may know? The rest is up to you now. If you want to know, you will see. Seek and you will find.” The truth is in Jesus, and He is the truth about everything: God, human beings, the created world. Jesus Christ is Himself the Truth. That is our conviction and the teaching of the Church.

From The Names of Jesus by Fr. Thomas Hopko