

How many Christians there are who say “I believe in God,” without in reality believing. How many mouths are dumb when in the company of men it is necessary to define the glory of God and His saints, which is blasphemed by the children of this world. Some remain silent when it is necessary to support the conversation concerning God, or to stop any disrespect. Many say, “I believe in God;” but should any misfortune arise, they grow fainthearted and despondent. Then what becomes of their faith? This should be the very time to show submission to the will of God and say, “Let Thy will be done.”

St. John of Kronstadt



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JANUARY 12, 2020

THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Theophany

Sunday After the Theophany

Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her;

Martyr Mertiuss of Mauretania; Martyr Peter Apselamus of Palestine;

Ven Eupraxia of Tabenna, in Egypt;

St. Sava I, first Archbishop of Serbia; Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozérsk;

The "AKATHIST" and "MILKGIVER" Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos

“By revealing Yourself to the world, You made Your light shine forth on all creation. The salty sea of unbelief receded and the Jordan carried us to heaven by turning back on its course. By Your lofty commandments, O Christ, our God, preserve us through the prayers of the Theotokos, and save us.”

Jerusalem Troparion, Tone V

“With great love, the virgin martyr, Tatiana, cries out to her Lord, offering Him the martyrdom she endured for Him. As by baptism she was buried with Him that she might rise with Him, so, by her sufferings, she died to live with Him. Having given Christ the pure oblation of her life, she now reigns with Him in glory. By her prayers, O Christ, in Your mercy save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:7-13

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, January 12

Saturday, January 18

Blessing of Fellowship Hall and Church School Classrooms

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 13

Tuesday, January 14

Wednesday, January 15

Thursday, January 16

Friday, January 17

Saturday, January 18

Hebrews 11:17-23,27-31

Hebrews 12:25-26,13:22-25

James 1:1-18

James 1:19-27

James 2:1-13

Hebrews 13:17-21

Colossians 1:3-6

Mark 8:11-21

Mark 8:22-26

Mark 8:30-34

Mark 9:10-16

Mark 9:33-41

Luke 6:17-23

Luke 14:1-11

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 12, TODAY Blessing of Fellowship Hall and Classrooms
Food Sale
11:45 a.m. Parish Council meeting
4:00 p.m. Caroling in Ukrainian Village; Parma
- 13, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 19, Sunday 6:00 p.m. Supplication Service for the Unborn at St. Matthew Church
- 23-24 ZOE-sponsored trip to Washington DC to "March for Life"
- 30, Thursday 6:30 p.m. IOCC Dinner at Woodside

FOOD SALE:

Our Food Sale is taking place in the Fellowship Hall today! Stop by the tables and purchase some homemade nourishment.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

There will be a Parish Council meeting today, January 12, at 11:45 a.m.

IOCC DINNER:

The International Orthodox Christian Charities will hold a Wine Tasting / Dinner on Thursday, Jan. 30; 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Woodside. Tickets are available from Diane Hastings or Paula Svilar.

LA COUPOLE:

Stop by La Coupole and enjoy 50% savings on Christmas cards and ornaments; and 25% off all matryoshka dolls.

2020 CALENDARS:

Calendars for the new year with holy days, Lenten periods and daily scripture readings designated on them are now available at the back of the church nave.

COFFEE HOUR:

Thank you to Sandy Shea-Workman and Joanne Stoyka for our Coffee Hour refreshments today.

CAROLING IN UKRAINIAN VILLAGE:

Meet at St. Vladimir's Church at 4:00 p.m. today to join area choirs in caroling.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, January 13, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading pages 44 to the end in On the Holy Spirit, by Father Cyril Argenti. All are welcome.

PRAY FOR THE UNBORN:

Please join Zoe for Life in prayer at a Supplication Service on Sunday, Jan. 19, 6:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Church, 10383 Albion Rd., in North Royalton. The guest speaker is Bishop Anthony Michaels of the Antiochian Archdiocese.

MARCH FOR LIFE:

ZOE for Life is travelling to Washington DC to join the March for Life. A van will depart from Zoe House, 5454 State Rd.; Parma; on Thursday, Jan. 23, 10:00 a.m., and return about 11:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Kathy Kovalak at 440-842-6639.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Your new box of Offering Envelopes is available in the Fellowship Hall.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JANUARY 5	\$ 2748.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	3295.00
BUILDING FUND	689.00
CANDLES	124.00
IN MEMORY OF HARVEY SCHWARTZ	150.00
KITCHEN STOVE FUND	95.00
BOOKSTORE FUND	10.00
COFFEE HOUR 12/29/19	94.00

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THE SAINTS AMONG US - SAINT TATIANA OF ROME

Today, Sunday, January 12, we commemorate the martyr, St. Tatiana of Rome. In the traditional accounts preserved by the Church, she was born in the 3rd century into an aristocratic and influential Roman family. Her father was an important government official and according to some accounts was a Christian who taught his daughter Christianity from an early age. When she was older and committed to a celibate life, Tatiana became a deaconess. She and other Christians lived at times that varied between indifferent toleration and persecution. St. Tatiana experienced both, but it was during a period of persecution that she distinguished herself as a devout and courageous Christian. Arrested, she was taken to the Temple of Apollo and commanded to worship the pagan god. After refusing, she was imprisoned and subjected to various tortures. Eventually she, and her father, were beheaded on January 12, 226.

St. Tatiana's name was added to that of many other holy men and women martyrs of the Early Church. The word "martyr" comes from the Greek *martyria*, which means "witness." For Christians, those who suffered and died because of their allegiance to Jesus Christ were not seen as victims but as victors and champions of faithfulness and courage. In their suffering they "witnessed" to the truth of faith in Christ and to the fortitude that comes from that faith. Their martyrdom was not an indication of despair or loss but rather of integrity and victory. In this way martyrs became role models for Christians and effective proponents leading others to embrace Christianity. The hymns for the martyrs extolled their bravery and their high moral character, as we can see in this example from the liturgical service for St. Tatiana.

*Neither sword nor bitter stripes of fire,
Neither tribulations nor hunger, nor any torment
Could dull your most ardent longing and desire for Christ your Lord;
But with burning and fiery heart, you sought Him bravely,
Utterly despising all material things; and
O Valiant Martyr, you made the divine bridechamber
Your dwelling, as a comely bride of the great King of all.*

St. Tatiana's commemoration as a Saint is ancient in both Eastern and Western Christianity. However, she has acquired more widespread veneration among Eastern Christians, especially among Slavic peoples. In Russia her memory has become associated with schools and students. How this came about is curious. The Russian Empress Elizabeth issued a charter creating the University of Moscow on St. Tatiana Day, January 12, 1755. A chapel was included in the construction of the university buildings, and it was naturally dedicated to St. Tatiana. Her annual commemoration became a "university holiday" and quickly became associated with all schools in Russia and thus also the "students' holiday." By the time of the Russian Revolution, Tatiana's Day became a favorite winter holiday among students, with the older ones indulging in typical "college-style" festivities. Banned during the Soviet years, Tatiana's Day has again become a popular student holiday in Russia today. But for us in Parma, Ohio, St. Tatiana of Rome is a familiar "saint among us" on the South wall, easily spotted on the bottom level.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus