

MARTYR NICEPHORUS OF ANTIOCH

The Holy Martyr Nicephorus lived in the city of Syrian Antioch. In this city lived also the presbyter Sapricius, with whom Nicephorus was very friendly, so that they were considered as brothers. They quarreled due to some disagreement, and their former love changed into enmity and hate.

After a certain time Nicephorus came to his senses, repented of his sin and more than once asked Sapricius, through mutual friends, to forgive him. Sapricius, however, did not wish to forgive him. Nicephorus then went to his former friend and fervently asked forgiveness, but Sapricius was adamant.

At this time the emperors Valerian (253-259) and Gallius (260-268) began to persecute Christians. One of the first to be brought before the court was Sapricius, and he firmly confessed himself a Christian. He was tortured and was condemned to death by beheading. As they led him to execution, Nicephorus tearfully implored his forgiveness saying, “O martyr of Christ, forgive me if I have sinned against you in any way.”

Sapricius remained stubborn; even as he approached death he refused to forgive his fellow Christian. Seeing his hardness of heart, the Lord withdrew His blessing from Sapricius and would not let him receive the crown of martyrdom. At the last moment, Sapricius suddenly became afraid and agreed to offer sacrifice to idols. St. Nicephorus urged Sapricius not to lose his reward through apostasy, since he already stood on the threshold of the heavenly Kingdom.

St. Nicephorus then said to the executioner, “I am a Christian, and I believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Execute me in place of Sapricius.” The executioners reported this to the governor. He decided to free Sapricius and to behead St. Nicephorus in his place. Thus did St. Nicephorus inherit the Kingdom and receive a martyr’s crown.



THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

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THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of Publican and the Pharisee

Leavetaking of the Meeting

Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria

***Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bishop of Sicily, Philagrius, Bishop of Cyprus,
and Pancratius, Bishop of Taoromina;***

***Ven. Pankratii of the Kiev Caves; Ven. Nikifor and Gennadii, of Vazheozérsk;
Uncovering of the Relics of St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk***

“Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee and learn from the Publican’s tears! Let us cry to our Savior, have mercy on us, only merciful One!

Kontakion, Tone IV

“Your holy martyr Nicephorus, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions, save our souls!”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II TIMOTHY 3:10-15
HEBREWS 7:7-17

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 18:10-14
LUKE 2:22-40

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, February 15 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, February 10	II Peter 1:20-2:9	Mark 13:9-13
Tuesday, February 11	II Peter 2:9-22	Mark 13:14-23
Wednesday, February 12	II Peter 3:1-18	Mark 13:24-31
Thursday, February 13	I John 1:8-2:6	Mark 13:31-14:2
Friday, February 14	I John 2:7-17	Mark 14:3-9
Saturday, February 15	II Timothy 3:1-9	Luke 20:46-21:4

THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

- 9, Sunday Food Sale
- 11:40 a.m. Parish Council meeting
- 10, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 24, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 26, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
- 28-29 Retreat at St. Innocent Church

FOOD SALE:

Stop by our Food Sale tables in the Fellowship Hall today after the Divine Liturgy!

HALL KITCHEN NEWS:

After discussion and research, the Parish Council has begun a mini-renovation of the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Many appliances and equipment are almost 50 years old, some broken and non-functioning. The initial project, already underway, is removal and replacement of two of the stoves. As these are commercial grade and quality, they are not inexpensive. Parishioners contributions to offset the cost are appreciated. Use your donation envelope and mark in the small empty box, "Kitchen." Other improvements to the kitchen will be forthcoming.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are offered by Mat and Olga Lobas in celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary!

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Marge Molnar in memory of her husband Bob.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to make an offering toward costs of The Trinitarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Statements for donations made to HTOC during 2019 are now available in the Fellowship Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL:

HTOC Parish Council will meet today at 11:40 a.m.

BOOK SALE:

As you consider books to read during Great Lent, visit La Coupole and enjoy **50% off** a selection of books by authors such as Fr. John Behr. All other books for children and adults are **20% off** during the month of February.

PRE-LENTEN RETREAT:

On Feb. 28-29, at St. Innocent Church, 8526 Usher Rd, Olmsted Falls, a retreat will be held with the theme of "Paradise in the Desert: A Paschal Ecology for Great Lent." The guest speaker is Dr. Tracy Gustilo, a St. Vladimir Seminary instructor. See details in the Hall.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, February 10, at 12:30 p.m. Our new book, available at La Coupole, is Treasures New and Old (St. Nikolai Velimirovich). Read Part I, the biography, pages 15-48. All are welcome.

"Our life is an uninterrupted stream of God's unspeakable mercies; therefore it should be continually thankful and praise God the Creator and Benefactor. Our love for God and our neighbor, God's image and our fellow member should be especially constant. By loving our neighbor, we love God; by respecting every man, we respect the image of God and ourselves."

St. John of Kronstadt

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, FEBRUARY 2	\$ 3516.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	2530.00
BUILDING FUND	1074.00
CANDLES	113.00
KITCHEN STOVE FUND	1590.00
COFFEE HOUR 1/26/20	72.00

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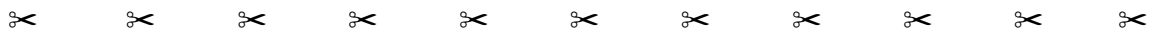
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**2020 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY –
THE GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF ORTHODOX CLERGY**

The Annual Pan-Orthodox Vespers service on the First Sunday of Great Lent is a long-standing tradition, observed in many cities and metropolitan regions throughout North America. It is a significant event in that it brings together all of the Orthodox clergy and people in a geographic region to one place at one time, to pray together in the spirit of Orthodox Christian love and unity. For reasons too many to recount here, such unified prayer services are infrequent, which makes the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers an occasion to cherish and observe. The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy (GCCOC) has consistently organized such services for many years and will do so again in 2020. This year the Sunday of Orthodoxy celebration will take place on **Sunday, March 8 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 22909 Center Ridge Rd., Rocky River, OH.** The Vespers service will begin at 5:00 p.m., with many Cleveland area clergy and faithful participating. The GCCOC is very pleased to announce that the guest homilist will be Fr. Martin Ritsi, the Executive Director of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC).

The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy solicits donations to underwrite this celebration and to support the Orthodox ministries in our area. We ask you to contribute by making a donation to the GCCOC, and in return you will be listed as a “Patron” in the handout at the Pan Orthodox Vespers. All donations collected will be used to support local Orthodox charities.

Please cut the bottom portion of this page and insert with your donation in an envelope. This can be put into the designated basket at the rear of our church. You can also mail your donation to our church (6822 Broadview Rd, Parma, OH 44134). Please make your check payable to the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy or “GCCOC” and return no later than February 23.



2020 Sunday of Orthodoxy Patron Donation

Name _____

Amount _____

(To be listed in the Pan-Orthodox Vespers Hand-out, please return by Feb. 23)