

SAINT PARTHENIUS, BISHOP OF LAMPSACUS

Saint Parthenius was a native of the city of Melitoupolis (in northwestern Asia Minor), where his father Christopher served as deacon. The youth did not receive adequate schooling, but he learned the Holy Scripture by attending church services. He had a good heart and distributed to the poor the money he earned working as a fisherman.

Filled with the grace of God, St. Parthenius from age 18 healed the sick in the name of Christ, cast out demons and worked other miracles. Learning of the young man's virtue, Bishop Philetus of Melitoupolis educated him and ordained him presbyter.

In 325, during the reign of Constantine the Great, Archbishop Achilles of Cyzicus made him bishop of the city of Lampsacus (Asia Minor). In the city were many pagans, and the saint fervently began to spread faith in Christ, confirming it through many miracles and by healing the sick. The saint sought permission of the emperor to tear down the pagan temple and build a Christian church in its place. Constantine received Parthenius with honor, authorized the destruction of the pagan temple, and provided him with the means to build a church.

In one of the razed temples, St. Parthenius found a large marble slab which he thought would be very suitable as an altar and had it moved to the church. Through the malice of the devil, who became enraged at the removal of the stone from the pagan temple, the cart overturned and killed the driver Eutychian. St. Parthenius restored him to life by prayer.

The saint was so kind that he refused healing to no one who came to him or who chanced to meet him by the wayside, whether he suffered from bodily illnesses or was tormented by unclean spirits. People even stopped going to physicians, since St. Parthenius healed all the sick for free with the great power of the name of Christ. He converted a multitude of idol-worshippers to the true God.

St. Parthenius died peacefully and was solemnly buried



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FEBRUARY 7, 2021

THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Meeting

St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont;

The 1003 Martyrs of Nicomedia;

Ven. Luke of Hellas;

New Hieromartyrs Peter, Archbishop of Vorónezh; Vasily, Bishop of Priluk;

Presbyter Stephan and Martyr Boris

“Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.”

Troparion, Tone I

“In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Parthenius, entreat Christ, our God, that our souls may be saved.”

Troparion, Tone IV

“By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! O our holy father Luke, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!”

Troparion, Tone VIII

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, February 13 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, February 8	James 2:14-26	Mark 10:46-52
Tuesday, February 9	James 3:1-10	Mark 11:11-23
Wednesday, February 10	James 3:11-4:6	Mark 11:22-26
Thursday, February 11	James 4:7-5:9	Mark 11:27-33
Friday, February 12	I Peter 1:1-2,10-12, 2:6-10	Mark 12:1-12
Saturday, February 13	I Thessalonians 5:14-23	Luke 17:3-10

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COMING EVENTS

FEBUARY:

14, Sunday

Second Sunday Food Sale

<p><u>SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:</u> Next Sunday is our Food Sale! Shop for some Valentine’s Day sweets or some food for a special meal. If you are able to cook or bake, your efforts are appreciated - many thanks!</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered in memory of Deacon George Virosteck on his falling asleep in the Lord, by Matushka Claudia. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for those who would like to offer covers in 2021. Your donation goes toward the printing costs of our weekly Trinitarian.</p>	<p><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:</u> If you donated to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in 2020, your statement is now available at the table in the vestibule.</p> <p><u>LIFE COACHES:</u> If you are an Orthodox woman seeking the opportunity to help someone in need, ZOE Women’s Center needs you. ZOE is currently recruiting for a 2021 training class of volunteer life coaches, who will work with women in distress due to an unplanned pregnancy. Nursing or related healthcare experience is a plus but is not required. Please contact Paula Kappos</p>
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“What a close connection there is between the Church in heaven
and the Church upon the earth.
What love there is between them.
The Church here unceasingly remembers,
calls upon in prayer and glorifies the Church in heaven
for the great deeds accomplished on earth for God’s sake.
The Church in heaven continuously prays for the Church on earth,
and intercedes for the departed, in the hope of resurrection, of eternal life
and of union with God.
The Church’s love is immense and divine.
Let us enter in the spirit of this love the Holy Orthodox Church
and be penetrated by it.”

St. John of Kronstadt

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 1/31/21	\$ 3005.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1825.00
BUILDING FUND	145.00
CANDLES	86.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	50.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	1844.00
IN MEMORY OF ANDREW VIROSTECK	455.00

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MEETING OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (Feb. 2) is called in Greek **Υπαπαντή** (Hypapante) from the verb **ὑπαντ-άω**,— 1) *come, or go to meet as a friend*; 2) *meet, encounter, agree to, present oneself at, reply or object to*; 3) *come in response, ensue*; 4) *fall in with, correspond with*.

- I. There is always a meeting, a coming together after breaking apart.
We wake in the morning to encounter the day, to make a good start,
Praying to the Spirit to respond and abide, which moves tenderly,
Not commanding, but as the air moves heat, overwhelmingly.

But “not for me the martyrdom, the ecstasy of thought and prayer,
Not for me the ultimate vision.” A modicum of dignity beneath a layer
Of self-serving doubt, my life has been estrangement and too many sins,
Regretting not knowing Greek better, nor sooner of wisdom that’s within.

- II. It can be in pandemic seasons, on snowy evenings or early springtime rain,
When sleep cannot refresh nor inspiration dislodge the annoying pain,
Remember then Joseph, Mary and the Child, fulfilling customs and tradition,
Let’s learn from them, not our domain, bedeviled, terabytes and exhibition.

Blessed are you if taught to pray for consolation of the nations,
In old age prayer will be its own reward, a pacifying revelation,
Candles, incense, colors, blue, silver, green, gold, red, and glory;
Simeon and Anna in their time prophetic, now become our story.

- III. To live with grace, and quell anxiety, despair, envy and hostility,
Think of astronomers and poets, heroes of theology and civility,
Brodsky, Eliot, Struve, Schmemmann, Meyendorff, all mind’s delights,
Saints sharing, weeping icons, scientific angels, books imbued with light.

There may be an app, “A way to the Temple,” downloading hints of salvation,
Yet still you must rise, walk by the pillars of truth, grounds of holy renovation,
Where God and man, young and old, male and female, you and I, will find,
Together, mutual repentance, the feasting of souls on songs in soundless time.

Wait not for wealth or honor, rather pray that passions dim and cease,
Find comfort every day in holiness, saying, “Now can I depart in peace!”
Such is the gift of knowing history, a joy complete, a fated turn,
So will life is purified by humility, so too may all God’s children learn.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus