

Please Pray For...

Sandra, Gordon, Steven, Simsun, Carole, Anthony, Kirk, Matthew, Sheree, Chris, Zachary, Casey, Nadya, Jo Anna, Chad, Anna, Dimitry, Zachariah, Rachel, Sevrin, Christopher, Macrina

For those in the Armed Services:

Brook, John, Michael, Travis, Zachary, Scott, Greg, Alyssa, Lane, Benjamin, Cassian, Isaac

For those expecting:

Marlee, Matrona, Mary, Juliana, Lais, Krista, Photini, Kathryn, Magdalena, Rebecca, Aquilina, Euphrosynia, Marina

For the Catechumens:

Benjamin, Taylor, Aaron, Bridget

For those in prison:

David, Jeremy, Victor, Andrew, Michael, Stephen, Douglas, Jason, Christopher, Joshua, Eugene, Elijah, Nikolai, Nicholas, Simon

For the reposed: Kim; Suzie; Jack; Liam; Seraphim; Réal; Nelia; Tim

Prayer requests:

Please continue your prayers for our beloved Father and Pastor, **Archpriest Matthew**, as he receives treatment for leukemia.

Please pray for longtime friend **Steven**, who has been unexpectedly and distressfully fired from his job. Brooks B. Lampe

Thank you to everyone who kept **Réal** in your prayers, he reposed early this morning surrounded by his family. Christ is Risen, Monica

Please pray for our family member, **Mike**, who is in the hospital with a serious heart infection and failing kidneys. Thank you so much, Alex and Diana Shevchenko

Please pray for the soul of **Nelia** who reposed Saturday, May 3rd. Pray also for her daughters, **Wendy** and **Lisa**. Thank you, Craig Sayre

Thank you all for your prayers. **Tim** Lenihan passed peacefully this afternoon. May his memory be eternal. Bethany Lenihan

Last Saturday **Jim** was in the ER with angina. Monday the 19th he will go to Meridian for a procedure. Christ is risen, Hannah McFadden

Please pray for my godson **Lawrence** Delgado. He is in rehab with breathing difficulties. Thank you. Reader Nathaniel.

Please remember **Ginny** McCrea, who recently reposed, and her family in your prayers. Thank you, Harmony Browne

Please pray for my daughter **Sara**, who is having health problems. Please also pray for me, as well, because I am having breathing problems. Thank you for your prayers, **Angelina** Klein

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♦ May 11th—May 18th 2025 ♦ TONE THREE

4th Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Paralytic

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Cyril and Methodius

Hieromartyr Mocius, priest of Amphipolis in Macedonia (295). **Commemoration of the Founding of Constantinople** (330). **St. Cathan of Bute**, Scotland (6th c.). **St. Asaph, bishop of Llanelwy**, Wales (6th c.). **St. Wiro, missionary bishop** in the Maas Valley at Limberg, Netherlands (710). **Equal-to-the-Apostles Rostislav, prince of Greater Moravia** (870). **St. Mayeul, abbot of Cluny** (994). **St. Sophronius**, recluse of the Kiev Caves (13th c.). **New Martyrs Olympia**, abbess, and **Euphrosyne**, nun, of Mytilene (1235). **St. Nicodemus of Pec**, archbishop of Serbia (1325). **Hieromartyr Joseph**, metropolitan of Astrakhan, (1672). **Martyr Acacius of Lower Moesia**. **Blessed Christesias**, called Christopher, of Gareji, Georgia (1771). **New Martyrs Dioscorus the New** and **Argyrus** of Thessalonica (1806). **St. Theophyactus, bishop of Stavropol** and Ekaterinodar (1872). **New Hieromartyr Alexander** (Petrovsky), **archbishop of Kharkov** (1940).

EPISTLE: Acts 9:32-43

GOSPEL: John 5:1-15

A Warm Welcome to all our Guests!

We are very pleased you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for coffee hour after the service. Please note that reception of the **Holy Eucharist is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church** who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.

**Sun May 11th 8:30 Sunday School
8:30 Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Liturgy is streamed on Youtube**

This Week's Services and Events

Mon	May 12th	St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus 7:00 am Matins	6:00 pm Vespers
Tue	May 13th	Virgin Martyr Glyceria 7:00 am Matins	6:00 pm Vespers
Wed	May 14th	Midfeast of Pentecost; Martyr Isidore of Chios 7:45 am Matins 9:00 am Liturgy	6:00 pm Vespers
Thu	May 15th	St. Pachomius the Great 7:00 am Matins 6:00 pm Vespers	7:00 pm Catechism
Fri	May 16th	Ven. Theodore the Sanctified 7:00 am Matins	6:00 pm Vespers Feast Day - St. Brendan the Navigator Church Astoria OR 8:30 am Hours 9:00 am Liturgy
Sat	May 17th	Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy, and Junia 7:00 am Matins	7:00 pm Great Vespers
Sun	May 18th	5 th Sunday of Pascha—Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 8:30 pm Matins	10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Matins (Tone 3)

*Reader: "Christ is Risen..." (thrice), "Glory to God in the Highest..."
Six Psalms. Great Litany.*

After "God is the Lord...(in Tone 3)"

Troparia: Resurrection (twice)

"Glory... now and ever..." Resurrectional Theotokion

Exapostilaria: Pascha; Glory... (again); Now and ever... Feast

Gospel Stikheron—3

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Prokeimenon, (Tone 1): *Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.*

vs. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Alleluia: Tone 5

Kontakion Tone 3

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord,
as Thou didst raise up the paralytic of old,
so raise up my soul,
paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;
so that being saved I may sing to Thee;
Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!

Kontakion Tone 8:

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal.
Thou didst destroy the pow'r of death.
In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God.
Proclaiming, "Rejoice" to the myrrh bearing women.
Granting peace to Thine apostles,
and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Patristic Quote:

Control desire and you will dominate anger; for desire gives rise to anger.

† **St. Thalassios the Libyan**

◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS ◆

Happy Mother's Day

PNY Deanery Youth Camp

Each year the Pacific Northwest Deanery of the OCA Diocese of the West hosts a youth camp at Raft Island in Gig Harbor, WA. Registration is now open for this year's camp, which will take place Mon, June 30th-Thur, Jul 3rd.

The camp is open for youth ages 7-17.

The camp is also in need of adult staff volunteers. (If you would like to volunteer to be a staff member at the camp, please speak with Fr. Daniel *before* you apply.)

You can find fillable application forms for both campers and staff at: <https://www.stkatherine.org/summer-camp>

Applications are due by May 25th.

Saints in Secret

The Holy Martyr Theodotus is commemorated on May 18. He was an innkeeper, and lived during the reign of the emperor Diocletian, whose persecution of Christians was the bloodiest of all, in the late third century.

Theodotus' inn was a secret refuge for Christians fleeing arrest and probable torture and death. It also served as a kind of way station, from which Theodotus guided his secret guests to safe places in the mountains. Then he provided food and the other basic necessities. He also secretly retrieved the bodies of martyred Christians so he could bury them decently.

In the roll of martyred saints, Theodotus is associated with seven other martyrs, all young women: Tecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Favina, Euphrasia, Matrona and Julia. They were tried and executed, and their bodies were thrown into a lake.

Saint Tecusa appeared to Theodotus in a vision, directing him to take her body from the water and bury it. Late at night, guided by an angel and with the help of a companion, Theodotus managed to find all seven bodies, and buried them.

But the companion turned out to be no friend. Theodotus was betrayed to the authorities, and suffered the horrible tortures reserved for those who would not deny Christ and revere the gods. As he was taken to be beheaded, other Christians standing by prayed, and wept for him. But he said calmly, "Don't

weep, dear friends, but glorify Christ. With His help I am finishing my course and overcoming the enemy." Theodotus was martyred in 303.

The book "Dimitri's Cross" (Conciliar Press Ministries, Inc., 2008) is about a modern saint, Fr. Dimitri Klepinin. He worked closely with Mother Maria Skobtsova during the Nazi occupation of Paris, secretly saving many Jews by creating baptismal certificates for them, and sheltering endangered people in a house on the Rue Lourmel. He served as a priest in the house chapel. Someone betrayed them, and he and Mother Maria were arrested in 1943.

Fr. Dimitri's daughter, Helene Arjakovsky-Klepinine, has written this account of his life, and has collected letters he wrote to his wife from the Nazi prison camps in which he suffered and finally died. We see him as having from childhood extraordinary compassion for people and animals. A friend wrote that he had "that quality we call holiness...When he spoke with you it was as if a ray of light shone over your life."

After his arrest Fr. Dimitri was detained, but not forced to work, in a prison camp in France. He was able to serve the Liturgy and hear confessions. His wife managed to send liturgical items, Bibles, family photos and some food.

But when Fr. Dimitri was sent to the Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany, he soon died from the inhuman treatment and the exhaustion of forced labor.

Another prisoner wept at seeing Fr. Dimitri humiliated, beaten, and nearly starved. Fr. Dimitri gently told him, in words reminiscent of those uttered by Saint Theodotus, "Don't cry. Think about what Jesus suffered during His Passion."