

THE LIGHT OF THE EAST



ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT **BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES

Sat: 7 PM [Evening Prayer]

Sun: 9 AM [Morning Prayer] 10 AM [Divine Liturgy]

Mystery of Holy Repentance [Confessions]: AFTER Saturday

Evening Prayer or ANYTIME by appointment

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBUARY 1, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON.

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

Pre-Festive Day of the Encounter.

The Holy Martyr Tryphon.

**PLEASE COME FORWARD AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY;
KISS THE HOLY ICONS, KISS THE HAND CROSS [OR RECEIVE
THE HOLY ANOINTING], & PARTAKE OF THE ANTIDORAN
[BLESSED BREAD].**

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| <u>SAT. JAN. 31</u> | 7:00 PM | FESTAL EVENING PRAYER <i><u>Panachida</u> + Kenneth Ernst</i> <i>By Judy Ernst</i> |
| | 8:00 PM | MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSION] |
| <u>SUN. FEB. 1</u> | 9:00 AM | FESTAL MORNING PRAYER |
| | 10:00 AM | <i>For the People</i> |
| | 11:30 AM | PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON |
| | 12 NOON | ECF CLASSES FOR ALL |
| <u>MON. FEB. 2</u> | | <u>THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA. [SOLEMN HOLY DAY].</u> |
| | 7 AM | FIRST HOUR |
| SPECIAL TIME | 10 AM | <i>Health of Joe Cosgrove by Suzanne Goshorn</i> |
| <u>TUE. FEB. 3</u> | | <u>Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Anna.</u> |
| | 7 AM | FIRST HOUR |

**WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS TO THIS MORNING'S
DIVINE SERVICES. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE
CHANGEABLE PARTS, HYMN NUMBERS, AND
PROPERs ON THE COLORED INSERT.**

WED. FEB. 4

**Post-Festive Day of the Encounter. Our
Ven. Fr. Isidore of Pelusium.**

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

THU. FEB. 5

**Post-Festive Day of the Encounter. The Holy
Martyr Agatha.**

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

FRI. FEB. 6

**Leave-taking of the Encounter. Our Ven. Fr.
Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna. The Holy Martyr
Silvanus, Bishop of Emessa and Comps. Our
Ven. Fr. & Conf. Photius the Great, Patriarch of
Constantinople.**

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

SAT. FEB. 7

**Our Ven. Fr. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus.
The Passing of the Holy Presbyter & Martyr
Peter Verhun [1957].**

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

**7 PM FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
NO MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE
[CONFESSIONS] THIS EVENING**

SUN. FEB. 8

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE. THIRTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy &
Great Martyr Theodore. The Holy Martyr
Zechariah.**

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

10:00 AM *FOR THE PEOPLE*

11:30 AM PARISH LUNCHEON

12 NOON ECF CLASSES FOR ALL!

CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORIFY HIM!
CHRIST IS AMONG US!
HE IS AND SHALL BE!

~YOUR GIFT TO THE LORD ~THE MONTH OF JAN. 2015

| Sunday Collection | Candles | Holy Day | Fund Raising | Weekly Totals |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1/4/15 \$624.99 | \$187.00 | \$61.00 | \$203.35 | \$1,076.34 |
| 1/11/15 \$521.37 | \$70.00 | \$25.00 | \$230.01 | \$846.38 |
| 1/18/15 \$893.26 | \$120.06 | \$0.00 | \$272.00 | \$1,285.32 |
| 1/25/15 \$1,237.02 | \$21.00 | \$0.00 | \$335.00 | \$1,593.02 |
| TOTAL \$3,276.64 | \$398.06 | \$86.00 | \$1,040.36 | \$4,801.06 |

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: our parishioners, family

members, friends and others who are ill or infirm:
 AMY CHIAPPE, ETHAN EYMAN, CULVER
 "RED" EYMAN, MARGARET EYMAN, BOBBI
 SPAK, JAY MURTAUGH, BJ NOVAK, ELAINE
 WILSON, DR. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN,
 SONIA DOUGLAS-STANTON, RON ZELLER,
 NICHOLE RICHARDS, BR. JAMES BROWN
 S.M., WILLIS WILLIAMS, BELINDA DORNEY,
 DAVID BLEVINS, FR. DEACON MICHAEL

GEORGE, MONICA KING GILBRECH, KATHERYN LOIDOLT,
 PAUL SUVAK, GLEN GRABOW, EVIE KOBUS, JOHN BORGERT,
 LAUREN FIORELLI, CLARE HUNTER, IGNATIO ROMERO,
 MAGDELINA CHAUBY, ROBERT SUVAK, COL. WILLIAM
 HOSPODAR, ALEXANDER YOUNG, RICHARD MEDWIG, MEGAN
 ZAHN, JOSEPH COSGROVE, BARB & PHIL LINK, DAVE WILSON.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES 2014-2015



Please remember to join us for our Eastern Christian Formation Program for all! The classes will start about 12 to 12:15 PM and end 75 minutes later. Children in the Hall and adults in the Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

PLEASE BE SURE TO INVITE ALL OF OUR VISITORS TO JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR OUR LUNCHEON. THANK YOU!

| <u>Candles Available</u> | <u>Monthly Donation</u> | <u>Intention</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| Eternal Lamp | \$40.00 | AVAILABLE | |
| Icon Screen (6) | \$40.00 | AVAILABLE | |
| Tetrapod (2) | \$30.00 | AVAILABLE | |
| Nativity Icon | \$25.00 | AVAILABLE | |
| Theotokos of Vladimir Icon | \$25.00 | AVAILABLE | |
| Resurrection Icon | \$25.00 | AVAILABLE | |
| St. Athanasius Icon | \$25.00 | AVAILABLE | |
| Holy Table | \$40.00 | AVAILABLE | <u>Give a spiritual Gift to someone in need.</u> |

We have candle Gift Cards you can send or give to a loved one, friend or someone in need of prayers. A single 6-day candle is \$5. For an entire month the cost is \$25. When giving your donation use the candle envelope in the back of the Church. Paired with it, take the candle card to give as a gift. In addition to the name on the candle, please specify a start date if you would like the Church to light the candle[s] in front of the Icons of our Lord or the Theotokos for you on a future date. Thank you!

THE AKATHIST TO THE THEOTOKOS,
THE INEXHAUSTIBLE CUP, HEALER
OF ALCOHOLICS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH 7 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD 7 PM

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DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS TROUBLED BY THE DISEASE OF ALCOHOLISM OR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY?

PLEASE GIVE THEIR FIRST NAME TO FR. BRYAN AND JOIN US FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING AND HEALING AKATHIST.





ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT PARISH COMMUNITY MEAL~

Many thanks to all who helped and participated watch this space for further announcements

As part of our call to participate actively in the Holy Father's call for the "New Evangelization", we need

to truly reach out to the Neighborhood Community surrounding our Parish Facilities. One way for us to do this is to provide a Free Community Meal on a regular basis.

Daun Hughey has come forward to coordinate this effort. But she will need everyone's cooperation to connect with the Community to make this meal a success. If you are willing to help with this effort, please see Daun or Father Bryan.

Upcoming celebrations of the Paraclis to the Theotokos and Mystery of Holy Anointing "Ancient Healing Service" at 7 PM.

NO FEBRUARY SERVICE

Wednesday March 11 Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts & Holy Anointing

Wednesday April 29 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday May 27 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday June 24 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Please invite your friends and join us for this beautiful Healing Service!

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Online

Register Today

Certificate Courses (begin February 2, 2015)

- Byzantine Perspectives on Social Justice**
- Theology of the Divine Liturgy**
- Women in the Bible**

Cheesefare [Forgiveness] Sunday

Special Luncheon and Services

St. Athanasius the Great Parish will prepare for the beginning of the Great Fast with the Divine Services for Cheesefare [Forgiveness] Sunday on the weekend of February 14th and 15th. We will have our normal schedule of Saturday 7 PM Evening Prayer, Sunday Morning Prayer at 9 AM, with a Divine Liturgy at 10 AM. We will have our Special Cheesefare Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. Then at 12:30 PM we will have our traditional Vespers of Mutual Forgiveness. Please plan to join us for this important beginning of the Great Fast.

All Souls Saturdays~ Every Year Byzantine Catholics remember their departed Loved Ones during the 5 All Souls Saturday during the Pre-Lenten period, the Great Fast, and the Saturday before Pentecost. This year we will celebrate the All Souls Saturdays on the following Dates:

- 1) Saturday February 21 [moved from Feb. 7] 1st Sat. of the Great Fast
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM
- 2) Saturday February 28 2nd Sat. of the Great Fast
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM
- 3) Saturday March 7 3rd Sat. of the Great Fast
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM
- 4) Saturday March 14 4th Sat. of the Great Fast
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM
- 5) Saturday May 23 Saturday before Pentecost
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM

Please provide Father Bryan with an updated list of your faithful departed. Thank you very much!

Pampered Chef Fundraiser ~Belinda Dorney is hosting a Pampered Chef Fundraiser for St. Athanasius Parish. It is open from now until Feb. 14th. The Parish will earn 15% of sales at \$600 and above. The Parish will receive 10% of for amounts of \$599 and less. For more information please go on-line www.pamperedchef.com/pws/karenwood/guest-landing/8900158930075.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH

Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna celebration

Mon. February 2 7 AM **FIRST HOUR**
 10 AM **DIVINE LITURGY**
 [NOTE SPECIAL TIME]

Sunday of Meatfare Celebration

Sat. February 7 7 PM **FESTAL VESPERS**
 [FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]

Sun. February 8 9 AM **FESTAL MATINS**
 10 AM **DIVINE LITURGY**
 11:15 AM **PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON**
 12 NOON **ECF CLASSES FOR ALL**

Sunday of Cheesefare Celebration.

Sat. February 14 7 PM **FESTAL VESPERS**
 [FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]

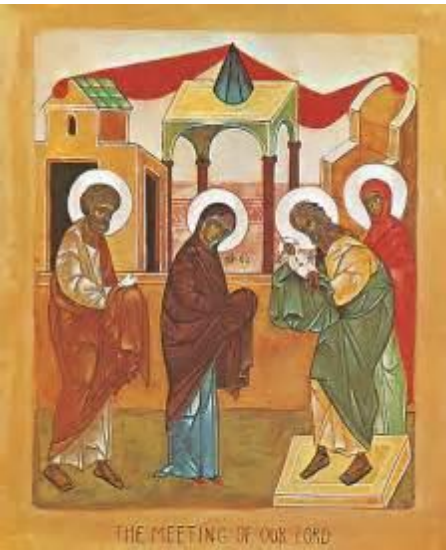
Sun. February 15 9 AM **FESTAL MATINS**
 10 AM **DIVINE LITURGY**
 11:15 AM **MOLEBEN**

For Mike and Aimee Sumpf

11:30 AM **PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON**
12:30 PM **FOREGIVENESS VESPERS**
 VESPERS FOR THE BEGINNING
 OF THE GREAT FAST

THE GREAT FAST BEGINS ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS IN FEBRUARY & MARCH!



Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

Mon. Feb. 2

7 AM: First Hour

10 AM: Divine Liturgy

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL TIME: THEOLOGY CLASSES FROM GUERIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE JOINING US FOR THE FEAST DAY DIVINE LITURGY. [PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU CAN!]

Please plan now to share in celebrating these joyous Holy Days!



Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

Wed. March 25

7 AM: First Hour

**7 PM: Vespers with the
Liturgy of St. John
Chrysostom**

Great and Holy Week

Palm [Flowery] Sunday

Sat. Mar. 28

7 PM Festal Vespers

Sun. Mar. 29

9 AM Matins

[Blessing of Palms & Willows]

10 AM

Procession and Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM

Lenten Luncheon

12:15 PM

Eastern Christian Formation

1:30 PM

Palm Sunday Evening Prayer

THE GREAT FAST IS COMING! **THE GREAT FAST IS COMING!** **THE GREAT FAST IS COMING!**

The 2015 Great Fast will begin with Clean Monday on February 16th. A day of mandatory Strict Fast of NO MEAT OR DAIRY PRODUCTS!

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Like last year we will conclude our Sunday Liturgical Day with Sunday Evening Prayer for the Great Fast at the various times below:

February 15 ~ Sunday of Cheesefare [Forgiveness Vespers] 12:30 PM.

February 22 ~ Sunday of Orthodoxy 1 PM.

March 1 ~ 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast [Gregory Palamas] 1:30 PM.

March 8 ~ 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast [of the Cross] 1:30 PM.

March 15 ~ 4th Sunday of the Great Fast [John Climacus] 1:30 PM.

March 22 ~ 5th Sunday of the Great Fast [Mary of Egypt] 1:30 PM.

March 29 ~ Palm [Flowery] Sunday 1:30 PM.

February 22 ~ Sunday of Orthodoxy SPECIAL SERVICES

Please bring your ICONS from home to join in the Procession celebrating the Restoration of the Holy Icons to the Byzantine Churches on the First Sunday of the Great Fast in 843 A.D.

Our planned schedule for our Weekday Divine Services:

Tues. through Fri. 7 AM

Lenten Hours and/or Tersext

Wednesdays 7 PM

Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Fridays 7 PM

Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

Saturdays 7 AM

Lenten Hours

7:30 AM [All Souls Saturdays]

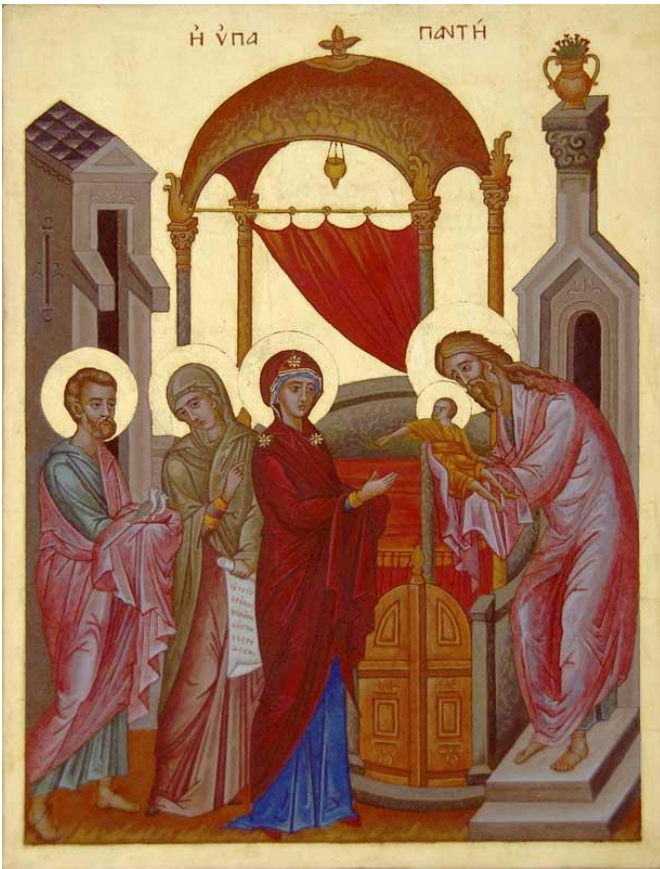
Divine Liturgy and Panachida

Hall Kitchen / Hospitality Committee~ One of the most enjoyable and evangelistic aspects of St. Athanasius the Great Parish is the way that many in the Parish come over to our St. Mary Hall and share food and fellowship with one another. A very good suggestion was brought to Father Bryan by Dr. Judy Ernst, regarding the establishment of a Hall Kitchen Hospitality Committee to organize the post Sunday Liturgy Brunch each week. Father Bryan completely agrees with this idea and requests that those who received the email and anyone else interested in helping with this Committee, speak to Judy about participating.



This Committee would include people interested in planning, provisioning, preparing, presenting and cleaning up the Sunday repast. The Committee would develop a core group that would rotate the responsibility for planning for a particular Sunday during the month. Perhaps at first we would begin with one person responsible for one Sunday per month.

The Committee would develop groups FROM THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP that are willing to provide, prepare, serve and/or clean up. Father Bryan has decided to permit the person[s] responsible for getting the food out on time would be excused from the Liturgy immediately following Holy Communion. When this has recently been attempted the Brunch was ready to begin when Father arrived to bless the food.



February 2

The Encounter of Our Lord Jesus

Christ with Simeon & Anna

Come to Expel the Darkness

WHEN SHOULD YOU TAKE DOWN your Christmas tree? In our society some people throw theirs out on December 26! In the Christian East, however, many wait until today, the feast of the Infant Christ's Encounter (*Hypapante*) with His people in the persons of

Simeon and Anna. This feast celebrates the event recorded in St Luke's Gospel: *"Now when the days of her purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord"* (Lk 2:22). While there they meet Simeon and Anna who recognize God's decisive presence in this Child. Through them Christ encounters for the first time those who were awaiting the Messiah's coming.

The passage brings several questions to mind.

1 –What is "her purification"?

According to the Torah, *"The LORD said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites: "A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period. On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised. Then the woman must wait thirty-three days to be purified from her bleeding. She must not touch anything sacred or go to the sanctuary until the days of her purification are over"'"* (Lev 12:1-4).

The Encounter [Page 2] In Jewish law any participation in the intimate experiences of life and death, including the spilling of blood – the carrier of life – makes a person ritually unclean, that is, incapable of performing ceremonial act such as temple worship. Ceremonial uncleanness is not a question of moral impurity but a recognition that the worship of God transcends the earth and its ways. Someone touched by childbirth or death required purification in specified ways.

2 – Why is a child “presented to the Lord”?

Again according to the Torah, “*Every firstborn of man among your sons, you shall redeem*” (Ex 13:13). The first of everything (crops, animals, etc.) was to be offered to God in sacrifice: an acknowledgement that everything comes from Him and belongs to Him. Children could be “redeemed” by offering a gift to the temple in exchange for the child. Orthodox Jews still observe this rite today, exchanging five silver shekels (or their equivalent in local currency) for the child.

3 – Why do we stress “the Encounter”?

The encounter with Simeon and Anna takes us beyond the practices of the Torah to the mystery of God’s saving plan. As St. Luke tells it, “*it had been revealed to him [Simeon] by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ*” (Lk 2:26). He takes the Christ child in his arms and prays what we call the Canticle of Simeon: “*Now You shall dismiss Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word in peace; Because my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel*” (Lk 2:29-32). We repeat this canticle at the end of every day (Vespers) and on completing the Divine Liturgy as well as when any child is presented in church 40 days after its birth.

Simeon is then joined by Anna who thanks God that she has seen this moment “*and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem*” (Lk 2:38).

The Encounter [Page 3] This Encounter celebrated the coming of the One for whom the Jews longed, the Messiah, and recognized that the Gentiles too would be enlightened through Him.

Our Celebration of This Feast

As might be expected, this feast originated in Jerusalem where the event it remembers took place. It likely began in the era of St Constantine the Great who sponsored the development of Jerusalem as a Christian site. Sermons on this Feast by the bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilokios of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407) have come down to us.

Egeria, the Spanish nun who visited the Holy Land in 381-384, wrote about witnessing this feast: “The fortieth day after the Epiphany is undoubtedly celebrated here with the very highest honor, for on that day there is a procession, in which all take part, in the Anastasis, and all things are done in their order with the greatest joy, just as at Easter. All the priests, and after them the bishop, preach, always taking for their subject that part of the Gospel where Joseph and Mary brought the Lord into the Temple on the fortieth day, and Symeon and Anna the prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, saw him, treating of the words which they spoke when they saw the Lord, and of that offering which his parents made. When everything that is customary has been done in order, the sacrament is celebrated, and the dismissal takes place.”

The feast soon spread to Antioch and then, to Constantinople and the whole empire. It became particularly important in Constantinople in the sixth century when a plague threatened the city. After a solemn procession on this feast the plague ceased.

When this feast was instituted, the birth of Christ and His baptism at the Jordan were observed on the same day, January 6 (as the Armenian Church still does today). The Hypapante was then kept on February 14. When the separate feast of the Nativity on December 25 became common, the Hypapante was moved accordingly.

The Encounter [Page 4]

Light to the Gentiles

In the Western Church candles are blessed on this feast and a candlelight procession held in honor of the “Light to enlighten the Gentiles.” This practice actually began in Jerusalem, as Egeria attests. When the feast was instituted in Constantinople the procession was introduced there as well. Today some Slavic Churches bless candles on this day but the procession has disappeared from this feast in the Byzantine Churches.

From a Homily of Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem (c. 636 AD)

In honor of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light.

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of His eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the True Light in her arms and brought Him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the True Light as we hasten to meet Him.

The Light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This then is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the Light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through Him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this Light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness.

The Holy Presbyter and New Martyr Petro (Peter) Verhun~ Peter Verhun was



born on November 18, 1890, in Heraldic, Lviv District. On October 30, 1927, he was ordained to the priesthood, and was appointed to be the priest for Ukrainian Catholics in Berlin, Germany. Later he became the Apostolic Visitor to Germany. In June 1945, he was arrested and sent to prison camps in Siberia. He died as a martyr for the faith on February 7, 1957, in the village of Angarskiy, in the territory of Krasnoiarsk, Russia.

On 29 August 2004, the relics of Holy Presbyter and New Martyr Petro Verhun, a 20th century martyr of the Byzantine Catholic Church, were solemnly venerated in the towns of Stryi and Horodok, in western Ukraine's Lviv region. The relics had been transported from Angarsk, Krasnoyar region, Russia. From now on, the relics of the blessed will be kept in the churches of the above-mentioned towns and in a church in Munich (Germany).

During his pastoral visit to Ukraine in 2001, Pope John Paul II declared Monsignor Petro Verhun, who had been the apostolic visitor for Byzantine Catholics living in Germany, one of the New Martyrs of the Byzantine Catholic Church.

On 21 June 1945 Archpriest Verhun was arrested by officers of the Joint Soviet Peoples' Commissariat of Internal Affairs in the Soviet sector of Berlin and was taken to the Soviet Union. After hard and wearisome interrogations in the summer of 1946, he was sentenced by the military tribunal to eight years in prison. The trial was held behind closed doors. The priest served his prison term in the Siberian gulag.

After he was released from hard penal servitude in June 1952, Archpriest Verhun was exiled. In 1953 he was brought to the village of Angarsk in the Boguchansk district, Krasnoyar region, where he died all alone on 7 February 1957. He was buried in the new cemetery in the village of Adgarsk.

On 26 July 2004, the relics were brought to Stryi, Ukraine. Some of the relics are kept at Stryi's Church of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos. On 28 August, another part of the relics were solemnly taken to Horodok, Fr. Verhun's "small motherland." Yet another part of the relics were taken to the Byzantine Catholic parish in Munich.



Saint Agatha of Sicily~ is a Christian saint and virgin martyr. Her memorial is on 5 February. Agatha was born at Catania, Sicily, around 231 AD and she was martyred in approximately 251. She is one of seven women, who, along with the Theotokos, are commemorated by name in the Canon of the Latin Liturgy.

She is the patron saint of Catania, Molise, Malta, San Marino and Zamarramala, a municipality of the Province of Segovia in Spain. She is also the patron saint of breast cancer patients, martyrs, wet nurses, bell-founders, bakers, fire, earthquakes, and eruptions of Mount Etna.

One of the most highly-venerated virgin martyrs of Christian antiquity, Agatha was put to death during the persecution of Decius (250-253) in Catania, Sicily, for her steadfast profession of faith.

Although the martyrdom of Saint Agatha is authenticated, and her veneration as a saint had spread beyond her native place even in antiquity, there is no reliable information concerning the details of her death.

According to medieval having dedicated her virginity to God, fifteen year old Agatha, from a rich and noble family, rejected the amorous advances of the low-born Roman prefect Quintianus, who then persecuted her for her Christian faith. He sent Agatha to Aphrodisia, the keeper of a brothel.

The madam finding her intractable, Quintianus sends for her, argues, threatens, and finally has her put in prison. Amongst the tortures she underwent was the cutting off of her breasts. After further dramatic confrontations with Quintianus, represented in a sequence of dialogues in her *passion* that document her fortitude and steadfast devotion. Saint Agatha was then sentenced to be burnt at the stake, but an earthquake saved her from that fate; instead, she was sent to prison where St. Peter the Apostle appeared to her and healed her wounds. Saint Agatha died in prison, according to the *Legenda Aurea* in "the year of our Lord two hundred and fifty-three in the time of Decius, the emperor of Rome."

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY THOSE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.

Lt. COL. CRAIG M. EYMAN D.O.~ is Fr. Bryan's 2nd youngest brother. He has reentered the Army Reserve and is currently serving with the 848th FST [Forward Surgical Team] stationed in Twinsburg, OH. He has returned to his family in Solon, OH.

CAPT. BRIAN HEWKO USA~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan and a parishioner of St. Anne Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church in Austintown, OH. He is a 2008 graduate of West Point. Brian has been deployed to the Emirate of Kuwait on the Persian Gulf.

CAPTAIN CHRISTINA MOMONIER~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan. Christina is from Baltimore, MD is a Byzantine Catholic. She is currently serving at Ft. Benning, GA.

CAPTAIN [FATHER] JOSEPH BRANKATELLI USA ~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan and a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Fr. Joseph is posted in Washington, DC.

AIRMAN MICHAELA and AIRMAN FIRST CLASS JOHANN WELLER USAF ~ are friends of Fr. Bryan and members of St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church in Harrisburg, PA. Before entering the Armed Forces they were active with the BYZANTEEN Youth Rallies.

PRIVATE CODY ROMERO USA, STAFF SERGEANT NIKO ROMERO, and STAFF SERGEANT RORY ROMERO Sons of Sonia Stanton. Cody received the Military Blessing at our Church and is currently serving at Fort Bragg, NC. His brother Rory has been deployed to Afghanistan. Their brother Niko serves as an Army recruiter in Anderson, IN.

PRIVATE JACKSON RUANE USA~ Jackson is formerly from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish in Ashtabula, OH. He is currently serving at Ft. Polk, LA since September, 2014. He thanks you for your prayers.

PRIVATE ABIGAIL BROWN USA~ is the Grand Niece of parishioner Belinda Dorney. She was recently promoted to PFC and has completed training in Army Intelligence at a base in Arizona. She is serving in Oklahoma.

2ND LT. AARON JACOBSON~ from Mounds View, MN is a friend of Fr. Bryan. He is a 2013 West Point graduate, who has just completed his special training as a platoon leader. He is serving in Ft. Drum, NY.

May God, in His infinite Love and Mercy, guide and protect all of those serving our Republic in the Armed Forces.

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