

THE LIGHT OF THE EAST



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WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES

Sat.: 7 PM [Festal 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 MAY 31, 2015

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS.

The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas.

**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].**

<u>SAT. MAY 30</u>	7:00 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
	8:00 PM	<i>Mystery of Holy Repentance [CONFESSIONS]</i>
<u>SUN. MAY 31</u>	9:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER
	10:00 AM	<i>FOR THE PEOPLE</i>
	11:30 AM	PARISH LUNCHEON
<u>MON. JUNE 1</u>	<u>The Holy Martyr Justin & Companions.</u>	
	NO DIVINE SERVICES ~ FATHER'S DAY OFF	
<u>TUE. JUNE 2</u>	<u>Our Ven. Fr. Nicephor the Confessor.</u>	
	7 AM	FIRST HOUR
	7:30 AM	<i>Int. of Kirk & Laura Rich</i>
<u>WED. JUNE 3</u>	<u>The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions.</u>	
	7 AM	FIRST HOUR
	7 PM	INEXHAUSTIBLE CUP AKATHIST
<u>THU. JUNE 4</u>	<u>Our. Ven. Fr. Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha and Mary.</u>	
	7 AM	FIRST HOUR
	<u>The Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre. The Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.</u>	
<u>FRI. JUNE 5</u>	7 AM	FIRST HOUR

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

SAT. JUNE 6

Our Ven. Fr. Bessarion the Wonder-worker.
Our Ven. Fr. and Conf. Hilarion the Younger,
Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.

7AM

FIRST HOUR

7 PM

FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

NO MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE

SUN. JUNE 7

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF NORTH

AMERICA AND CARPATHO-RUS. The Holy
Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria and Maria.

9:00 AM

MORNING PRAYER

10 AM

FOR THE PEOPLE

11:15 AM

PARISH LUNCHEON



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, RON ZELLER, NICHOLE
RICHARDS, BR. JAMES BROWN S.M.,
WILLIS WILLIAMS, DAVID BLEVINS, FR.

DEACON MICHAEL GEORGE, KATHERYN LOIDOLT, EVIE
KOBUS, JOHN BORGERT, LAUREN FIORELLI, CLARE HUNTER,
IGNATIO ROMERO, MAGDELINA CHAUBY, ALEXANDER
YOUNG, RICHARD MEDWIG, MEGAN ZAHN, JOSEPH
COSGROVE, BARB & PHIL LINK, DAVE WILSON, TOMMY
CAITO, REBECCA MALY, LILAH NICHOLE MALY, AL MACEK,
LINDA STENGER, MATT HIZNAY, ANTHONY JESKO, JENNIFER
GOLC, TOMMY SMITH.

***IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE TO ADD TO THE LIST PLEASE WRITE
IT DOWN AND GIVE IT TO FATHER. PLEASE ALSO TELL HIM
WHEN SOMEONE HAS RECOVERED AND CAN BE REMOVED.***

Tithes for the month of May 2015

Date	Collection	Candles	Holy Day	Building Fund	Raising	Weekly Totals
5/3/15	\$860.93	\$140.50	\$10.00		\$625.54	\$1,636.97
5/10/15	\$863.98	\$177.00	\$5.00		\$1,031.58	\$2,077.56
5/17/15	\$714.02	\$17.99	\$25.00		\$ 928.12	\$1,685.13
5/24/15	\$794.67	\$149.00	\$25.00		\$1,167.35	\$2,136.02
Totals	\$3,233.60	\$484.49	\$65.00		\$3,752.59	\$7,535.68

Many thanks to those who sacrificially contribute to St. Athanasius the Great Parish. Please consider it your personal spiritual goal to donate a full tithe [10% of your income] for the support of YOUR parish.

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse [of the Temple], that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD!

<u>Candles Available</u>	<u>Monthly Donation</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Eternal Lamp	\$40.00	Ukraine	Danny & Olga Vaughn
Icon Screen (6)	\$40.00	Alison Hendricks	Judy Ernst
Tetrapod (2)	\$30.00	Sonia Douglas	Judy Ernst
Nativity Icon	\$25.00	Family/Friend	Danny & Olga Vaughn
Theotokos of Vladimir Icon	\$25.00	Special Intention	Glen Grabow
Resurrection Icon	\$25.00	Healing	Danny & Olga Vaughn
St. Athanasius Icon	\$25.00	+Fr. Sid Sidor	Richard Medwig
Holy Table	\$40.00	Peter/Christine Majanja	Judy Ernst

Give a spiritual Gift to someone in need. 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!



PARISH REPAIR, RENOVATION AND RENEWAL PROJECTS

We need your help in the continuation of the repair, renovation and renewal of our Parish Property. The following projects need to be completed or performed:

- 1] Complete the repair, replacement and painting of the Buttressing around the Church, and on the bell-tower.
- 2] Complete the construction and instillation of the room partitions in the Parish Hall.
- 3] Clean the siding on the Rectory and scrap and repaint the exposed wood especially on the porches and around the windows.

4] Replace and paint the window sill on the large west window in the Church.

5] A number of people expressed the desire to plant flower beds around the Church and Rectory. Father Bryan responds with: If you are willing to plant and take care of the flowers, please feel free to do so. Father has a brown thumb, and can only manage to kill plants and flowers either from "Kindness" or "Neglect." So if you wish to plant and take care of them, go right ahead.

If everyone would volunteer to coordinate and/or take care of these projects we can get a lot accomplished this summer, even with our very limited financial resources.

Remember St. Athanasius the Great Parish's most important asset is YOU!

PARISH ORDERED TO DEMOLISH FORMER SCHOOL BUILDING WITHIN 90 DAYS!

Father Bryan had to waste 3 hours on Tues. May 12 and missed his Fraternity of Priests Meeting to appear before a City of Indianapolis Department of Code Enforcement Administrative Judge. He was responding to an Order to Repair & Notice of Hearing Summons regarding the Building Code Violations of the former Assumption School. He defended the Parish's interests by stating that the Order to Repair was in direct contradiction to the City office's Notice that it was seeking bids to demolish the building. [The City quite apparently did nothing.] The Administrative Judge has ordered that we show at a hearing scheduled for August 4, 2015 clear progress in fulfilling the order to demolish the Building. We do not have the funds to do this, but the City doesn't appear to care!



ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT PARISH COMMUNITY MEAL~

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

PARISH ADVISORY BOARDS MEETING

NEXT Meeting ~ The next Advisory Boards meeting will be after the Parish Luncheon on Sunday June 14th @ 1 PM. We will continue our discussions about our progress regarding our Pastoral Plan. This includes progress regarding a sign for the Church and tearing down of the former Assumption School!

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD 7 PM

WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 7 PM



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**DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS TROUBLED BY THE DISEASE OF
ALCOHOLISM OR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY? THIS IS A POWERFUL
PRAYER SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF THE THEOTOKOS FOR
THE HEALING OF THIS TERRIBLE AND DEBILITATING DISEASE.
PLEASE GIVE THEIR FIRST NAME TO FR. BRYAN AND JOIN US FOR
THIS LIFE-CHANGING AND HEALING AKATHIST.**

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

[This schedule may change due to changed circumstances]

Wednesday June 24 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday August 29 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday September 30 Festal Evening Prayer & Holy Anointing

Wednesday October 28 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday November 18 Paraclis [or Emanuel Moleben] & Holy Anointing

Wednesday December 16 Paraclis [or Emanuel Moleben] & Holy Anointing

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



Parish Luncheon Donations ~ All of us enjoy the Post-Liturgy Parish Luncheon held every Sunday here at St. Athanasius the Great Parish. But we all also need to remember that this Luncheon does not appear "ex nihilo" [from nothing]. We need EVERYONE to share in providing our weekly repast. Please consider helping provide the various foods for the meal. You will find it helpful if you go to the

Parish Page on the www.perfectpotluck.com website, to receive suggestions about what is needed for the upcoming Sunday. You can also call Dr. Judy Ernst at (317-313-6144), to receive more information and instructions about using the Perfect Potluck website.

If you are unable to make food for the Potluck, we will also welcome donations of Cash, Milk, Coffee, Cookies, Crackers, Fruit Punch, Fruit Juices etc. Please also remember our parishioners who have gluten-intolerance, peanut-allergies, etc.

There is a donation basket on the buffet table to accept your cash donations.

We also need help with food preparation and set-up either before Vespers

Saturday Evening or before and after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleaning up after the Luncheon is also greatly appreciated. Last week only 4 people helped with the post Sunday Vespers of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your help!

DIVINE SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS
AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF CARPATHO-RUS AND AMERICA

[2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST] CELEBRATION

Sat. June 6 **7 PM** **FESTAL EVENING PRAYER**

No Confessions this weekend

Sun. June 7 **9 AM** **FESTAL MORNING PRAYER**

10 AM **FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**

11:30 AM **PARISH LUNCHEON**

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Sat. June 13 **7 PM** **FESTAL EVENING PRAYER**

8 PM **HOLY REPENTANCE**

Sun. June 14 **9 AM** **FESTAL MORNING PRAYER**

10 AM **FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**

11:30 AM **PARISH LUNCHEON**

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [FATHERS' DAY]
CELEBRATION

Sat. June 20 **7 PM** **FESTAL EVENING PRAYER**

8 PM **HOLY REPENTANCE**

Sun. June 21 **9 AM** **FESTAL MORNING PRAYER**

10 AM **FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**

11:15 AM **WEEKLY SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CELEBRATION

Tue. June 23 **7 PM** **FESTAL EVENING PRAYER**

Wed. June 24 **7 AM** **FIRST HOUR**

7:30 AM **FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**



Parma Eparchy Upcoming Ordinations~

**From the Office of His Grace
Bishop JOHN of the Eparchy of
Parma**

Father Deacon Kenneth M.

Malley will be ordained [*Cheirtonia*] to the Presbyterate on Sunday July 12, 2015 at a 4pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy by His Grace Bishop JOHN Kudrick of Parma, held at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, 1900 Carlton Road Parma, Ohio.



Seminarian Bryan Scotton will be ordained [*Cheirothesia*] to the Holy Orders of Acolyte, Reader and Sub-Deacon on Sunday June 28, 2015 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Mumford Rd. Burton Ohio at 11:00 am.

WE WISH FATHER DEACON KENNETH AND SEMINARIAN BRYAN MANY HAPPY AND BLESSED YEARS!



Melkite Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Newton to Have new Co-Cathedral in Los Angeles, CA.

At the request of His Grace, The Most Revered NICHOLAS J. Samra, Eparchial Bishop of Newton, His Holiness, Pope Francis, has named Saint Anne Melkite

Greek Catholic Church in Los Angeles, California, as Co-Cathedral of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton. The Divine Liturgy for the Solemn Inauguration of the Cathedral of Saint Anne will be celebrated by His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS, on Saturday, 1 August 2015, at 4:00 P.M. His Eminence, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches in Rome, will preside at the Divine Liturgy and will read the decree of Pope Francis elevating the Church as a Cathedral for the Eparchy of Newton. A grand Banquet will follow the Divine Liturgy at the Hilton Hotel in Studio City, CA.

Saint Anne Cathedral was founded in 1909 when Father Gerasimos Sawaya, the first Melkite missionary priest, traversed the west coast visiting and ministering to the Melkites in the Western United States. The present church building is 51 years old and is quite unique in the United States for its modern Byzantine architecture. The church is a jewel of iconography with mosaic and painted icons decorating the entire interior, featuring the Great Feasts of the Byzantine calendar and related accounts of the New Testament Gospel periscopes, as well as many saints. Its semi-circular exterior arcade features icon scenes from the Old Testament.

The Eparchy of Newton has jurisdiction over all the Melkites in the entire United States. The seat of the Eparchy is in Boston (Newton) Massachusetts, where its Eparchial Cathedral of the Annunciation is located. Because of the vast extent of the Eparchy, Bishop NICHOLAS requested the naming of a Co-Cathedral on the West Coast in order to express to the Melkite faithful there the unity of the Church and the solicitude of its bishop. The Eparchy of Newton presently has 45 parishes and missions, sixty active and retired priests, and sixty-two deacons, with several priests and deacons on special assignment outside the Eparchy.



PETROVKA the Fast of the Holy Apostles

By Fr. Dennis Kristoff

Tomorrow is the Monday following the Sunday of All Saints (the first Sunday after Pentecost Sunday), which means the Fast of SS. Peter and Paul begins. This Fast, also called Petrivka and the Apostles Fast, ends on June 29, the great feast day of SS. Peter and Paul, an important holy day for the Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches. Since the date for the beginning of the fast changes every year depending on when Pascha falls, the length of the fast varies from more than five weeks to not even existing. (Recently, the feast of SS. Peter

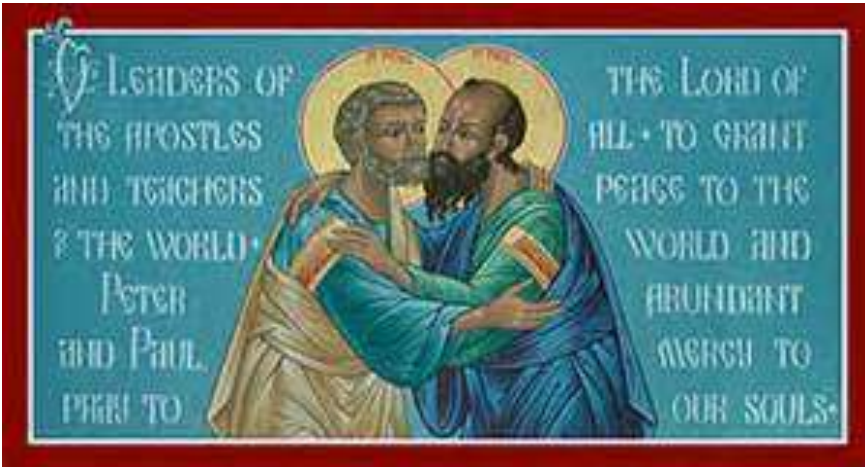
and Paul fell on the Sunday of All Saints)

The origin of this fast is quite ancient. It began to be observed shortly after the Great Fast became firmly established in the liturgical cycle of the Church in the fifth century. Evidence from ancient sources seems to indicate that the fast developed as an alternate to the Great Fast. It seems a fast was set up after the joyous Paschal Season and before the feast of SS. Peter and Paul for those who were unable to maintain the rigors of the Great Fast. Some of the reasons people were excused from keeping the Great Fast were sickness, weakness or pregnancy. Eventually, this fast grew to be totally independent from the Great Fast and became a firmly established tradition of the Church.

The feast of SS. Peter and Paul has always been an important feast day throughout the Church. Peter and Paul have always been accredited as being the first and greatest among the Apostles. Peter (whose name in Greek is Rock), is important for being the rock upon which the Church of Jesus Christ is established. The faith of Peter is the firm foundation on which the Church stands. The Apostle Paul is important mostly because he was the Apostle to the Gentiles. He was the first to preach to and convert non-Jews on a large scale and with such zeal.

The traditional rules for this feast can vary, but basically the strictest rules

PETROVKA [Page 2] are no meat, eggs, dairy products, wine or oil on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, wine and oil are allowed. On Saturday and Sunday, fish is permitted in addition to these two. **Because few people still maintain this fast so strictly, this hardly serves as a reason not to observe it at all. Everyone is still encouraged**



to maintain the fast in some way, especially on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

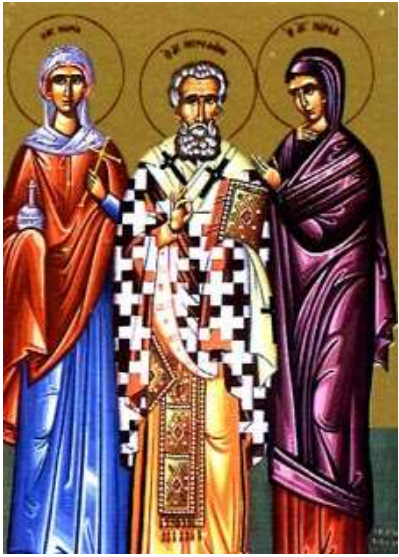
Just as in the Great Fast, living according to the strict rules of this fast would prove to be an overbearing burden to many people in

our modern society and lifestyle, especially for those unaccustomed to fasting. However, some observance of this fast is expected. Our forefathers kept this fast while living lives which were much more difficult and physically demanding than our present ones. Perhaps some fasting would begin to make up for the physical and moral laxity which seems to have infected so much of our lifestyles and society! The Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic liturgical tradition recognizes the reality that human life is a series of ups and downs, feasts and famines, changes of season. Our lives are neither one big happy feast and celebration, nor are they a continuous valley of tears. Rather, life is a combination of both, both of which enable us to enjoy or endure the other.

During this past Pascha-Pentecost Season, we have just completed celebrating the major feast days commemorating the most important events in the history of salvation. Now the Church calls for a season of fasting in order to reorient ourselves to the normal liturgical cycle and lifestyle. We are reminded that as Christians living in this age of the Holy Spirit, we are always spiritually preparing ourselves for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to, establishing His Kingdom once and for all time in this cosmos. The Apostles Fast is yet another means for us to gradually and easily redirect ourselves to this expectation.

St Metrophanes the first Patriarch of Constantinople

Saint Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople, was a contemporary of St Constantine the Great (306-337). His father, Dometius, was a brother of the Roman emperor Probus (276-282). Seeing the falseness of the pagan religion, Dometius came to believe in Christ. During a time of terrible persecution of Christians at Rome, St Dometius set off to Byzantium with two of his sons, Probus and Metrophanes. They were instructed in the law of the Lord by Bishop Titus, a man of holy life. Seeing the ardent desire of Dometius to labor for the Lord, St Titus ordained him presbyter. After the death of Titus first Dometius (272-303) was elevated to the bishop's throne, and thereafter his sons, Probus (303-315) and in 316 St Metrophanes.



The emperor Constantine once came to Byzantium, and was delighted by the beauty and comfortable setting of the city. And having seen the holiness of life and sagacity of St Metrophanes, the emperor took him back to Rome. Soon Constantine the Great transferred the capital from Rome to Byzantium and he brought St Metrophanes there. The First Ecumenical Council was convened in 325 to resolve the Arian heresy. Constantine the Great had the holy Fathers of the Council bestow upon St Metrophanes the title of Patriarch. Thus, the saint became the first Patriarch of Constantinople.

St Metrophanes was very old, and was not able to be present at the Council, and he sent in his place the chorepiscopus (vicar bishop) Alexander. At the close of the Council the emperor and the holy Fathers visited with the ailing Patriarch. At the request of the emperor, the saint named a worthy successor to himself, Bishop Alexander. He foretold that Paul (at that time a Reader) would succeed to the patriarchal throne after Alexander. He also revealed to Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria that his successor would be the archdeacon St Athanasius.

St Metrophanes reposed on June 4, 326, at age 117. His relics rest at Constantinople in a church dedicated to him.

Sunday of All Saints

The Saints of Antioch

IN THE BYZANTINE CHURCHES, the Sunday after Pentecost is observed as the Feast of All Saints. This is to proclaim that the presence of saints in the Church points to the presence of the Spirit who enlivens the Church and transforms those who cherish its life. On this day all the saints – those whose names we know and those we do not – are celebrated, for the state of hearts is truly known only to God.

It is also the custom in many places that the next two Sundays after Pentecost honor all the saints of a particular nation or region (e.g. All

Saints of Russia, Romania, etc.) or of a particular category (e.g. New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke).

The Church of Antioch, “*where the disciples were first called Christians*” (Acts 11:26), can point to almost two thousand years of saints in its heritage from the first days of Christianity until today. A few of them whose names are known are celebrated in all the Churches. They include:

Saints of the Apostolic Age: During the first century the Greek-speaking Christian community in Antioch became the center for ministry to the Gentiles. Among its saints are:

- The Chief Apostles **Peter and Paul** (June 29, which is the throne feast of the patriarchate),
- Their companions **Barnabas**, who founded the Church in Cyprus (June 11) and
- **Luke the Evangelist**, author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles (Oct. 18).



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Others from that era include St **Ananias**, who baptized St Paul in Damascus (Oct. 1) and St **Thekla**, the first woman martyr (Sept. 24);

Martyrs of the Roman Persecutions: Throughout the second, third and early fourth centuries local governors, military commanders and Roman emperors called for the persecution of Christians. Some of their victims were Saints:

- **Ignatius of Antioch, the God-bearer**, killed in Rome c. AD 107 (Dec. 20),
- **Sergios and Bacchos** in the fourth century (Oct. 7),
- The **Great Martyr Artemios** (Oct. 20) , martyred under Julian the Apostate,
- **Babylas**, third century Bishop of Antioch (Sept. 4),
- The **Great Martyr Barbara** (Dec. 4), sometimes said to have suffered in Nicomedia, Asia Minor or in Heliopolis (Baalbek),
- **Christina of Tyre** (July 24),
- **Febronia of Nisibis** (June 25),
- **Galacteon and Episteme**, his wife, martyred at Homs (Nov. 5),
- **Gurias, Samonas and Habib** (Nov. 15), martyred in Edessa,
- **Julian of Homs the Unmercenary Healer** (Feb. 6),
- **Lucian of Antioch** (Oct. 15),
- **Terence and Neonilla** and their children, Syrians martyred in Carthage (Oct. 28), and
- **Zenobius** of Aegae beheaded with his sister **Zenobia** in Cilicia (Oct. 30);

Fathers of the First Millennium: The life of the Greek-speaking Churches of the Christian East was enhanced by the theological writings and poetic hymns of a number of Fathers including Saints:

- **Andrew of Damascus**, Bishop of Crete (July 4),
- **Cosmas the Melodist** (Oct. 12),
- **Eustathios of Antioch** (Sept. 20),

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- **John Chrysostom** (Nov. 13),
- **John of Damascus** (Dec. 4),
- **Meletios of Antioch** (Feb. 12)
- **Romanos the Melodist** (Oct. 1), and
- **Sophronios**, Patriarch of Jerusalem (Mar. 11).

Ascetics and Monastics: Monasticism began in Syria a few years after it originated in Egypt and Palestine. Both Greek and Syriac-speaking Syrians were drawn to it, some of them becoming highly revered by people in the region. We remember to this day Saints:

- **Ephrem the Syrian** and **Isaac the Syrian** from Nisibis on the border with the Persian Empire, (Jan. 28),
- **Eudokia of Baalbek** (Mar. 1),
- **Maron the Hermit** (Feb. 14) and his disciples **Marana, Kyra and Domnina** (Feb. 28), mentioned in Theodoret's *History of the Monks*,
- **Martha of Antioch**, mother of St. Simeon of the Wonderful Mountain (July 4),
- **Peter of Damascus**, whose writings are found in the *Philokalia* (Feb. 9),
- **Simeon the Stylite** (Sept. 1) and his disciple **Daniel the Stylite** (Dec. 11),
- **Andronikos and Athanasia** (Oct. 9), a fifth century Egyptian craftsman and his wife who lived an ascetic life in Antioch.

The Syrian Popes: Several Syrians became Pope of Rome, particularly in the seventh and eighth centuries when many Syrians, fleeing the Arab invasion, took refuge in Sicily and Italy. These popes were:

- **St Anacetus of Homs** (Apr. 20) who reigned from 157-168,
- **John V** who served only one year, from 685 to 686,
- **Sergius I**, who was pope from 687 to 701,
- **Sissinius**, who died after twenty days as pope in 708,
- **Constantine**, pope from 708 to 715, and

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- **St Gregory III** (Nov 28), who reigned from 731 to 741 and was the last non-European Pope of Rome before Francis.

Missionaries: When Christianity spread beyond the Mediterranean, most Greek missionaries were from Constantinople and went north to the Slavic lands. Most Syriac missionaries went east from the Persian Empire. Thus much of the world was evangelized by those who had been Christianized from Antioch. Still we note:

- The Syrian missionary to England, **St. Theodore of Tarsus**, who became Archbishop of Canterbury in the seventh century (Sept. 10).
- Contemporary Orthodox reverence **St. Raphael Hawaweeny**, +1915, who was the first Antiochian bishop in America (Feb. 27).
- Melkites recall the Servant of God **Beshara Abou Murad**, +1930, who walked from village to village in the Saida eparchy, re-evangelizing the neglected poor.

Martyrs under Islam: The recent horrors by the self-proclaimed “Islamic State” are not the first inflicted on Middle Eastern Christians in that name. Among the countless Middle Easterners who have died for Christ we remember:

- **St. Peter the Confessor** (Oct. 4) whose tongue was cut out in the eighth century for censuring the errors of the Arabs,
- **St. Jacob of Hamatoura** and his companions (Oct. 13) beheaded in the fourteenth century by the Mamelukes for refusing to become Muslims,
- **St. Joseph of Damascus**, martyred for bringing the holy mysteries to Christians during the Druze uprising in the 1860s (July 10). 3000 other Christians were slain during this revolt.
- Although neither has been canonized there is considerable popular veneration for the Orthodox priest **Habeeb Khishy** of Damascus, tortured and killed by Muslim hoodlums in 1948, and for the Melkite passion-bearer **Fathi Baladi**, slain in Beirut in 1980, declared a Servant of God by Pope John Paul II.

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 Austinburg, OH. He is a 2008 graduate of West Point. Brian has returned from deployment to the Persian Gulf. He is now serving in South Carolina.

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 Douglas. 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 is getting married in July, 2015.

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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In the Byzantine Catholic Church we give Holy Communion to infants and young children. If you bring your child forward at Communion time he or she will be given Holy Communion. If you do not wish your child to receive Holy Communion, please do not bring the child forward at Communion time.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, all should come forward to kiss the Holy Cross, or be anointed with blessed oil, and share in the Blessed Bread. Then join us in our St. Mary Hall for our Coffee Social. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!