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## November 5, 2006

**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** – Tone 4; Commemorating Martyr Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa; Saint Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod; Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Galus and Phiogus of the Seventy.

### Readings:

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Saint Luke 8:41-56

**8:00 a.m.**—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II

**8:55 a.m.**—Prayers of Repentance, Confessions

**9:00 a.m.**—Church School Classes

**9:10 a.m.**—Reading of the Third and Sixth Hours

**10:00 a.m.**—Divine Liturgy, Sermon, Student and Senior A cappella Choirs

**11:45 a.m.**—Fellowship

**12 Noon**—Men's Club Dinner



### Calendar:

**Nov 7, Tues:** National Election Day—Vote! Great Vespers—7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal after Vespers

**Nov 8, Wed:** Divine Liturgy, Synaxis of Archangel Michael—9:30 a.m.

**Nov 9, Thu:** Orthodox Bible Study at Holy Trinity Cathedral—7:00 p.m.

**Nov 11, Sat:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Men's Retreat at St. Tikhon's—10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Vespers at our church—7:00 p.m.

**Nov 12, Sun:** 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship—11:45 a.m.; Annual Parish Meeting—12 Noon

**Nov 13, Mon:** Baking Preparation—9:00 a.m.

**Nov 14, Tue:** Nutroll baking—8:00 a.m.; Clean up—6:00 p.m.

**Nov 15, Wed:** *Nativity Fast Begins*— Nutroll baking—8:00 a.m.; Clean up—6:00 p.m.

**Nov 16, Thu:** Orthodox Bible Study at Holy Trinity Cathedral—7:00 p.m.

**Nov 17, Fri:** Diocesan Assembly, St. Nicholas Church, Bethlehem—6:00 p.m.

**Nov 18, Sat:** Diocesan Assembly, St. Nicholas Church, Bethlehem; Vespers at our church—7:00 p.m.

**Nov 19, Sun:** 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship—11:45 a.m.; Annual IOCC/OCMC Banquet, Annunciation Church, York—5:30 p.m.

**Today's Prayers:** Please remember those mentioned here in your daily prayers in the morning and in the evening, at home and in church. The detailed prayer list is published once a month in the parish mailing. However, the names will be mentioned during the Liturgy of Preparation every Sunday. Parishioners are urged to update or delete their prayer listings.

**Those Ailing:** **Irene Popp**, mother of Janice Zuro; **Daniel Pankiw**, Hershey Medical Ctr.; **Paul Pellegrini**; **Irma Taylor**, friend of Jane Volscko; **Joe Krajsa**, friend of the choir; **Karen Berger**, friend of Angie Mioff-McGreevy; **Eva Kondratick**, Aunt of Evelyn Krempasky; **Tanner Carmen**, great nephew of Betty Pellegrini; **Dorothy Pellegrini**, cousin of Paul Pellegrini; **Alexander Galvin**, 4-yr old grand-nephew of Evelyn Krempasky; **Gregory Burch**; **Anna Pampalona** sister of Janet Kuzupas;



**Health and well-being of:** **Mary Essock and Katherine Pilc**, sisters of George Krempasky; **Russ Sass**;

### Newly Departed from This Life:

**Richard Rozinger**, 84, Carlisle; **Irene Manura**,—Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Middletown, aunt of Alice Mallick; **Helen Hisiro**, 82,—Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, mother of Carl Hisiro; **Michael A. Caba**, 51—Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, son of John Caba, Jr.; **Rita Papach**—Sept 29<sup>th</sup>; **Bagrat Avanesyan**—Sept 30<sup>th</sup>; **William Neumann**—Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, grandfather of Christine Neumann; **Ted Mathews**—Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, friend of Dr. Joseph and Barbara Norato;

### Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

**Mrs. Josephine (John) Ressetar**, aunt of Fr. Dan, November 4<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**Joseph Stephen Dotsey**, father of John, Paul and Susan Dotsey, November 6<sup>th</sup> is the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**Elaine Stout**, cousin of Fr. Daniel Ressetar, November 7<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary;

**Steven Danko**, husband of Betty Danko, November 8<sup>th</sup> is the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**John Walsh**, uncle of Barbara Norato, November 8<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**Yaroslava Osadchuk**, cousin of Ellen Motoviloff Miller, November 8<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary;

**Mary DeCarlo**, aunt of Judy Webb, November 8<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**Kateryna J. Birula**, November 10<sup>th</sup> is the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**George Dimza**, November 11<sup>th</sup> is the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary;



**Many Years** (Names for the singing of MANY YEARS after the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be accepted for publication in the weekly bulletin. Please email [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) with the information.)

**Irene and Basil Sumple** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **November 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Alex Pankiw** will celebrate his birthday on **November 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Paige Hisiro** will celebrate her birthday on **November 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**Willard and Susan Brown** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## TODAYS NEWS

**A CHICKEN CORDON BLEU** Dinner will be served today at 12 noon in the parish hall. The fare is \$7.00; children 12 and younger are free.

**REQUEST** was received for a winter coat for a 3-year old boy, size 4. Call Matushka Ressetar at 652-1825 if you can help.

**SUNDAY BULLETINS** are now on-line. Go to the parish website: [www.christthesaviourhbg.org](http://www.christthesaviourhbg.org). Don't forget to include the letter "u" in Saviour. Scroll down and click on "bulletin". We post the bulletin a few days before the current Sunday.

## PARISH NEWS

**POSITIONS** ON THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE ALWAYS OPEN. Nominations MAY be made in advance and "from the floor" during the parish meeting.

Some open positions available:

- A. Recording secretary (to take meeting minutes)
- B. Assistant financial secretary (to record the offering envelope donations)

Parish council members should attend at least two of the three monthly meetings

**A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING** may be nominated to run for office on the parish council.

A member "in good standing" may be a godparent for a church baptism, may get married in the church, may have a funeral in the church, may receive the special reduced rental fee to use the parish hall, among other things.

More details about "good standing" are in the Parish By-Laws that can be picked up at the church office.

To participate, run for office, vote, make resolutions (motions), one must be a parishioner in "good standing".

These basic requirements make a baptized, chrismated Orthodox Christian a "member in good stand": fulfilling the MFO (minimum financial obligation) with contributions to the parish, and partaking of the sacraments (confession and holy communion) in the home parish.



**NUT ROLL ORDERS:** St. Mary's Altar Guild is now taking orders for nut, poppy and apricot rolls for Thanksgiving. The rolls are \$9.00 each and can be ordered by calling Dottie Fedetz at 652-3264 or Jean Dotsey at 566-0395. The cut-off date for orders is **November 7<sup>th</sup>**; orders will be ready on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**VOLUNTEERS**, even first-timers, are welcome to come and help with the baking on Tuesday and Wednesday **November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**. Come even for a few hours. If you don't want to roll the dough, or lift heavy things, come and wash the pots and pans, fill up the plastic measuring cups with filling, unwrap and place the rolls on cooling racks, insert the rolls into plastic bags. *This baking project is a parish effort!*



**LEAVES RAKING** on the parish property around the church, the parish hall, and the rectory will be the main project for our juniors of our parish on Sat. **Nov. 11** beginning at **9 a.m.** *Bring your own rakes!* Parents and other adults are welcome.

**VOTE** on Tuesday! It's an honor and privilege to do so as Americans.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**GREAT VESPERS** will be served at **7 p.m.** on National Election Day, Tuesday **Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** in preparation for the Feast of the Archangel Michael and the other Heavenly Hosts.

The Divine Liturgy will be **9:30 a.m.** the following morning.

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL** Diocesan Men's Retreat will be held at St. Tikhon's **Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** from **10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

The theme will be "Faith and Science led by Dr. Nicola Wicoloff, M.D., a renowned cardiologist in Greater Eastern Ohio; he is also the choir director at St. John's Church in Campbell and a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Tikhon's Seminary.

The \$10 per person registration fee which includes lunch will be taken care of by the parish. So far three are going at 7 a.m. We have room for two more. Call Fr. Dan at 652-1825 by Tuesday.

**TROIKA CARDS SALE** will be Sun., **Nov. 19**, after liturgy in the parish hall. There will be Nativity cards, note card packs that can be given as Christmas gifts, an assortment of Orthodox Christian greeting cards for special occasions, cards in languages other than English --Russian, Ukrainian, and Romanian (and one card that has the Nativity greeting in 15 languages!). Our parishioner Ellen Motoviloff Miller who founded Troika Cards nine years ago is in charge of the sale. The difference between the retail and the wholesale price of the cards will be donated to the St. Mary Altar Guild. Ellen uses cards profits to send good used shoes to children's homes in Eastern Europe.

**THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CHARITY BANQUET** of the Orthodox Council of Churches hosted by Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 2500 Pine Grove Road, York, will be held on **Sun. Nov. 19** at 5:30 p.m.

\$25 donation/person and \$200 for a table of 8 is the fare. All proceeds go directly to the IOCC and the OCMC. Please make a donation even if you are not able to attend. Someone else would use your tickets that are available at the church office.

One of the speakers is Alexis Troubetzkoy, International church liaison for International Orthodox Christian Charities.

**SAT, NOV 11:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Men's Retreat at St. Tikhon's Seminary from 10 am to 3 pm.

**SUN, NOV 12:** 12 Noon Annual Parish Meeting

**FRI, NOV 17 - 18:** Diocesan Assembly in Bethlehem at St. Nicholas Church.

**SUN, NOV 19:** 5:30 p.m. Seventh Annual IOCC/OCMC Banquet at Annunciation Church in York

**WED, NOV 22:** Thanksgiving Eve Services, St. Nicholas Church, Oberlin

**DEC 2, SAT:** Advent Spiritual Retreat sponsored by the Orthodox Churches of So. Central PA will be held at Annunciation Orthodox Church, Lancaster, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Keep from prying into other people's affairs, for such prying gives occasion for slander, judgment, and other grievous sins. Why do you need to be concerned about others? Know and examine your own self.

~Tikhon of Zadonsk

## Martyr Galacteon and his wife at Emesa



The Martyrs Galacteon and his wife Epistime at Emesa There was a rich and distinguished couple named Kletophon and Leukippe, who lived in the Syrian city of Emesa, and for a long time they were childless. They gave much gold to the pagan priests, but still they remained childless.

The city of Emesa was governed by a Syrian named Secundus, put there by the Roman Caesars. He was a merciless and zealous persecutor of Christians, and to intimidate them he ordered that the instruments of torture be displayed on the streets. The slightest suspicion of belonging to "the sect of the Galilean" (as thus Christians were called by the pagans), was enough to get a man arrested and handed over for torture. In spite of this, many Christians voluntarily surrendered themselves into the hands of the executioners, in their desire to suffer for Christ.

A certain old man by the name of Onuphrius, who concealed his monastic and priestly dignity beneath his beggar's rags. He walked from house to house in Emesa, begging alms. At the same time, whenever he saw the possibility of turning people away from the pagan error, he preached about Christ.

Once, he came to the magnificent house of Leukippe. Accepting alms from her, he sensed that the woman was in sorrow, and he asked what was the cause of this sadness. She told the Elder about her familial misfortune. In consoling her, Onuphrius began to tell her about the one true God, about His omnipotence and mercy, and how He always grants the prayer of those turning to Him with faith. Hope filled the soul of Leukippe. She believed and accepted Holy Baptism. Soon after this it was revealed to her in a dream that she would give birth to a son, who would be a true follower of Christ. At first, Leukippe concealed her delight from her husband, but after the infant was born, she revealed the secret to her husband and also persuaded him to be baptized.

They named the baby Galacteon and his parents raised him in the Christian Faith and provided him a fine education. He could make an illustrious career for himself, but Galacteon sought rather an unsullied monastic life in solitude and prayer.

When Galacteon turned twenty-four, his father resolved to marry him off and they found him a bride, a beautiful and illustrious girl by the name of Epistime. The son did not oppose the will of his father, but by the will of God, the wedding was postponed for a time. Visiting his betrothed, Galacteon gradually revealed his faith to her. Eventually, he converted her to Christ and he secretly baptized her himself.

Besides Epistime he baptized also one of her servants, Eutolmius. The newly-illuminated decided on the initiative of Galacteon, to devote themselves to the monastic life. Leaving the city, they hid themselves away on Mount Publion, where there were two monasteries, one for men and the other for women. The new monastic had to take with them all the necessities for physical toil, since the inhabitants of both monasteries were both old and infirm.

For several years the monastic struggled in work, fasting and prayer. Once, Epistime had a vision in her sleep: she and Galacteon stood in a wondrous palace before a radiant King, and the King bestowed golden crowns on them. This was a prefiguring of their impending martyrdom.

The pagans became aware of the existence of the monasteries, and a military detachment was sent to apprehend their inhabitants. But the monks and the nuns succeeded in hiding themselves in the hills. Galacteon, however, had no desire to flee and so he remained in his cell, reading Holy Scripture. When Epistime saw that the soldiers were leading Galacteon away in chains, she began to implore the Abbess to permit her to go also, since she wanted to accept torture for Christ together with her fiancé and teacher. The Abbess tearfully blessed Epistime to do so.

The saints endured terrible torments, while supplicating and glorifying Christ. Their hands and legs were cut off, their tongues were cut out, and then they were beheaded.

Eutolmius, the former servant of Epistime, and who had become her brother in Christ and fellow ascetic in monastic struggles, secretly buried the bodies of the holy martyrs. He later wrote an account of their virtuous life and their glorious martyrdom, for his contemporaries and for posterity.