

# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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**MAY 3, 2015**

**4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism in Russia** (1074). Paralytic. Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antinoë in Egypt (ca. 286). St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argolis (10th c.). The "SVENSKAYA" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1288).

## Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!

**EPISTLE:** ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9.32-42: Peter raises from the dead, Tabitha, also called Dorcas, through prayer.

**GOSPEL:** John 5.1-15: A man who has been paralyzed for 38 years is healed by Christ, and told to sin no more in gratitude.

**HOURS:** Available/Eileen.

**EPISTLE READER:** Ivan.

**COFFEE HOUR HOST:** Potluck. **NEXT WEEK:** Johnson Family (Baptismal Reception).

**KNOW YOUR FAITH:** The next class will be Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Unwind Coffee Shop in the Ithaca Mall. We will be reading and discussing chapter 18 of the Gospel of St John: The Passion Narrative: incl. Arrest in Garden, Peter's Denial, Jesus' Trial before Pilate. Invite your friends to join us. The complete syllabus is available on the information table and online.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** As we approach our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we need some help in organizing the appropriate festivities. Bp Michael will be with us on the exact date, and it would be good if we could welcome all of our local Orthodox brothers and sisters to a wonderful celebration. **CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!**

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**WELCOME!** We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Please know that we are glad that you are here praying with us and invite you to join us after the service for a meal and to meet everyone in our community. **Χριστός Ανέστη!**

**FIRST SATURDAY CHURCH SCHOOL:** This coming Saturday is the first of the month, and the time for us to bring our kids to Vespers and Church School. Please make every effort to attend. **HRISTUS A INVIAT!**

**RE-VISIONING:** On Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be gathering as the full community to have dinner and to engage in a conversation about our future. This will be a joyous night celebrating our successes and planning for the evangelistic witness in the future. **CHRISTUS IST AUFERSTANDEN!**

**GREEK FESTIVAL:** The "Taste of Greece" Greek festival at St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in Ithaca will be held on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. Join them for amazing Greek food and hospitality! You can also tour the church and stop by our gift shop. **LE CHRIST EST RESSUSCITÉ!**

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Lansing Methodist is hosting their biannual rummage sale next weekend as well. **CRISTO E' RISORTO!**

### LIVING:

Apr Timothy H	Mary & Susan	Constantine & Maria	Marie
Apr Herman S	John & Carmine	Gaetan	Joseph
Apr John C	Nathan	Jean	Laura
Apr Thomas E	Leah	Christine	Martha
Apr Michael T	Helen	Samuel	Stanley & Helen,
Apr Stephen M	Lindsey	Lisa	Taissia
Dn Symeon	Susanne H	Iconographer Helena	Steluta
Abbess Silouana	Elizabeth	<u>Catechumens:</u> Elliott	Theophan
Mother Raphaela	Mary	<u>Children:</u> Caleb,	Lynda
Mother Christophora	Joe A	Christopher E, Anthony,	Florence
Mat Cecelia	Daniel	Mia and Isabel,	James
Mat Katya	Andrew and family	<b>BIRTHDAYS:</b> Kimberly.	James R
Mat Dorothy	Harold	<b>ANNIVS:</b> None.	Vasily
Joshua	Wilhemina	<b>NAMESDAYS:</b> Bill.	Modesai
Brittany & Isaac	Gordon	<b>REPOSED:</b>	<b>NEWLY REPOSED:</b>
Gretchen	Elizabeth	Priest John	Protopresbyter Thomas,
Peter	David	Apr Alexander	Priest Matthew. <b>ANNIVE</b>
Marriane	Madeline	Rdr Gregory	<b>MKRSARIES:</b> None.
Terrence	Shirley	Daniel	
Helen	Larry	Ada	
Judy	Christina	Walter	
Gretchen	Jim & Kim	Lillian	
	Rachel	Joseph	

FB Check-in



## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER VESPERS AND AT ANY OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.**

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC, MAY 3:** 8:40 Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

**MONDAY, MAY 4:** 9 AM Divine Liturgy for St Vasily Martysz

**TUESDAY, MAY 5:** 8:30 Morning Prayers

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6:** 9 AM Divine Liturgy for the Midfeast of Pentecost  
7 PM Cornell OCF

**THURSDAY, MAY 7:** 8:30 Akathist to St Alexis of Wilkes Barre  
9:15 Cornell OCF Morning Prayers  
8 PM Ithaca College OCF

**FRIDAY, MAY 8:** 8:30 Morning Prayers

**SATURDAY, MAY 8:** 6 PM Great Vespers

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN, MAY 9:** 8:30 Alice's Baptism  
9 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

## THE MARTYRDOM OF ST VASILY MARTYSZ

Father Martysz spent the difficult war years in Teratyn. On May 4, 1945 (Great and Holy Friday), a few days before the surrender of Nazi Germany, his house was attacked. A female acquaintance warned him of the danger, but he replied, "I have done no harm to anyone and I will not run away from anyone. Christ did not run away." Father Vasily did not fear and did not flee from his tormentors. He faced them bravely, in a Christ-like way, accepting the crown of martyrdom. The villains, seeking gold and money, had no respect for his uniform as a colonel in the Polish Army, nor for his priestly vestments.

The bandits broke into the house by breaking a window. With callous cruelty they tortured Father Vasily though his only crime was that he was an Orthodox priest. They beat his pregnant daughter Helen, causing her to miscarry. They beat Father Vasily for four hours, reviving him by throwing water on him when he lost consciousness. Horribly tortured, he was finally murdered by a gun shot. The criminals threatened to shoot Helen as well, When she knelt before the icon of Christ and began to pray, the executioner's aim and resolve weakened. They left, threatening to return and kill her as well. On Great and Holy Saturday, Father John Lewczuk celebrated the burial rites for Father Vasily in Chelm. He was buried at the local cemetery in Teratyn.

In October 1963, the earthly remains of Father Vasily Martysz were brought to Warsaw and solemnly reinterred in the Orthodox cemetery in the Wola district, next to his wife and mother-in-law. At the beginning of 2003, his holy relics were uncovered and placed in the church of St John Climacus in Warsaw. The Holy Synod of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Poland promulgated the official Act of Canonization on March 20, 2003, and the rites glorifying St Vasily Martysz were celebrated in Chelm on June 7-8.

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Lansing, New York

## HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC



Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
Fourth Sunday of PASCHA  
Sunday of the Paralytic

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

### SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

#### TROPARION TONE 3 (RESURRECTION)

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

#### KONTAKION TONE 3 (FROM THE PENTECOSTARION)

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 (PASCHA)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,  
Thou didst destroy the power of death.  
In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God,  
proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women,//  
granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

#### PROKEIMENON TONE 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps 32/33:22)  
v: Rejoice in the Lord, O thy righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

#### ALLELUIA VERSES TONE 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth will I proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)  
v: For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)

#### HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:  
"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,  
thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!  
With Himself He has raised all the dead."  
Rejoice, O ye people!  
Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!  
The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.  
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!  
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,  
in the Resurrection of thy Son!

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of immortality!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

## Two Dozen Clergy, Lay Leaders Complete OCA's First Mission School, Part II

Reactions from participants were positive across the board. "It was a truly incredible week, and I returned home energized," said Matushka Catherine Vitko, McLean, VA. "Father Mark Koczak and I have laid out a plan for the next six months for missions in our Diocese of Washginton, and I plan to offer a workshop in our parish. I realized when I got home how positive and energetic all the participants were—a true joy."

Father Mark added that "the fellowship was outstanding, and the school offered good information and super stories about missions in the Church today."

Archpriest Antonio Perdomo, McAllen, TX, observed that "whether we worship at a small or new mission or at a church established many years ago, every member of the Church is called to be a 'missionary' because Christ's commission to "go and tell the world" is intended for everyone. This means that each person is called to become 'apostolic' because each Christian 'is sent' and becomes a witness, challenged to share the Good News of Christ to the world."

"The school gathered a diverse group able to worship and share fellowship in a focused and unencumbered setting," said John Peskey, Helena, MT. "The information that was shared received immediate, positive and constructive feedback, which was invaluable. The week was truly far reaching and joyous, and I hope that this will be the first of many such opportunities."

Priest David Bozeman, Waxahachie, TX, who attended with his mission parish's choir director, Reader Daniel Homiak, found "the OCA Mission School to be incredibly rich and inspiring. The information was applicable and the instructors had real experience that was helpful, motivating, and timely." He said that he came to the school "hoping to find a 'system' or 'program' for Church growth, but I quickly found that what I really needed was to learn how to be resourceful, using what we have here and now creatively.... Having the two of us from the same mission participate enabled us to compare notes and formulate a real plan for our mission." Father David was quick to add that "having clergy and lay leaders from across the OCA was helpful in broadening my perspective, especially when I heard about missions in situations that are totally unlike our own. It was a pleasant surprise to see something conceived and carried out in such a rewarding way."

Priest Joel Weir, Crawfordsville, IN, wasted no time in "getting out the word" amongst his parishioners at Saint Stephen Church upon his return. "I sent an initial message to my parish Tuesday morning to 'get the ball rolling' on our local application of the Mission School, which I found to be very informative, practical, and inspiring. I'm looking forward to sharing what I learned and seeing where our local conversations take us."

The instructors were equally enthusiastic in their evaluation. "It was exciting to be involved with this worthy project, to be apart of its inception, and then to see it come together in an organized and well done fashion a year later," said Father Hojnicky. "It gives me great hope to see so many working for the building up of the church and enjoying fellowship with one another all the while. I am thankful to the Holy Synod for allowing this to happen and for being able to participate. May God continue to bless our efforts!"

According to Father Pierce, "One encounters many good ideas in life that when actualized fall short of the vision. This Mission School, on the other hand, proved to be a meaningful and exciting exchange of lessons and examples to further the Apostolic ministry of 'expanding the Mission.' I am encouraged about its potential and the impact it will have on our Church in the years to come."

## Two Dozen Clergy, Lay Leaders Complete OCA's First Mission School, Part I

DETROIT, MI [OCA] - Saint Andrew House here was the site of the first Orthodox Church in America Mission School April 20-24, 2015. As reported earlier, funding for the gathering was made possible through a bequest to the OCA for use in the areas of mission and evangelism. Twenty-six participants—13 clergy and 13 lay leaders representing nearly every OCA diocese—attended, in addition to faculty members headed by Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, OCA Secretary, who organized and facilitated the event. Classes were taught by a number of clergy instructors with years of collective experience in mission ministry.

Father Eric opened the week with presentations on creating a vision of mission ministry and building a community, drawing on his personal experience as a mission priest in years past, while Archpriest David Rucker, a seasoned missionary in Central America, Alaska and elsewhere, offered a detailed presentation on the Theology of Mission. He drew upon numerous resources and shared some of his experiences in the mission field, emphasizing the centrality of not only become "fishers of men," but the importance of "knowing one's fish."

Building upon these themes, the second day opened with classes taught by Priest John Parker, Chair of the OCA's Department of Evangelization, and Archpriests Daniel Kovalak, Williamsport, PA, and John Reeves, State College, PA. Father Parker emphasized the importance of evaluating mission communities, sharing examples from his own mission ministry. Father Daniel reviewed a number of principles crucial in mission management, while Father Reeves spoke delved into the critical area of stewardship and finance, based on his years of experience in this field.

His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel and His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, engaged participants in nightly roundtable discussions which offered opportunities for free-ranging questions and reflections.

Wednesday's program opened with a presentation by Father Reeves on the various challenges faced by mission clergy and their communities, after which Archpriest Dr. Steven Voytovich, Dean of Saint Tikhon's Seminary, spoke in detail of the importance of understanding the elements that make up a healthy parish community. In a second presentation, Father Parker shared insights into the centrality of catechesis in sharing the faith with others.

Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky, Mechanicsburg, PA, opened Thursday's sessions with a presentation in which he used the mission he serves—Holy Apostles—as a "case study" in Church planting. His media presentation was complimented by a similar "case study" in which Archpriest John Pierce, Tacoma, WA, highlighted mission principles in his experience of revitalizing the historic 100-plus year old community he serves. The central theme of their presentations was that every community—whether a newly planted one or a "seasoned" one in need of revitalization—is, ultimately, a mission community.

The week concluded with a "hands-on" session by Archpriest John Matusiak, Wheaton, IL, who challenged participants to draft realistic and achievable approaches to developing and expanding mission ministries in their respective situations. Emphasizing the importance of evaluating "what is God calling us to do right here, right now, in the circumstances in which we find ourselves, with those whom God has sent us, and with the resources at our disposal," he invited participants to share their plans for the future. A wide variety of "customized" plans were presented by the participants.

In the closing session, Archbishop Michael and Father Eric presented certificates to all participants, challenging them to share all that they had learned during the week upon their return to their respective parishes.