

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Ven. Athanasius, Founder of the Great Lavra and Cœnobitic Monasticism on Mt. Athos, and his six disciples (1000). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Sergius (Sérgii) of Rádonezh (1422). Martyr Anna at Rome (304) and Martyr Cyrilla, of Cyrene in Libya, a widow (304). Ven. Lampadus of Hirenopolis (10th c.). Hieromartyr Cyprian of Mt. Athos (1679).

EPISTLE: ROMANS 10.1-10: For If you confess Jesus with your mouth and believe in your heart that he is risen from the dead, you will be saved.

GALATIANS 5.22-6.2: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 8.28-9.1: Jesus casts the demons into the swine.

LUKE 6.17-23: Christ teaches the beatitudes to the multitude.

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Potluck. **NEXT WEEK:** Potluck.

LITURGY TIME CHANGE: For the months of June, July and August, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30. The reading of the Hours will begin at 9:10. Please be punctual.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL THANKS: A Strawberry Social was held on Friday evening, July 3rd from 4-6 PM at the church. A special thanks goes to Reader Bob for coordinating this wonderful afternoon and for all of the parishioners who showed up to greet our guests. We also thank those who baked or donated items. There are a few containers of strawberries still available and they can be taken in return for a donation to the Building Fund.

5TH ANNIVERSARY: As we approach our 5th Anniversary, we need some help in organizing the appropriate festivities. Abp 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.

T-SHIRTS: The t-shirts for the parish have arrived! They are a beautiful deep red emblazoned with a budded three bar cross, with the name of Holy Apostles Church on it. If you have ordered one, or would like to purchase one now, they are available in the back of the church.

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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.

ONLINE SERMONS: Sermons and other videos promoting our parish have been posted on YouTube. Search for Holy Apostles Orthodox Video and subscribe to the channel. If you ever miss a Divine Liturgy or the Feast Days, you can catch with the sermon later in the week.

RIDES: If you are ever in need of a ride, or know someone who needs transportation to the divine services, there is now a link on the contacts page of the parish website to aid in the coordination.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY: REGISTER for the Annual Diocesan Youth Day at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson NJ on August 20th from 9 AM to 8:00 PM. The cost of \$30 includes all park fees, round-trip bus transportation from Saint Mary's Church, and a meal voucher! Reservations must be made by August 10th. The event is for all diocesan youth and their friends, from elementary school to college for a day of fun and fellowship.

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

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY, JULY 5: 9:30 Divine Liturgy and Social Hour,

TUESDAY, JULY 7: 8:30 Morning Prayers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8: 8:30 Daily Matins

THURSDAY, JULY 9: 8:30 Morning Prayers

FRIDAY, JULY 10: 8:30 Morning Prayers

SATURDAY, JULY 11: 6 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JULY 12: 9:30 Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

JULY 13-17: Fr James is at St Andrews Camp

JULY 20-24: All-American Council

AUGUST 8-9: 5th Anniversary Celebration

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that you would renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only Merciful and loving Lord Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

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Lansing, New York



Sunday, July 5th, 2015

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Troparion Tone 4 (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion Tone 8 (St Sergius)

From your youth you received Christ into your soul, O ven'erable one,
and above all desired to leave behind the turmoil of the world.
You courageously settled in the wilderness, where you raised children in obedience, the
fruits of humility.
Thus, as an abode of the Trinity, you enlightened all who approached in faith and granted
healing to all. //
Our Father Sergius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion Tone 4 (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master, //
He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion Tone 8 Kontakion (St Sergius)

Having risen from the earth today and shining like the sun,
your precious and incorrupt relics are as fragrant flowers, scented with miracles,
granting healing to all the faithful, and making glad your flock which you wisely gathered
and tended.
Now as you stand before the throne of the Trinity, entreat God's help and grace for them
and for all Orthodox Christians,
so that we may sing: “Rejoice, divinely-wise Sergius!”

Prokeimenon Tone 4

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all. (Ps 103/104:24)
v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps 103/104:1)
Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

Alleluia Verses Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)
v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)
Tone 6: v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His
commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps 111/112:6b-7a) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

OCMC: The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) proclaims and practices the evangelical imperative of the Orthodox faith based on the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who commissioned us to go “and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). OCMC recruits, trains and sends missionaries to preach, teach, baptize and to minister to the poor, hungry, sick, suffering and orphaned. They support the development of indigenous leaders and strengthen the infrastructures of churches, especially in, though not limited to, countries where Christianity is a minority, thus creating vibrant, eucharistic Orthodox Christian communities throughout the world.

Orthodox Christian Network: Orthodox Christian Network (OCN), an agency of SCOBA, has been established to create a national, sustainable and effective media witness for the Orthodox Christian Church in North America. OCN produces high-quality programs and media tools for local parishes that reach people for Christ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. See their programming at MyOCN.net

Raphael House: The mission of Raphael House in San Francisco is to help families at risk achieve stable housing and financial independence, while strengthening family bonds. Established in 1971, Raphael House became the first shelter in San Francisco for homeless families.

OCF: Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official campus ministry effort under SCOBA. They are a Pan-Orthodox effort, overseen by an Executive Committee and aided by an 16 person Student Advisory Board. Their office is located in Boston, MA where full time staff develops OCF.

LIFE OF ST SERGIUS RADONEZH

Sergius Radonezhsky was born into a boyar family near Rostov. The date of his birth is unknown, and three different years are presumed as his birth year (1314, 1319, or 1322). His birthdate is traditionally held on May 3, and he is recognized with the name Bartholomew. To his parents, Kyril and Maria, he was the second of three brothers, Stephen being the eldest and Peter the youngest. Because the family became impoverished when Kyril was dispossessed of his properties under Grand Duke Ivan Danilovich of Moscow, they moved to the village of Radonezh around 1328. As Bartholomew grew up, his ability to learn did not match that of his brothers. Then one day he met an old monk who, after Bartholomew explained his difficulties, gave Bartholomew a small piece of communion bread with the blessing, "*Take and eat it, this is given to you as a sign of God's grace and for understanding of the Scriptures*". From that meeting on Bartholomew found his lessons easier.

In 1334, after the death of his parents, Bartholomew moved to to Khotkovo near Moscow, joining his widowed older brother Stephen. In 1337, he was tonsured a monk with the name Sergius and was ordained to the priesthood. In seeking a more secluded place, he and his brother found such a place in the deep forest near the Marovets hill and built a small cell and a simple chapel dedicated to the Holy Trinity. This was 1340. The brothers lived a secluded life in the forest, and in time Stephen found the life of seclusion difficult and left Sergius to live in Epiphany monastery in Moscow. With the departure of his brother Sergius lived alone for a number of years. The wild animals seemed to recognize him as packs of wolves and bears would come to his hut but would not harm him. One bear came to his hut to share Sergius' last piece of bread with him. Gradually people learned of Sergius and approach him for spiritual guidance. Soon, the cell grew to a small hermitage of twelve monks. The hermitage of the Holy Trinity soon became the spiritual center that eventually became the Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra (Troitse-Sergiyeva Lavra).

As the monastery grew, a difference of opinions grew among the monks as to whether to continue the hermitage type of life or to introduce a communal life style that Sergius favored. As the differences of opinion grew, Sergius decided to start another monastery near Makrish rather than quarrel over the issue. After his departure the original monastery began to decline, and after four years the monks at Holy Trinity begged Sergius to return. As Holy Trinity monastery grew, Sergius began to send his disciples to spread the Gospel to the natives across central and northern Russia during the reign of Dmitri Ivanovich called Donskoy. The number of monasteries founded by these disciples approached 400, established in the most impractical places. These included the monasteries of Borisoglebsky near Rostov, Ferapontov, Kyrillo-Belozersky, Golutvin in Kolomna, and Pokrovsky near Borovsk. All these monasteries formed links of a new country centered around Moscow. As the commerce centering on Holy Trinity monastery increased a settlement was formed at the monastery gates that grew into the town of Sergiev Posad.

The news of his life and works of wonder spread far and wide. The Patriarch of Constantinople, Philotheus sent him a charter confirming the new rules of community cloister life established by Sergius at the Holy Trinity Monastery. Metr. Alexis of Moscow honored Sergius as a friend and entrusted him in the tasks of reconciling differences among the princes of Moscow and Russia. He wished to honor Sergius with the award of a gold cross, and even offered in 1378 to make Sergius his successor as metropolitan of Moscow. But, these honors did not fit with Sergius' ascetic life, and he refused both.

In the Russian struggles with the Tatar Khan Mamai, Sergius blessed the Prince Dimitri Ivanovich as he departed for battle in 1380 with the words, "*Go fearless prince and believe in God's help*". Dimitri's victory at the Battle of Kulikovo was decisive in the history of Russia. In time his monastery became among the most renowned in Russia. Sergius died on September 25, 1392.

St Andrews Camp: Saint Andrew's Camp serves Christ and His Church by providing an Orthodox camping experience to youth in America and beyond. Through summer camping programs and year-round activities, the camp advances Orthodoxy in America and the world by bringing children closer to Christ, enabling them to develop friendships with other Orthodox youth and preparing them to lead an Orthodox Christian life in support of their growth at their home parishes.

DDB/Vision for our Future: As part of a "***Vision for Our Future***," Abp Michael launched the **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors [DDB]** program in January 2011. He called upon the faithful of the diocese to voluntarily support three initiatives through their financial gifts. These initiatives are:

Support for Mission Parishes

Support for Seminarians

Support for Existing Parishes

Abp Michael has called upon the faithful of the diocese to voluntarily support Mission Parishes, Seminarians and Existing Parishes initiatives through their financial gifts. Thanks to the sacrificial generosity of the Benefactors vital ministries have received much-needed support; the work of the Church is being funded as never before!

Lessons in Our Faith: Abp Michael presents a series of talks on matters of faith, belief, and the teachings of the Church. These instructional videos are concise and "to the point," offering Orthodox Christians much-needed information, helpful advice for their spiritual journey, and assistance in answering questions that may come from non-Orthodox friends or acquaintances. The goal is that we might better know and better live our faith.

Church Planting Grant: The primary purpose of the Church Planting Grant is to make it possible for a mission served by a visiting priest or a priest who is also secularly employed, to become a mission with a priest-in-residence whose time is exclusively devoted to building up and expanding the work and witness of the mission community.

IOCC: International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) mission, in the spirit of Christ's love, is to offer emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthen the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond. IOCC helps to expand the capacity of the Orthodox Church globally to more effectively minister to people in need.

Ancient Faith Radio: Ancient Faith Radio seeks to deepen and enrich the faith of Orthodox Christians around the world with 2 audio streaming stations and over 50 on-demand podcasts featuring many OCA priests and individuals. They also have a wide array of conference recordings available including the OCA All American Council.

FOCA: FOCA is an official organization of the Orthodox Church in America, and their mission is to proclaim, share and reveal our Orthodox Christian Faith through service, fellowship and example.