

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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PRAYERS IN A TIME OF DROUGHT

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb, in Baptism Roman and David (1015). Martyr Christina of Tyre (ca. 300). Ven. Polycarp, Archimandrite of the Kiev Caves (1182).

EPISTLE: Romans 8.28-39 (**Saints**): All things work together for good to those who love God. Romans 10.1-10: The confession of Christ in our lives is the way to salvation.

GOSPEL: John 15.17-16.2 (**Saints**): If they persecuted Christ, they will persecute you also. Matthew 8.28-9.1: Two men are healed of their demons.

COFFEE HOUR: THIS WEEK: Worthington Family **NEXT WEEK:** Allard Family

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

KNOW YOUR FAITH: The Know Your Faith Class has wrapped up for this year, having studied the Church Fathers. We will begin again in September. What would you like to study next year?

SURVEY: Hey, have you heard about the parish survey?!!! The parish office is updating its files by completing its record of addresses, contact info and celebratory days. Please visit bit.ly/1RCRRJe to fill out the survey. Those who have not filled in the survey will be queried in the next few days.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY: Register for the Annual Diocesan Youth Day at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson NJ on August 25th from 9 AM to 8:00 PM. Mark your calendars!

BE THE BEE: St. Michael's in Binghamton is hosting a BeeTreat on August 27. Youth in 6-12th grades and young adults, youth workers and parents are invited. It will be led by Steve Christoforou, host of "Be the Bee" and the entire BeeTreat Team. The BeeTreat will be held at St. Michael's Church and Recreation Center, 296 Clinton Street from 9:30 AM-5 PM. For more information, contact Barbara Knighton at bknight@binghamton.edu. Participants should register online at: bethebee.goarch.org/retreats.

WELCOME VISITORS! 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: The Lansing Lighthouse 5k will be on Saturday, August 20th in Myers Park. Several members of the parish will be running this race, and all are invited to join them. This is a good opportunity to support our community and have some fun at the same time.

PARISH PICNIC: The date for the annual parish picnic has been set for Sunday, September 11th following the Divine Liturgy. This is always a fun time and a good way to welcome the returning and new college students. Plan to attend and bring a friend to share in the merriment.

PRAYERS IN A TIME OF DROUGHT: Since our region is designated as being in a severe drought, we will offer prayers to God for relief, for the benefit of our community and the especially the farmers who work the fields.

PRAYER SCROLL

LIVING:

Apr Timothy H
Apr Herman S
Apr Sergius K
Apr Thomas E
Apr Stephen M
Apr Patrick C
Mother Raphaela
Mother Christophora
Mat Joanna B
Mat Katya
Mat Mary G
Joshua
Brittany & Isaac
Gretchen
Peter
Marriane
Terrence
Helen
Judy
Mary & Susan
John & Carmine

Nathan
Leah
Helen
Lindsey
Elizabeth
Mary
Joe A
Daniel
Andrew & family
Harold
Wilhemina
Elizabeth
David
Shirley
Larry
Christina
Jim & Kim
Rachel
Constantine & Maria
Gaetan
Christine
Samuel

Lisa
Lyudmila
Nickolay
Anetta
Zachary
Iconographer Helena
Natasha, Lena, Vera, &
Sergei
Caleb
Cleopatra
Brian & Ally
Thompson Family
Danielle
Larry, Mark & Katie
Ann
Dorothy
Ronald
Children: Anthony, Mia and
Isabel
Seminarians: Rdr Robert
and Ivan

BIRTHDAYS: Elijah.
ANNIVS: Bob F.
NAMESDAYS: Christina,
Olympia.

REPOSED:

Apr John U
Priest Matthew
Priest John
Apr Alexander
Dn Mark
Rdr Gregory
Daniel
Ada
Lillian
Joseph
Marie
Joseph
Laura
Martha
Stanley & Helen,
Taissia

Steluta
Theophan
Lynda
Florence
James
James R
Vasily
Modesai
Alexandr
Ron
John
Eleanor
NEWLY REPOSED: Larry,
Joseph Rolland, Frank, Katie.
ANNIVERSARIES: None.

BY THE NUMBERS: Last Collection: \$600 Weekly Budget: \$925
MTD: \$1988 Monthly Budget: \$4000 June: -\$700 Building Fund: \$100

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY, JULY 24: 9:10 Hours, 9:30 Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

MONDAY, JULY 25: Rector's Sabbath

TUESDAY, JULY 26: 8:30 AM Morning Prayers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27: 8:30 AM Daily Matins

THURSDAY, JULY 28: 8:30 AM Morning Prayers

FRIDAY, JULY 29: 8:30 AM Morning Prayers

SATURDAY, JULY 23: 6 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JULY 24: 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

AUGUST 25: Diocesan Youth Day

AUGUST 27: Be the Bee Retreat

SEPTEMBER 11: Parish Picnic

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.

PRAYER IN THE TIME OF DROUGHT

From the Great Book of Needs

O Master, Lord our God, Who didst hear Elijah the Tishbite because of his zeal for Thee, and for a time didst command that rain be held back from being sent unto the earth, and again at his prayer didst grant it fruit-bearing rain: Do Thou Thyself, O Master of all, Who art being entreated, out of Thy deep compassion grant abundant rain unto Thine inheritance; and, overlooking our sins, do Thou send down Thy rains upon every place entreating and praying for it. Make glad the face of the earth, for the sake of Thy poor people and infants, and animals and all others, for they trust in Thee, that Thou wilt give drink unto them in due season. For Thou art our God, a God Who showeth mercy and saveth, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages, Amen.

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Lansing, New York



SUNDAY, JULY 24TH, 2016

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PASSIONBEARERS BORIS AND GLEB

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 4 Troparion (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!”

Tone 2 Troparion (SS Boris and Gleb)

Righteous passion-bearers and true fulfillers of the Gospel of Christ, chaste Boris and guileless Gleb, You did not resist the attacks of your brother, the enemy, when he killed your bodies but could not touch your souls. Therefore, let the evil lover of power mourn while you rejoice with the Angels standing before the Holy Trinity. Pray that those who honor your memory may be pleasing to God, // and that all Orthodox Christians may be saved!

Tone 4 Kontakion (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!

Tone 3 Kontakion (SS Boris and Gleb)

Today your most glorious memory shines forth, noble participants in the passion of Christ, holy Boris and Gleb, for you call us together to sing praises to Christ our God. Praying to Him before your sacred images, We receive the gift of healing by your prayers, for you are indeed divine healers.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

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 4: The Lord has shown the wonders of His will to the saints who are in His land. (Ps 15/16:3)

Alleluia Verses Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! 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)

v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:18)

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just. (Ps 32/33:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MARTYRS AND PASSION-BEARERS BORIS AND GLEB

Commemorated on July 24

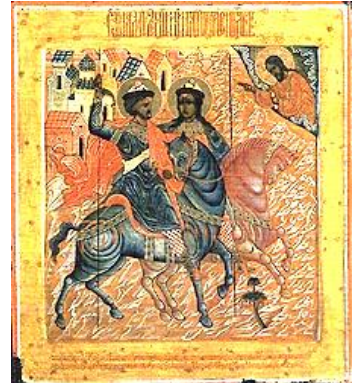
Saint Boris was one of the sons of St Vladimir (July 15), and was named Romanus at his Baptism. After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Boris, Gleb, and Yaroslav in order to seize power. He sent a message to Boris, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Boris's land holdings inherited from their father.

Some of Vladimir's advisers told Boris that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kiev. St Boris, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Unfortunately, Sviatopolk was not so scrupulous. He came to the town of Vyshegorod to ask its leaders if they were loyal to him. They assured him that they were ready to die for him.

Sviatopolk sent assassins to the Alta to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin.

Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Boris's servants. Wrapping Boris in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords.

St Boris received the crown of martyrdom in 1015. He and his brother Gleb became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence.



GREATMARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON



The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon, commemorated on July 27, was born in the city of Nicomedia. His mother St Euboula (March 30) was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but died when he was just a young child. His father sent him to a pagan school where he studied medicine. He came to the attention of the emperor Maximian (d. 305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished school. Survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28), were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. St Hermolaus saw Pantoleon when he came to the house where they were hiding. The priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited St Hermolaus every day.

Once, the saint found a dead child on the street, having been bitten by a snake, which was still present. Pantoleon prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the reptile. He resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and be baptized. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before his eyes.

Pantoleon was baptized with the name Panteleimon ("all-merciful"). After the death of his father, St Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Christ. He visited the prisoners. Usually Christians, he healed them of their wounds. Reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. The inhabitants began to turn only to St Panteleimon. The doctors told the emperor that St Panteleimon was healing Christian prisoners. Maximian urged the saint to refute the charge by sacrificing to idols. St Panteleimon confessed himself a Christian, and suggested that a sick person be brought in. The doctors invoked their gods, and Panteleimon prayed to his God to heal the man. A paralyzed man was brought in, and the pagan priests invoked their gods without success. Then, the saint healed the paralytic by calling on the name of Christ. Maximian executed the man, and gave St Panteleimon over to torture.

The Lord appeared to the saint and strengthened him before his sufferings. They suspended the Great Martyr Panteleimon from a tree and scraped him with iron hooks, burned him with fire and then stretched him on the rack, threw him into a cauldron of boiling tar, and cast him into the sea with a stone around his neck. Throughout these tortures the martyr remained unhurt, and denounced the emperor. By order of the emperor they brought Panteleimon to the circus (to be devoured by beasts. The animals came up to him and licked his feet. The spectators shouted, "Great is the God of the Christians!" Maximian ordered the soldiers to stab anyone who glorified Christ, and to cut off the head of Panteleimon.

They led the saint to the place of execution and tied him to an olive tree. While the martyr prayed, one of the soldiers struck him with a sword, but the sword became soft like wax and inflicted no wound. The saint completed his prayer, and a Voice from Heaven summoned him to the heavenly Kingdom. Hearing the Voice, the soldiers fell down on their knees before the holy martyr and begged forgiveness. They refused to continue with the execution, but St Panteleimon told them to fulfill the emperor's command, because otherwise they would have no share with him in the future life. The soldiers tearfully took their leave of the saint with a kiss. When the saint was beheaded, the olive tree to which the saint was tied became covered with fruit. Many who were present at the execution believed in Christ. The saint's body was thrown into a fire, but remained unharmed. Portions of the holy relics of the Great Martyr Panteleimon were distributed throughout all the Christian world.

MARTYR CHRISTINA OF TYRE

The Martyr Christina, commemorated on July 24 lived during the third century. She was born into a rich family, and her father was governor of Tyre. By the age of 11 the girl was exceptionally beautiful, and many wanted to marry her. Christina's father, however, envisioned that his daughter should become a pagan priestess. To this end he placed her in a special dwelling where he had set up many gold and silver idols, and he commanded his daughter to burn incense before them. Two servants attended Christina.

In her solitude, Christina began to wonder who had created this beautiful world. From her room she was delighted by the stars of the heavens and she constantly came back to the thought about the Creator of all the world. She was convinced, that the voiceless and inanimate idols in her room could not create anything, since they themselves were created by human hands. She began to pray to the One God with tears, entreating Him to reveal Himself. Her soul blazed with love for the Unknown God, and she intensified her prayer all the more, and combined it with fasting.

One time Christina was visited by an angel, who instructed her in the true faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. The angel called her a bride of Christ and told her about her future suffering. The holy virgin smashed all the idols standing in her room and threw them out the window. In visiting his daughter Christina's father, Urban, asked her where all the idols had disappeared. Christina was silent. Urban learned the truth from the servants.

In a rage the father began to slap his daughter's face. At first, the holy virgin remained quiet, but then she told her father about her faith in the One True God, and that she had destroyed the idols with her own hands. Urban gave orders to kill all the servants in attendance upon his daughter, and he gave Christina a fierce beating and threw her in prison. Having learned about what had happened, St Christina's mother came in tears, imploring her to renounce Christ and to return to her ancestral beliefs. But Christina remained unyielding. On another day, Urban brought his daughter to trial and urged her to offer worship to the gods, and to ask forgiveness for her misdeeds. Instead, he saw her firm and steadfast confession of faith in Christ. The torturers tied her to an iron wheel, beneath which they lit a fire. The body of the martyr, turning round on the wheel, was scorched on all sides. They then threw her into prison.

An angel of God appeared at night, healing her wounds and strengthening her with food. Her father, seeing her unharmed, gave orders to drown her in the sea. An angel sustained the saint while the stone sank down, and Christina miraculously came out of the water and reappeared before her father. In terror, the torturer imputed this to sorcery and he decided to execute her in the morning. That night he himself suddenly died. Another governor, Dion, was sent in his place. He summoned the holy martyr and also tried to persuade her to renounce Christ, but seeing her unyielding firmness, he again subjected her to cruel tortures. The holy martyr was for a long while in prison. People began to flock to her, and she converted them to the true faith in Christ. Thus about 300 were converted.

In place of Dion, a new governor Julian arrived and resumed the torture of the saint. After various torments, Julian gave orders to throw her into a red-hot furnace and lock her in it. After five days they opened the furnace and found the martyr alive and unharmed. Seeing this miracle take place, many believed in Christ the Savior, and the torturers executed St Christina with a sword.

