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ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



SEPTEMBER 25, 2011
15TH. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REPOSE VEN. SERGIUS
OF RADONEZH
VEN. EUPHROSYNE

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REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

- Archpriest John Zdinak
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- Subdeacon Theodore
Lentz
- Reader Julius Kovach
Ecclesiarch & Choirmaster

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers
Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
* AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to:
sttheocemetery@yahoo.com
by Wednesday of each week before noon.
* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th. of each month.

VENERABLE CYRIACUS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE (SEPT. 29)



Saint Cyriacus was born at Corinth to the priest John and his wife Eudokia. Bishop Peter of Corinth, who was a relative, seeing that Cyriacus was growing up as a quiet and sensible child, made him a reader in church. Constant reading of the Holy Scriptures awakened in him a love for the Lord and of a yearning for a pure and saintly life.

Once, when the youth was not yet eighteen years old, he was deeply moved during a church service by the words of the Gospel: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Mt.16:24). He believed these words applied to him, so he went right to the harbor without stopping at home, got onto a ship and went to Jerusalem.

After visiting the holy places, Cyriacus dwelt for several months at a monastery not far from Sion in obedience to the igumen Abba Eustorgius. With his blessing, he made his way to the wilderness Lavra of St Euthymius the Great (January 20). St Euthymius, discerning in the youth great gifts of God, tonsured him into the monastic schema and placed him under the guidance of St Gerasimus (March 4), pursuing asceticism at the Jordan in the monastery of St Theoctistus.

St Gerasimus, seeing the youthfulness of Cyriacus, ordered him to live in the community with the brethren. The young monk easily accomplished the monastic obediences: he prayed fervently, he slept little, he ate food only every other day, nourishing himself with bread and water.

During Great Lent it was the custom of St Gerasimus to go into the Rouva wilderness, returning to the monastery only on Palm Sunday. Seeing Cyriacus' strict abstinence, he decided to take him with him. In complete solitude the ascetics redoubled their efforts. Each Sunday St Gerasimus imparted the Holy Mysteries to his disciple.

After the death of St Gerasimus, the twenty-seven-year-old Cyriacus returned to the Lavra of St Euthymius, but he was no longer among the living. St Cyriacus asked for a solitary cell and there he pursued asceticism in silence, communicating only with the monk Thomas. But soon Thomas was sent to Alexandria where he was consecrated bishop, and St Cyriacus spent ten years in total silence. At 37 years of age he was ordained to the diaconate.

When a split occurred between the monasteries of St Euthymius and St Theoctistus, St Cyriacus withdrew to the Souka monastery of St Chariton (September 28). At this monastery they received even tonsured monks as novices, and so was St Cyriacus received. He toiled humbly at the regular monastic obediences. After several years, St Cyriacus was ordained priest and chosen canonarch and did this obedience for eighteen years. St Cyriacus spent thirty years at the monastery of St Chariton.

Strict fasting and total lack of evil distinguished St Cyriacus even among the ascetics of the Lavra. In his cell each night he read the Psalter, interrupting the reading only to go to church at midnight. The ascetic slept very little. When the monk reached seventy years of age, he went to the Natoufa wilderness taking with him his disciple John.

In the desert the hermits fed themselves only with bitter herbs, which through the prayer of St Cyriacus was rendered edible. After five years one of the inhabitants found out about the ascetics and brought to them his demon-possessed son, and St Cyriacus healed him. From that time many people began to approach the monk with their needs, but he sought complete solitude and fled to the Rouva wilderness, where he dwelt five years more. But the sick and those afflicted by demons came to him in this wilderness, and the saint healed them all with the Sign of the Cross and by anointing them with oil.

At his 80th year of life St Cyriacus fled to the hidden Sousakim wilderness, where two dried up streams passed by. According to Tradition, the holy Prophet David brought Sousakim to attention: "Thou hast dried up the rivers of Etham" (Ps 73/74:15). After seven years, brethren of the Souka monastery came to him, beseeching his spiritual help during a period of debilitating hunger and illness, which God permitted. They implored St Cyriacus to return to the monastery, and he settled in a cave, in which St Chariton had once lived.

St Cyriacus rendered great help to the Church in the struggle with the spreading heresy of the Origenists. By prayer and by word, he brought the wayward back to the true path, and strengthened the Orthodox in their faith. Cyril, the author of the Life of St Cyriacus, and a monk of the Lavra of St Euthymius, was a witness when St Cyriacus predicted the impending death of the chief heretics Nonos and Leontius, and soon the heresy would cease to spread.

The Most Holy Theotokos Herself commanded St Cyriacus to keep to the Orthodox teaching in its purity: Having appeared to him in a dream together with the Sts John the Baptist and John the Theologian, She refused to enter into the cell of the monk because in it was a book with the words of the heretic Nestorius. "In your cell is My enemy," She said (The appearance of the Most Holy Theotokos to St Cyriacus is commemorated on June 8).

At the age of ninety-nine, St Cyriacus again went off to Susakim and lived there with his disciple John. In the wilderness a huge lion waited on St Cyriacus, protecting him from robbers, but it did not bother wandering brethren and it ate from the monk's hand.

Once in the heat of summer, all the water in the hollow of a rock dried up, where the ascetics had stored water during the winter, and there was no other source of water. St Cyriacus prayed, and rain fell, filling the pit with water.

For the two years before his death St Cyriacus returned to the monastery and again settled into the cave of St Chariton. Until the end of his life the righteous Elder preserved his courage, and prayed with fervor. He was never idle, either he prayed, or he worked. Before his death St Cyriacus summoned the brethren and blessed them all. He quietly fell asleep in the Lord, having lived 109 years.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEPARTED:

Archbishop Dmitri +8/28/11
Nadia Honcharenko +8/21/11
 (Grandmother of Paul Zawolowicz)

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions

Afanasi Balasz
John Baranich
Judy Baughman
Amanda Bernes
Carol Bohurjak
Thomas Bohurjak
Albert Casey Sr.
Christine Crichton
Laina Dachtyl
Cindy Durkalski
Melanie Faunce
Bernice Ferencz
Bernadine Gindlesperger
Julia Grabowski

Sandee Holod
Donna Jacak
Victor Jacak
Diane Kearsy (Janice Tkacz's sister)
Sarah Kersey
Marie Kucharski
Dorothy Laskovich
Paul Laskovich
Elise Manella
Brian and Valerie Marshall
 (Parishioners of Fr. Andrew)
Ernie Maty
Anna Mysiw (Friend and Neighbor
 of Helen Antonik)
Grace Parhamovich
 (*Karen Felon's Mother*)
John Petkac
Peter and Gina Petkac (Judy
 Gartman's Brother & Sister-in-law)
David Roman (*Nephew of*
Margaret Rusynyk)

Brandon Sanders
Thomas Shepard
Mary Ann Silberhorn
Charles Tamony
Barbara Thompson (*Phyllis*
Gindlesperger's Sister-In-Law)
Shirley Villoni (*Ann Mytrohovich's*
mother)
James Walsh
Ruth Yurik
Wayne Yurik

Rob & Alexandra
& Unborn Child

Erik & Gwen Hasselquist
& Unborn Child

Alex and Jerilyn Oppenheim
& Unborn Child

Jason & Elizabeth (Zimmerman)
& Unborn Child

Sarah & Kevin (Zimmerman)
& Unborn Child

THANK YOU



To all who volunteered and offered prayer for the success of this years Tremont Arts Festival - may God Bless you for your ministry! This years event touched many lives (those who helped as well as our beloved guests). The Lord blessed the occasion - we are thankful.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 25

Sept. 25 2 Cor. 4:6-15 Luke 5:1-11	Sept. 27 Gal. 5:11-21 Luke 5:12-16	Sept. 30 Eph. 1:7-17 Luke 6:17-23
Sept. 26 Gal. 4:28-5:10 Luke 4:37-44	Sept. 28 Gal. 16:2-10 Luke 5:33-39	Oct. 1 Heb. 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42
	Sept. 29 Eph. 1:1-9 Luke 6:12-19	Luke 11:27-28

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.



COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour Hosts:

09/25/11 Al Casey
10/02/11 Nick & Kate Zolikoff
10/09/11 Lauren Miklos & Chandra Czaruk
10/16/11 Dan & Lavinia Morris
10/23/11 Natalia Pricinovskis & Sonya Vorell

Greeters:

Steve & Eileen Bonder
Zolikoff Family
Michael Tabeling & Tammy Ponomarenko
Phyllis Gindlesperger & Linda Smotzer
Sonia Vorell & Paul Pangrace



GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses: \$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection \$ 2,710.00
Over/Under < \$ 3,828.00 >

ATTENDANCE

Members 103 ~ Visitors 3~ Total 106

LETTERS FROM HOME

If you would like to send a letter from home to Erik Hasselquist, listed below is his address:

SPC Hasselquist, Erik
E Btry, 1-79th, BN/2
5960 Rothwell Street
Fort Sill, OK 73503



PRAY FOR THOSE IN SERVICE



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the week of 9/26 - 10/2/11:

In Memory of **Nina Novak** by daughter, Rita Forsythe

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
6:00 PM AT RIDGE MANOR**



**CHURCH SCHOOL DATES
SEPTEMBER 24 THROUGH
NOVEMBER 19
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM**

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on
Sat., Oct 8 at 11:30 AM
St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral
2101 Quail Ave., Lakewood



CATHEDRAL BELLS

The Cathedral Bells are in need of repair. For safety reasons the bells are not able to be rung. The cost of making the needed replacement and repairs is \$25,000.

As in the past, I am presenting a challenge to all of our parishioners to consider a donation for these repairs. Considering that we have about 100 households, I ask you to consider a donation of \$200 per household. Some may not be able to meet this challenge and I ask you to do the best you can.

Some may be able to do better than the challenge and I thank you in advance for doing so. Together, we can bring the sound of the bells back to St. Theodosius Cathedral. As of September 18, 2011 we have raised \$ 20,204.00! Thank you!

God bless you all, Fr. John

FALL-TIME HAYRIDE!

Come and enjoy a fun hayride at Millstream Run Reservation in Strongsville on **Sunday Oct. 23.**

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 ages three to eleven years old.

We will meet at 1:00 pm and try to catch a ride at 2:00 pm.

Refreshments to be served.

For more info. call Kate Zolikoff at 216-382-4391.



ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Do you have any wonderful, exciting or interesting ideas for a parish fundraiser or social activity such as bowling, monster golf, steak roast, lamb roast, sledding, wingding, spaghetti dinner, or fish fry? If you have ideas, or contacts,

and are able to help at the event in any way,

contact Darrell Felon @440-238-3837 or

atmakarov50@yahoo.com.

CATHEDRAL FOCA ANNOUNCEMENT

GENTLEMEN'S FOOTBALL BRAWL

Sunday, October 30

at Ridge Manor Meeting Room

3:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Browns Vs. 49ers Game Time 4:15 PM

Pizza, wings, beer, pop, hot dogs and more! \$15.00 per person Contact Darrell Felon at 440-238-

3837 or 440-666-7601

DEADLINE OCTOBER 23

PIG ROAST

Sponsored by the Cleveland "R" Club
Chapter 4/6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Archangel Michael Church "Shanty"
5025 E. Mill Rd., Broadview Hts., OH 44147

Adults 17 and over - \$25.00
16 and younger FREE with a paid adult

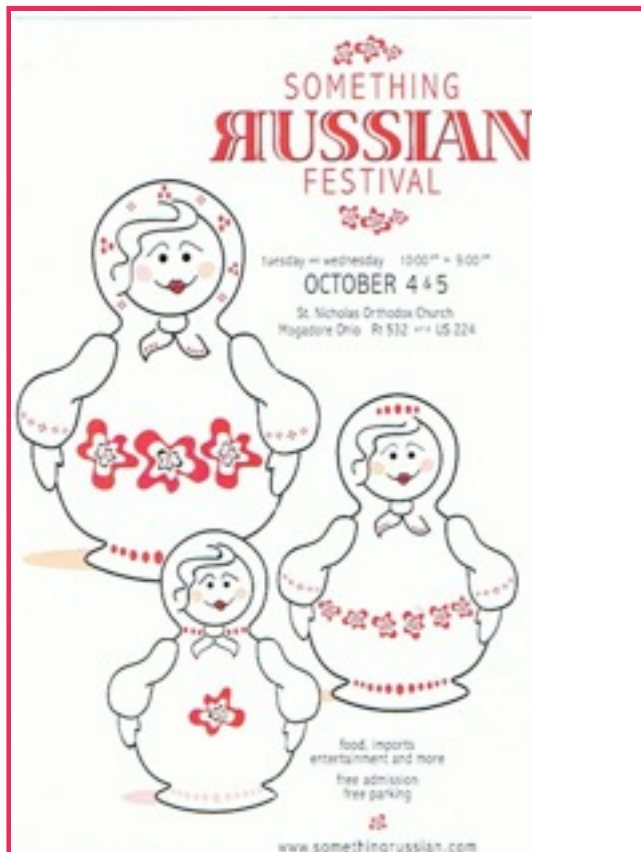
Advance Ticket Purchase Required
Ticket deadline: September 18, 2011

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE RENOVATION EFFORTS OF
ST. VLADIMIR'S CHAPEL
AT ST. VLADIMIR'S CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Need Tickets? Contact Donna Tesar at 216-401-2834 or dtesar@cox.net

Can't make it? Donations accepted!! Make checks payable to *Cleveland "R" Club*.
Contact Donna for more information.

CHINESE RAFFLE
SIDE BOARDS **BURGERS & DOGS**



SS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

LORAIN, OH

WELCOMES EVERYONE

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 5 AT 6:00 PM.

HOLY VISIT TO OUR PARISH
ONLY VISIT TO OHIO

THE MYRRH-STREAMING
ICON OF "HAWAII"

MOLIEBEN AT 6:00 PM

ANOINTING

St. Matthew's 14th Annual Clam Bake

Saturday, October 8th

1st Seating 4:00 – 5:30 pm

2nd Seating 6:00 – 7:30 pm

St. Matthew's Harmony Hall
10383 Albion Road, N. Royalton
North Royalton, Ohio

The Menu

Steak and Clam Dinner \$28.00

Chicken and Clam Dinner \$24.00

Steak Dinner \$22.00

Chicken Dinner \$17.00

Sweet Corn, Sweet Potatoes, New England

Clam Chowder, Soft Drinks Included

(14 oz. Steak = Bone In Rib Eye)

Advanced Tickets Required

Contact: St Matthew's
Church (440) 582-5673

A Prophet in the Shadows

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



On September 28 we remember the Prophet Baruch. He was the stalwart friend and secretary of the much more prominent and often-quoted prophet Jeremiah.

It was no small thing to be Jeremiah's companion and scribe. Not only did Baruch laboriously write thousands of words of prophecy dictated by his master, he also read the words that Jeremiah had "spoken against Israel and Judah and all the nations" to the very people against whom he had spoken them.

The 36th chapter of the Book of Jeremiah says that Baruch wrote on a papyrus scroll the warnings Jeremiah heard from God, telling the people of Jerusalem and Judah to turn from their evil ways. Then, at Jeremiah's direction, he read the scroll publicly in the Temple at Jerusalem, facing the very people who were accused by God of wrongdoing.

A group of royal officials asked Baruch to read the scroll again, privately, to them. They asked him how he had come to write the words, and he replied that Jeremiah had dictated them. The danger Baruch and his master faced is made clear by the officials' instructions to Baruch: "Go and hide, you and Jeremiah, and let no one know where you are" (36:19).

The king, Jehoiakim, also wanted to hear what was in the scroll. Sitting by a fire, he had a courtier named Jehudi read it, column by column. As Jehudi finished reading a column, the king would cut it off with a penknife and throw it into the fire. Not only did Jehoiakim refuse to heed God's warnings, but Baruch had to write the whole scroll, with more words added, all over again.

The disobedience of the kings and people finally led to the fall of Jerusalem. In Jeremiah 39: 6-8 we read the grim results: "The king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah [the king of Judah at that time] at Riblah before his eyes; and the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. He put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in fetters to take him to Babylon. The Chaldeans burned the king's house and the house of the people, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem."

Troparion - Tone 8

You were worthy of the light of prophecy
Becoming a companion to Jeremiah.
You foretold the self-emptying of God the Word
Which he wrought for the salvation of the world.
Now all heirs of his kingdom honor you, O holy Prophet Baruch!

Baruch stood loyally by Jeremiah as the great prophet was imprisoned and persecuted. With Jeremiah, he grieved at the fall of Jerusalem. But we don't remember Baruch only as a witness to disheartening events. He also is a prophet, and in his writings we read: "This is our God; no other can be compared to him! He found the way to knowledge, and gave her to Jacob his servant and to Israel whom he loved. Afterward she appeared upon earth and lived among men" (Baruch 3:35-37). The Church Fathers saw in this a prophecy of the coming of Christ.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 25
REPOSE VEN. SERGIUS
OF RADONEZH
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 26
REPOSE OF ST. JOHN
THE THEOLOGIAN

Tuesday, September 27
MARTYR CALLISTRATUS
HIS 49 COMPANIONS

Wednesday, September 28
VEN. CHARITON
THE CONFESSOR
MARTYRDOM OF PRINCE
WENCESLAUS

Thursday, September 29
VEN. CYRIACUS
HERMIT OF PALESTINE
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment
@Ridge Manor



Friday, September 30
HIEROMARTYR GREGORY
BISHOP OF ARMENIA

Saturday, October 1
PROTECTION OF THE
MOST-HOLY-THEOTOKOS
4:45 PM Church School
Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM Great Vespers
6:00 PM St. Michael's Pig
Roast @Archangel Michael
Church "Shanty"

Sunday, October 2
HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN
MARTYRS JUSTINA
AND THEOCTISTUS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



OCTOBER
Special Collection
YOUTH ACTIVITIES



St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral
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Sept.
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