
Commemorations of the Day:

The Life of Saint Domnina the Younger was written by Theodoret of Cyrillus in his *Historia Religiosa*, containing the Lives of thirty ascetics.

The holy virgin Domina was born in the city of Cyrillus in Syria, to pious and God-loving parents. From a young age she envied the life of the holy ascetics and emulated Saint Maron by building a shack in a corner of her mother's garden. Her only food was lentils soaked in water. Early in the morning, and again at night, she went to the church, in order to pray and glorify the name of God. She always covered herself with a cloak so that no one would see her face. Theodoret says she spoke "softly and indistinctly, and her words were always accompanied by tears."

After a long life of austere asceticism, the Venerable Domnina reposed in peace around the year 460.

Saint Agapius of the Holy Mountain, was a novice in obedience to a virtuous Elder who lived in silence at the Holy Trinity kelia at Kolitsa, within the boundaries of Vatopedi on Mt. Athos. He was taken into captivity by Turks who had landed on the shore of Athos. They took him to Magnesia and there he worked in chains for twelve years. But he did not lose hope for freedom and fervently he prayed to the Mother of God to free him from this bitter captivity. The Queen of Heaven manifested Her Mercy to the patient sufferer. She appeared to him in a dream and ordered him "to go to his Elder without fear." When he awoke, he saw that he was free of his bonds, and the doors were open. Without hindrance, Saint Agapius departed from his master and returned to Mount Athos.

The Elder grieved when he saw his novice, for he thought that Agapius had secretly escaped from his master. "You have deceived the Hagarene," he said, "but no one can deceive God. If you wish to save yourself, return to your master and serve him." Saint Agapius returned to his master without complaint. The Moslem was amazed to see Agapius after he had escaped. Hearing the story of what had happened, he was struck by the virtue of Agapius' Elder and the loftiness of the Christian Faith. The master and his two sons went to the Holy Mountain with Saint Agapius. There they were baptized and became monks, living in asceticism for the rest of their lives.

Saint Agapius lived in the thirteenth century.

(Adapted from the OCA website.)

Announcements

Our parish Parish Book Study continues on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month following Vespers. Our next text will be *The Art of Myrrh Bearing*. The next meeting will be on March 14th.

March Charity will be directed toward Providence Pregnancy Center as part of the OC Life National Baby Shower.

March Parish Council meeting will be on March the 8th, after the new parish council is installed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Gardners Candy fundraiser is now available. In person orders are due in on March 15th, online orders are due March 22nd. Our group ID# 10-1554.

The Deanery has asked St. Nicholas to host the Mission Vespers service on St. Mary of Egypt Sunday, March 29th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Deanery Mission Vespers will be held at Holy Trinity in Stroudsburg PA for the Triumph of Orthodoxy at 4pm today.

Our parish will be holding Divine Liturgy for the Memorial Saturday on March 14th. Please give the names of loved ones you would like commemorated to Fr. Nathan.

Spiritual Food for Thought:

"Passion-embroiled states are foretastes of future torments, just as the activity of the virtues is a foretaste of the kingdom of the heavens. We must realize that the commandments are activities producing effects, and that virtues are states, just as vices that have taken root are also states."

-St. Gregory of Sinai

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir
Archpriest John
Archpriest Gregory
Archpriest John
Archpriest Daniel
Priest Michael
Matushka Gloria
Matushka Myra
John

Joan
James
Thomas
Diane
William
Oliver
Timothy
Joseph
Agape

Upcoming Services:

March 4th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm (at All Saints)

March 7th – Great Vespers – 5:00pm

March 8th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

March 11th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm

March 14th – Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

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First Sunday of Great Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy March 1st, 2026



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His Eminence, Archbishop Mark – Hierarch

Rev. Nathan Clausson – Rector
Very Rev. Vladimir Fetcho – Attached
Very Rev. John Nightingale – Attached
Mark Howanetz – Choir Director
Thomas LaTournous – Parish Council President