
Commemoration of the Day:

Saint Cornelius of Komel was descended from the boyar family Kriukov. When his brother Lukian decided to go to the monastery of Saint Cyril of White Lake, Cornelius followed, longing for the solitary life. After he was tonsured, the young Cornelius began his monastic endeavors with a difficult obedience: he wore heavy chains in the bakery. In his spare time he occupied himself with copying church books. Because of his love for solitude, Saint Cornelius later left the White Lake monastery, and he visited Rostov.

At Novgorod, Saint Gennadius attempted to hold on to him, but the ascetic settled in a desolate spot near Novgorod. When people began to visit here also, he moved to the Tver Sabbatiev wilderness monastery. Later, in 1497, he settled in the Komel forest, not far from Vologda, where he built a cell. Monks began to gather around the cell of Saint Cornelius. In 1501 he built a wooden church in honor of the Entry into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos. In that year Metropolitan Simon ordained him as hieromonk.

In 1512, when the number of brethren had grown, the saint built a stone church and he compiled a Rule for the brethren, based on the Rules of Saints Joseph of Volokolamsk and Nilus of Sora. This was the third monastic Rule written by Russian saints.

Saint Cornelius of Komel was distinguished by his charity toward the unfortunate, and during a famine he built an orphanage in the monastery courtyard. Because of his love for the poor and orphaned, Saint Cornelius was often granted visions of Saint Anthony the Great, for whom he had a special reverence. He constructed a church at his monastery in honor of this great ascetic.

The saint's strictness of life provoked some of the brethren to grumbling, and Saint Cornelius was compelled to leave the monastery. He settled at Lake Sursk, 70 versts from his monastery. At times he also lived at the Trinity-Sergiev Lavra. Interceding for the monks of the Korniliev monastery, Great Prince Basil Ivanovich urged the saint to return to his own monastery. The ascetic gave in, and having returned to his own monastery, he transferred its guidance to his disciple Laurence and shut himself in his cell.

The saint fell asleep peacefully at the age of eighty-two on May 19, 1537. Many disciples of Saint Cornelius were also glorified for their holiness of life.

(Adapted from OCA.org)

Announcements

There is a scheduling conflict for the June parish council meeting, would the parish council members please see Fr. Nathan and talk amongst yourselves about it

Anyone interested in assisting at Providence Pregnancy Center please speak to Fr. Nathan for contact information.

Graves at the parish cemetery in Blakely will be blessed after coffee hour today, we are hoping to be there between 12 and 12:30 pm to start.

April/May charity collection is for Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. June Charity is being directed towards an equipment purchase for St. Tikhon's Summer Camp.

Fr. Damian Kulp will be covering next weekend's Vespers and Divine Liturgy while Fr. Nathan is out of town. Please welcome him warmly.

Piroghi making is planned on Thursday May 30th, and Saturday June 1st. Please mark your calendars. Pinching usually starts about 10am.

Plans are being made for a another Friday night BBQ on June 28th after Vespers for the Feast of St. Peter and Paul.

Spiritual Food for Thought:

“God requires not the doing of the commandments for their own sake, but the correction of the soul, for whose sake He established the commandments.”

-St. Isaac the Syrian

Prayers for the Sick:

Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Vladimir
Priest John
Archpriest Michael
Archpriest Gregory
Matushka Gloria
Matushka Myra
Thom
Nancy

Julie
Joan
James
James
Thomas
Diane
Cathy
Dimitrios

Upcoming Services:

May 25th – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

May 26th – Divine Liturgy – 930am

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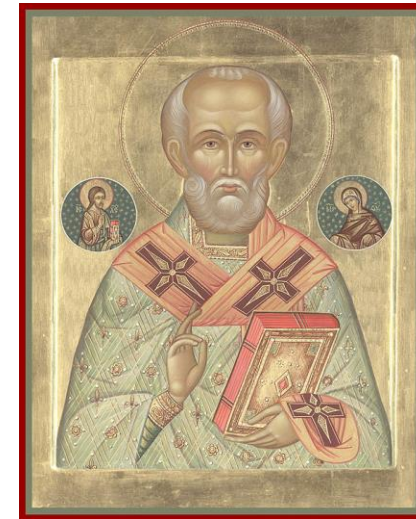
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3rd Sunday of Pascha: Holy Myrrhbearing Women

May 19th, 2024



St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Fr. Vladimir Fetcho – Attached
Fr. John Nightingale – Attached
Mark Howanetz – Choir Director
Thomas LaTournous – Parish President