
Commemorations of the Day:

The Holy Martyr Agrippina, was by birth a Roman. She did not wish to enter into marriage, and totally dedicated her life to God. During the time of persecution against Christians under the emperor Valerian, the saint went before the court and bravely confessed her faith in Christ, for which she was given over to torture. They beat the holy virgin with sticks so severely that her bones broke. Afterwards they put Saint Agrippina in chains, but an angel freed her from her bonds.

The holy confessor died from the tortures she endured. The Christians Bassa, Paula and Agathonike secretly took the body of the holy martyr and transported it to Sicily, where many miracles were worked at her grave. In the eleventh century the relics of the holy Martyr Agrippina were transferred to Constantinople.

Holy Righteous Artemius of Verkola was born in the village of Dvina Verkola around the year 1532. The son of pious parents, Artemius was a child who was courageous, meek and diligent for every good deed. On June 23, 1545 the twelve-year-old Artemius and his father were taken by surprise in a field by a thunderstorm. A clap of thunder broke right over their heads, and the child Artemius fell dead. People thought that this was a sign of God's judgment, therefore they left the body in a pine forest without a funeral, and without burial.

Some years later, the village reader beheld a light over the place where the incorrupt body of the Righteous Artemius lay. Taken to the church of Saint Nicholas in 1577, the holy relics were shown to be a source of numerous healings. In this village a monastery was later built, called the Verkola. In 1918, the impious Soviets chopped the holy relics into pieces and threw them into a well. The memory of Saint Artemius is also celebrated on October 20.

(Adapted from OCA.org)

Announcements

June Charity is being directed towards an equipment purchase for St. Tikhon's Summer Camp. We have been asked to sponsor the Camp Water Balloon Fight.

Plans are being made for a another Friday night BBQ on June 28th after Vespers for the Feast of St. Peter and Paul. Sign up sheet is at the candle desk.

Parish Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday July 21st following the Divine Liturgy. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend.

Spiritual Food for Thought:

“Ask for repentance in your prayer and nothing else, neither for divine lights, nor miracles, nor prophecies, nor spiritual gifts – nothing but repentance. Repentance will bring you humility, humility will bring you the Grace of God, and God will have in His Grace everything you need for your salvation, or anything you might need to help another soul.

-St. Paisios of Mount Athos

Prayers for the Sick:

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

Nancy
Julie
Joan
James
Thomas
Diane
Cathy
Dimitrios

Upcoming Services:

June 24th – Divine Liturgy: Nativity of St. John the Baptist – 9:30am

June 28th – 9th Hour, Vespers and Lity: Sts. Peter and Paul – 6:00pm

June 29th – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

June 30th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

Contact Information:

Parish Mailing Address
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
P.O. Box 142
Olyphant PA 18447

Driving Address
600 E. Lackawanna St
Olyphant PA 18447

Website
Stnicholasolyphant.org

Phone number:
570-489-3891

Email:
Frnathan.clausson@gmail.com

8th Sunday of Pascha: Holy Pentecost; Feast of the Holy Trinity

June 23th, 2024



St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

OCA Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania
Archbishop Mark – Hierarch

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