
Commemoration of the Day:

Hieromartyr Phocas was born in the city of Sinope. From youth he led a virtuous Christian life, and in his adult years he became Bishop of Sinope. Saint Phocas converted many pagans to faith in Christ. At the time of a persecution against Christians under the emperor Trajan, the governor demanded that the saint renounce Christ. After fierce torture they enclosed Saint Phocas in a hot bath, where he died a martyr's death in the year 117.

Saint Quadratus, Apostle of the Seventy preached the Word of God at Athens and at Magnesia, and was Bishop of Athens. His biographer called him "a morning star" among the clouds of paganism. He converted many pagans to the true faith in Christ the Savior, and his preaching aroused the hatred of the pagans. Once, an angry mob fell upon the saint to pelt him with stones. Preserved by God, Saint Quadratus remained alive, and they threw him into prison, where he died of starvation. His holy body was buried in Magnesia.

In the year 126, Saint Quadratus (sometimes rendered Codratus) wrote an Apologia in defense of Christianity. Presented to the emperor Hadrian, the Apologia affected the persecution of Christians, since the emperor issued a decree saying that no one should be convicted without just cause. This Apologia was known to the historian Eusebius in the fourth century. At the present time, only part of this Apologia survives, quoted by Eusebius: "The deeds of our Savior were always witnessed, because they were true. His healings and raising people from the dead were visible not only when they were healed and raised, but always. They lived not only during the existence of the Savior upon the earth, but they also remained alive long after His departure. Some, indeed, have survived to our own time."

(Commemorated on the 21st, but moved to the 22nd account the Leavetaking of the Exaltation of the Cross.)

(Adapted from OCA website)

Announcements

September Charity will be dedicated to the Breadbasket of NEPA in order to help feed the those in need throughout our community. The October charity collection will be dedicated toward the Olyphant Police K-9 Unit.

Plans are being made to do our Annual Fall Fresh Fried Piroghi sale Monday October the 14th. Piroghi making will likely be Thursday the 10th and Saturday the 12th. Please mark your calendars. Also we will need to plan a clean up prior to the event to prep the garage.

Fr. Nathan will be traveling the first weekend of October, Fr. John Kowalczyk will be covering the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning. Please welcome him.

Divine Liturgy will be early at 9am on October 13th on account of the annual Steamtown marathon. Hours will be read prior to Divine Liturgy as usual.

Spiritual Food for Thought:

"Every time you say 'Lord, have mercy on my child', your child will receive one good thought from Christ. The more you pray, the more good thoughts will be acquired by your child."

-St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia

Prayers for the Sick:

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

Thom
Nancy
Joan
James
Thomas
Diane
Cathy
William
Oliver

Upcoming Services:

September 27th – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

September 28th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

October 5th – No Great Vespers, Fr. Nathan out of town

October 6th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

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13th Sunday after Pentecost: Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope; Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy

September 22nd, 2024



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