
Commemorations of the Day:

Holy Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch was a prominent military leader during the reigns of the emperor Constantine the Great, and his son and successor Constantius. Artemius received many awards for distinguished service and courage. He was appointed viceroy of Egypt. In this official position he did much for the spreading and strengthening Christianity in Egypt.

Saint Artemius was sent by the emperor Constantius to bring the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew from Patras, and the relics of the holy Apostle Luke from Thebes of Boeotia, to Constantinople. The holy relics were placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beneath the table of oblation. The emperor rewarded him by making him ruler of Egypt.

The emperor Constantius was succeeded on the throne by Julian the Apostate. Julian in his desire to restore paganism was extremely antagonistic towards Christians, sending hundreds to their death. At Antioch he ordered the torture of two bishops unwilling to forsake the Christian Faith.

During this time, Saint Artemius arrived in Antioch and publicly denounced Julian for his impiety. The enraged Julian subjected the saint to terrible tortures and threw the Great Martyr Artemius into prison. While Artemius was praying, Christ, surrounded by angels, appeared to him and said, "Take courage, Artemius! I am with you and will preserve you from every hurt which is inflicted upon you, and I already have prepared your crown of glory. Since you have confessed Me before the people on earth, so shall I confess you before My Heavenly Father. Therefore, take courage and rejoice, you shall be with Me in My Kingdom." Hearing this, Artemius rejoiced and offered up glory and thanksgiving to Him.

On the following day, Julian demanded that Saint Artemius honor the pagan gods. Meeting with steadfast refusal, the emperor resorted to further tortures. The saint endured all without a single moan. The saint told Julian that he would be justly recompensed for his persecution of Christians. Julian became furious and resorted to even more savage tortures, but they did not break the will of the saint. Finally the Great Martyr Artemius was beheaded.

(Adapted from OCA website)

Announcements

The October charity collection will be dedicated toward the Olyphant Police K-9 Unit. November and December charity will be directed to the IOCC relief effort for those suffering from hurricanes Helene and Milton that recently struck the United States.

Thank you to the parish for the wonderful gift. As I said last week it was not necessary as I feel very blessed to be part of this community. That being said, the gift was very much appreciated.

Panikhida at the end of the Divine Liturgy is offered for members of the Fetchina Family by Fr. John and Mat. Kyra Nightingale.

Thank you to everyone who helped and served at the Perogi sale on Monday.

Spiritual Food for Thought:

“Spiritual life does not mean being in the the clouds while saying the Jesus Prayer, it means discovering the laws of the spiritual as they apply to one’s own position, one’s salvation.”

-Fr. Seraphim Rose,
Of blessed memory.

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
Timothy

Upcoming Services:

October 26th – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

October 27th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

November 2nd – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

November 3rd – Divine Liturgy – 9:30pm

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