
Commemorations of the Day:

The Holy Prophet Nahum, whose name means “God consoles,” was from the village of Elkosh in Galilee. He lived during the seventh century B.C. The Prophet Nahum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity, the destruction of the Israelite kingdom, and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God. The Assyrian king Ashurbanipal died in 632 B.C., and over the next two decades, his empire began to crumble. Nineveh fell in 612 B.C. Nahum differs from most of the prophets in as much as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God. Details of the prophet’s life are unknown. He died at the age of forty-five, and was buried in his native region. He is the seventh of the Twelve Minor Prophets. The Prophet Nahum and Saint Nahum of Ochrid (December 23) are invoked for people with mental disorders.

Very little is known about Saint Ananias' life before his martyrdom, including his family background or his early years as a faithful follower of Christ. However, his unwavering commitment to his faith in the face of severe persecution revealed his profound love and devotion to Jesus. King Sapor II, known for his hostilities towards Christians, aimed to eradicate the growing Christian community in Persia. His reign was marked by brutal persecutions, during which countless believers were arrested, tortured, and executed for their refusal to renounce their Christian faith. Saint Ananias found himself caught up in this reign of terror and remained steadfast in his commitment to Christ despite the grave risks. It is believed that Saint Ananias met his tragic fate on Good Friday in the year 345. Alongside approximately one hundred other believers, he likely endured unimaginable suffering and torment for his unwillingness to abandon his faith. While Saint Ananias was being tortured for his belief in Christ, he said, “I see a ladder leading to heaven, and radiant men calling me to a marvelous city of light.”

(Adapted from OCA website and other sources)

Announcements

December charity will be directed to the IOCC relief effort for those suffering from hurricanes Helene and Milton that recently struck the United States.

Please remember that the Advent fast has begun. Fish, wine and oil are officially permitted on the weekends. This time is meant for our benefit, not punishment.

The Canonization of Matushka Olga continues in Alaska, she was reentered in her reliquary last weekend. It is truly wonderful to have an American born saint from the 20th century. May Matushka Olga’s God pleasing prayers continue for all Orthodox Christian in this nation.

Our Patronal feast and 120th Anniversary are this Friday. Please be early for Divine Liturgy as we will be greeting the Bishop and he will be tonsuring a Reader at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy.

Spiritual Food for Thought:

“Christians have a strict command to show mercy towards all people, regardless of religion, but at the same time, they have to strictly hold on to Christ’s truth. As a Christian, you can sacrifice your life and property for the non-orthodox, but not the truth of Christ.”

-St. Nikolai Velimirovic

Prayers for the Sick:

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

Joan
James
Thomas
Diane
Cathy
William
Oliver
Timothy
Brittany

Upcoming Services:

December 5th – 9th Hour, Great Vespers and Litya for Patronal Feast – 6:00pm

December 6th – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

Banquet to follow.

December 7th – Great Vespers – 5:00pm

December 8th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

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