

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Martyr Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis

November 5th, 2023

Assigned Readings:

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 8:41-56

Saints of the Day:

There was a rich and distinguished couple named Kletophon and Leukippe, who lived in the Syrian city of Emesa, and for a long time they were childless. Onuphrius concealed his monastic and priestly dignity beneath his beggar's rags. He walked from house to house in Emesa, begging alms. At the same time, whenever possible, he preached about Christ. He came to the house of Leukippe. Accepting alms from her, Onuphrius began to tell her about the one true God, about His omnipotence and mercy, and how He always grants the prayer of those turning to Him with faith. Hope filled the soul of Leukippe. She believed and accepted Holy Baptism.

They named their baby Galaction, raised him in the Christian Faith and provided him a fine education. He sought an unsullied monastic life in solitude and prayer. When Galaction turned twenty-four, his father resolved to marry him off and they found him a bride, a beautiful and illustrious girl by the name of Episteme. The son did not oppose the will of his father, but by the will of God, the wedding was postponed for a time. Visiting his betrothed, Galaction gradually revealed his faith to her. Eventually, he converted her to Christ and he secretly baptized her himself. The newly-illuminated decided to devote herself to the monastic life. Leaving the city, they both hid themselves away on Mount Publion, where there were two monasteries, one for men and the other for women. For several years the monastics struggled in work, fasting and prayer. Once, Episteme had a vision in her sleep: she and Galaction stood in a wondrous palace before a radiant King, and the King bestowed golden crowns on them. This was a prefiguring of their impending martyrdom. When Galaction was arrested and taken away to trial, Episteme requested permission from her abbess to go and join him. The saints endured terrible torments, while supplicating and glorifying Christ. Eventually they were both beheaded.

Announcements

Correction: November Charity will be dedicated to the breadbasket of NEPA.

Archbishop Mark will be in Olyphant at All Saints on November the 12th. Father Paul has invited us to come and celebrate together with His Eminence.

On December the 2nd the Wilkes-Barre Deanery is hosting an event at All Saints. Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m. followed by a Lenten brunch. Then a discussion and Q&A with Nathan Hoppe, OCMC's longest-serving missionary. The Deanery would like to have a solid number for attendees by November 26th so that proper arrangements can be made.

December 6th is our upcoming patronal feast day. It is a weekday morning, but I encourage everyone to try and come out and celebrate together as a community.

Panikhida for Archpriest Joseph is incorporated into the Divine Liturgy this morning in honor of the 5th anniversary of repose and 58th anniversary of ordination. May God remember Fr. Joseph in His kingdom and make his memory to be eternal!

Upcoming Services:

November 7th – 9th Hour, Great Vespers and Litya – 5 pm.

November 11th – Great Vespers – 5pm.

November 12th – Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Mark at All Saints parish – 9:30 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion to St. Nicholas – Tone 4

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of
faith, an icon of meekness and a teacher of abstinence.
You thus reached the heights through humility and wealth through poverty.
O Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas, // pray to Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, //
and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion to St. Nicholas – Tone 3

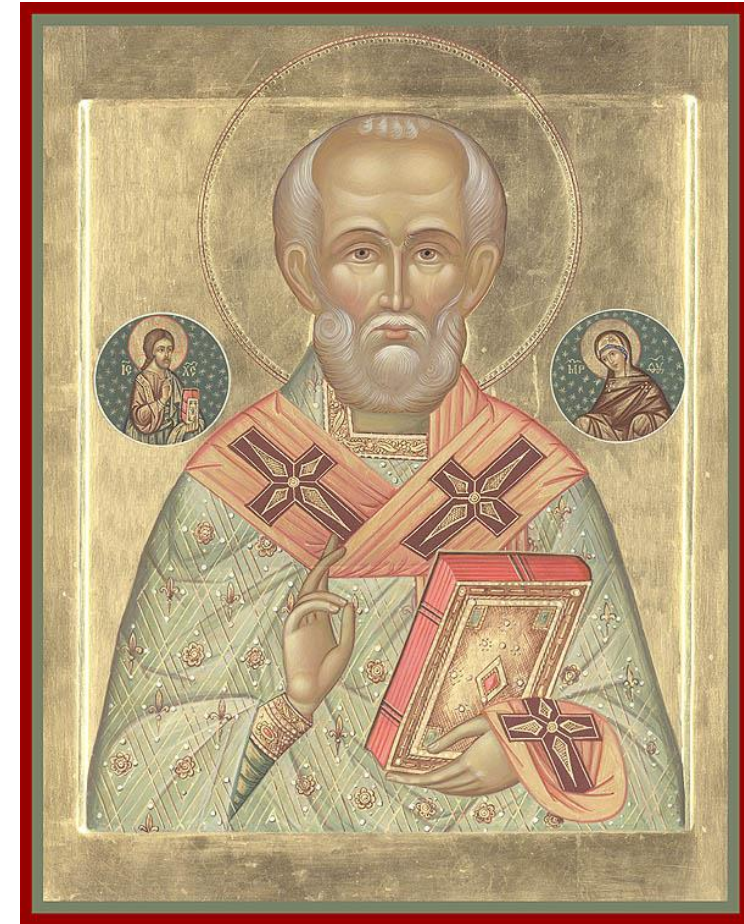
You proved yourself to be a holy priest, O Nicholas;
You served God in Myra and lived the gospel of Christ.
You offered your life for your people;
You rescued the innocent from death. //
Therefore God has glorified you as a trustworthy guide of things divine.

Steadfast Protectress – Tone 6

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
constant advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith,
hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us O Theotokos //
For you always protect those who honor you.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Julie
Priest John	Joan
Priest James	Vera
Matushka Gloria	Marie
Matushka Myra	James
Matushka Nancy	James
Thom	Dimitrios



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Archbishop Mark – Hierarch

Fr. Nathan Clausson – Acting Rector
Fr. Vladimir Fetcho – Attached
Fr. John Nightingale – Attached
Mark Howanetz – Choir Director
Rick Cesari – Parish President