

November 18, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Martyr Platon of Ancyra

The Holy Martyr Platon, brother of the holy Martyr Antiochus the Physician (July 16), was born at the city of Ancyra in Galatia. While still a youth he left home and went through the cities, preaching the Word of God to pagans, amazing his audience with the persuasiveness and beauty of his speech, and his profound knowledge of Greek learning.

Because of his preaching he was arrested and brought for trial to the temple of Zeus before the governor Agrippinus. At first, the judge attempted to persuade the saint to turn away from Christ by flattery. He assured the youth that he might be on a par of intellect with the greatest of the philosophers Plato, if only he worshipped also the pagan gods. To this Saint Platon answered, that the wisdom of the philosopher, although great, was but ephemeral and limited, whereas the true, eternal and unbounded wisdom comprised the Gospel teachings. Then the judge promised to give him his beautiful niece for his wife if he would deny Christ. He also threatened him with torture and death if he refused. Saint Platon replied that he chose a temporal death for the sake of eternal life. The patience of the governor was exhausted, and he gave orders to mercilessly beat the martyr, and then send him off to prison.

When they led Saint Platon off to prison, he turned to the people gathered about the temple, and he called on them not to forsake the Christian Faith. Seven days later they again led the Martyr Platon for trial before Agrippinus in the temple of Zeus, where they had the implements of torture already prepared: boiling cauldrons, red-hot iron and sharp hooks. The judge offered the martyr a choice: either to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, or to feel the effects of these implements of torture on his body. Again the saint steadfastly refused to worship idols, and after his tortures they threw him in prison for eighteen more days without bread or water. But seeing that this did not shake the martyr, they offered him his life and freedom if he would only say, "Great is the god Apollo." The martyr refused to deny Christ or to sacrifice to the idols. Therefore, Agrippinus ordered the holy Martyr Platon to be beheaded.

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The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

HOLY MARTYR PLATO OF ANCYRA
MARTYR ROMANOS OF ANTIOCH
MARTYRS ZACCHAEUS THE DEACON AND ALPHAEOS THE
READER OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE

Tone 8 - Eothinon 3

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 12:16-21

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THEOTOKOS - Tone 4 - The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

TODAY: Orthros 8:30 am; Baptismal Liturgy 9:45 am (Muzekari – Many Years!)
One-Year Memorial for Sylvia McDonald, 11:30 am
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am
Parish Council, 12:45 pm

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

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| | This Week: | Next Week (Nov 25): |
| PROSPHORA BREAD: | --- | Justin G/Mary Lynne B |
| EPISTLE READER: | Sdn David Hyatt | Rdr Nicholas Muzekari |
| ALTAR CANDLES: | --- | --- |
| GREETERS: | Celia-Marie & Sharon | Greg & Jennifer Howanetz |
| CLEANING TEAM: | Sdn John & Maxine | The Hyatts |
| COFFEE HOUR: | Linda Morelli | --- |

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues!
Remember to return your pledge cards!

Mark Your Calendar:

Advent Paraklesis

Mondays & Fridays, 6 pm, during Advent

St. Nicholas

Wednesday, December 5 - Vespers & Artoklasia w/ Youth Choir 7 pm, Youth Activity 8 pm

Thursday, December 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am w/ Fasting Potluck to follow

Advent Retreat

December 8

"The First & Second Comings of Christ" with Drs. David & Mary Ford

Bp THOMAS Visit

December 22-25

Sunday, December 23 -

Sunday School Christmas Program, 12:30 pm

Pray For:

| Living | Departed |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Bp Alexander | Fr. Joseph |
| Baby Simeon | |
| Child Gregory | |
| Caroline & family | |
| Paul (M) | |
| James E | |
| Hortense | |
| Mary | |
| R Maxime | |
| Lasha B | |
| Otari B | <u>St. Nina's List</u> |
| Daniel H | Catechumens |
| Elizabeth D | Tatiana (Sze), |
| Stephanie | Rebecca, Evan, |
| Mebrat | Tina |
| Aristidis | New & Ex- |
| | pectant Moth- |
| Thomas, Elizabeth & | ers & children |
| all Missionaries | |
| Suffering Christians | Jeremy |
| in Syria, Ukraine, | Michael |
| Ethiopia, Egypt & | |
| unstable lands | |



MANNA ON MAIN STREET IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CANNED FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER, & CEREAL

THESE ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE PLASTIC BINS AT THE ENTRANCE FOR DONATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS!

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Spend Thanksgiving serving others!

This Week:

NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES ...

- Monday, Nov 19:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Advent Paraklesis 6 pm
- Tuesday, Nov 20:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club
Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm & Orthros 7 pm for the Entrance of the Theotokos
- Wed, Nov 21:** ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS
Divine Liturgy 10 am w/ Fasting Potluck to follow (*Office closed.*)
- Thurs, Nov 22:** *Office closed. Happy Thanksgiving!!*
- Friday, Nov 23:** *Office closed.*
- Sat, Nov 24:** VESPERS 6 pm; Confession 7 pm
- Sunday, Nov 25:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 am
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am
Choir rehearsal, 12:30 pm

"If the poison of pride is swelling up in you, turn to the Eucharist; and that Bread, Which is your God humbling and disguising Himself, will teach you humility."
 — St. Cyril of Alexandria

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: "Pray for God's help"

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Nov 10: 40 Divine Services on Nov 11: 127
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$184. Collections, \$1,122. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$72. Stewardship, \$4,560.50. Total received: \$5,939.50.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!