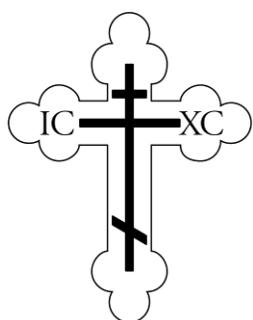


# Protection of the Virgin Mary

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Confession is available before or  
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**Welcome visitors!**  
**Please join us in the**  
**parish hall after Divine**  
**Liturgy for coffee hour.**

## November 7, 2021

# Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene St. Lazarus the Wonderworker of Mt. Galesius

The holy martyr Hieron was born in the city of Tiana in great Cappadocia. Raised by a pious mother, he was a kindly and good Christian. The co-ruling emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (284-305) sent a large military detachment headed by Lysias to Cappadocia to eradicate Christianity there, and also to conscript healthy and strong men into the imperial army. Among those pressed into service, Lysias also ordered his men to draft Hieron, who was distinguished by his great physical strength and dexterity. But Hieron refused to serve emperors who persecuted Christians. When they attempted to seize him by force and bring

him to Lysias, he took a stick and started beating the soldiers who had been sent to bring him. The soldiers scattered, ashamed of being defeated by a single man. Hieron then hid himself in a cave with eighteen other Christians. Lysias would not risk losing his soldiers by storming the cave.

Upon the advice of Cyriacus, one of Hieron's friends, Lysias lifted the siege of the cave and withdrew his detachment. Then Cyriacus persuaded Hieron not to offer resistance to the authorities. He and the other new conscripts and accompanying soldiers were sent to the nearby city of Melitene.

Soon Hieron had a vision in his sleep, in which his impending martyrdom was foretold. Lysias told the soldiers gathered at Melitene to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Hieron and another thirty-two soldiers refused to do this, and openly confessed their faith in Christ. Then the persecutor gave orders to beat the martyrs, and to cut off Hieron's arm at the elbow. After cruel tortures they threw the martyrs into prison barely alive, and they beheaded them four days later.

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Saint Lazarus the Wonderworker of Mt Galesius near Ephesus was born in Lydia, in the city of Magnesium. An educated young man who loved God, Lazarus became a monk at the monastery of St Savva, the founder of great ascetic piety in Palestine. He spent ten years within the walls of the monastery, winning the love and respect of the brethren for his intense monastic struggles.

Ordained to the holy priesthood by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, St Lazarus returned to his native country and settled near Ephesus, on desolate Mount Galesius. Here he saw a wondrous vision: a fiery pillar, rising up to the heavens, was encircled by angels singing, "Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered."

On the place where the saint beheld this vision, he built a church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ and took upon himself the feat of pillar-dwelling. Monks soon began to flock to the great ascetic, thirsting for spiritual nourishment by the divinely-inspired words and blessed example of the saint, and a monastery was established there.

St Lazarus died at 72 years of age, in the year 1053. The brethren buried the body of the saint at the pillar upon which he had struggled in asceticism. He was glorified by many miracles after his death.

# HYMNS OF THE DAY

## **Tone 3 – Resurrectional Troparion**

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

## **Tone 4 – Troparion of the Holy Martyrs**

Your thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord,

through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from

You, our God.

For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,

and shattered the powerless boldness of demons//

Through their intercessions, save our souls!

## **Tone 8 – Troparion for St. Lazarus**

You watered your pillar with prayerful vigils and flowing tears;

You brought forth fruit a hundredfold with sighs from the depths of  
your soul.

You were a shepherd, granting the requests of all//

Entreat Christ God, venerable Lazarus our father, that our souls may  
be saved!

## **Tone 3 – Resurrectional Kontakion**

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,

leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices

with the Prophets and Patriarchs//

They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

## **Tone 8 – Kontakion for the Holy Martyrs**

The radiant choir of martyrs, the light-bearing company, spiritually  
descends to us,

enlightening the Church with brilliant rays.

Therefore, as we celebrate their honored memory, we ask You our Savior,

through their prayers, deliver us from misfortunes so that we may

sing to You, “Alleluia!”

#### **Tone 4 – Kontakion for St. Lazarus**

Now the holy Hieromartyr is glorified,  
for he took up his cross and followed Christ.  
In so doing, he gave us a model of true discipleship.  
Therefore, let us cry aloud to him://  
Rejoice, O Father John, the glory of priests!

#### **Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion**

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,  
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.  
Angels and bishops worship.  
Apostles and prophets rejoice together, //  
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Tone 3 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 46)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

#### **Epistle: Galatians 1.11-19**

Brethren: I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

#### **Gospel: Luke 8.41-56**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping."

And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

## **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**New Dep.** Petre Ristevski

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George Polashek ('48)

Peter Chernenko ('56)

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Jeramie	Christine	Wanda
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Larry	Declan	Ivanka
Rollie	Hudson	Susan
Joseph	Ayden	Denise
Nadia	Hyland	Valerie
Brendan	Jason	Jeffrey
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Christopher	James	William
Nina	Pamela	Jamie
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Carissa	Alexander	Dale
Cynthia	Ronald	Jack
John	Theodore	Joyce
Olga	Robert	Junia
Janie	Craig	Anna
Michael	Chuck	Sandra
David	Scott	Linda
Sharon	Mark	Stephen
Mark	Christine	Megan
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\*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For **Bible Study** this week, read 4 Kingdoms (2 Kings) 19-22.

Our **Thanksgiving Bake Sale** is coming up. **Orders are due Nov 17**, with pick-up during coffee hour on Sunday, Nov 21. Consider donating supplies (flour, butter, eggs, sugar...) or helping out on bake days Nov 18-20. See Elizabeth Pederson for more details.

Our **Angel Tree** is up early this year! We have our wish lists from the Salvation Army, who have asked to have the gifts a little earlier than in the past—by Friday, December 3. That means the last Sunday for dropping gifts at the Church will be November 28—just three weeks from now.

Our new bookstore manager, Tiffany, has recently stocked new **Advent/Nativity cards, books, and gifts**. She has also completely reorganized the bookstore. If you haven't checked in recently, please have a look!

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has directed that **next Sunday, November 14, 2021 be designated as Stewards of the OCA Sunday**. On this Sunday, we take a special collection to help financially support the work of the Orthodox Church in America especially through its departments, offices, and boards. His Beatitude's letter is included below.

## Mark your calendars:

Nov 10: **Bible Study @ 7pm**

Nov 14: **Feed the Flock** at First Presbyterian Church of Merrillville  
@ 11am

Nov 15: **First Day of Advent**

Nov 21: **Thanksgiving Bake Sale pick-up** after Divine Liturgy

Nov 25: **Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy @ 9am**

**Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$2,917**

# Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon for Steward Sunday

November 14, 2021

*Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ. (Col 3:23-24)*

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Christ is in our midst!

I am grateful for the hard and diligent work of the many men and women who serve the Orthodox Church in America in its many departments, offices, and boards. Without their efforts, we would not be blessed with the many resources that are regularly made available to us. The music downloads, brochures, weekly liturgical texts, and various other resources have become staples in our parishes.

In addition, we see special projects such as the Clergy Synaxis groups, the Clergy Wives Ministry, Church Planting Grants, Music training sessions, Clergy Continuing Education seminars, all made possible by many different groups all working towards a common purpose: “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Eph 4:12).

It is this work which I am inviting you to support on this Sunday, November 14, 2021 and I ask that parishes take a special collection for the Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America. For those of you who want to offer your support but are unable to do so financially I encourage you to support the ministries of the Orthodox Church in America by getting involved in other ways. Most especially, I ask that you continue to pray for all those who labor in Christ’s vineyard.

May the Lord continue to bless your efforts for His Church.

† Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington, D.C.

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

## Glory to God for all things!