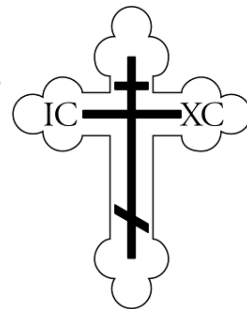
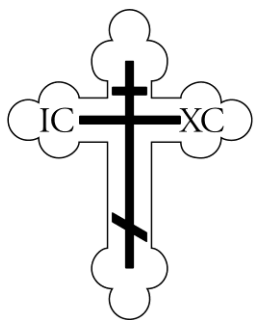


# Protection of the Virgin Mary

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**Welcome visitors!**  
**Please join us in the**  
**parish hall after Divine**  
**Liturgy for coffee hour.**

## October 30, 2022

### Holy Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia of Aegae in Cilicia

#### 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 – Patronal Troparion**

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,  
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.  
Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:  
Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.  
Deliver us from every form of evil  
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//  
that He may save our souls.

#### **Tone 4 – Troparion for Sts Zenobius and Zenobia**

As brother and sister united in godliness  
together you struggled in contest Zenóbius and Zenobía.  
You received incorruptible crowns  
and unending glory//  
and shine forth with the grace of healing upon those in the world.

#### **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 Sts Zenobius and Zenobia**

Let us honor with inspired hymns the two martyrs for truth:  
the preachers of true devotion, Zenóbius and Zenobía;  
as brother and sister they lived and suffered together//  
and through martyrdom received their incorruptible crowns.

#### **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 8.26-39**

At that time, Jesus and His disciples sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So, they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**New Dep.** Luba Sirovica

**Ev.Mem.** Gligor Stanchvich ('12)

Thekla Darowsky ('16)

Theodore Ignatov ('35)

Vasily Potapow ('44)

Julia Klimkoff ('60)

Nicholas Katovitch ('72)

William Barancyk (2017)

### **Health & Salv.**

Archpr. Peter

Archpr. John

Mat. Anne

Dn. Nicholas

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Jovan

Tom

Jennifer

Larry

Rollie

Joseph

Nadia

Mark

Jerry

Joseph

Linda

Claudia

Carol

Snezana

Ryan

Nathan

Kara

Djuro

Dominic

Declan

Hudson

Ayden

Hyland

Jason

Ted

James

Pamela

Alexander

Ronald

William

Wanda

Ivanka

Aaron

Karen

Sandra

Linda

Jim

John

Martha

Mark

Michelle

Irene

Michelle

Erika

Luke

Jo

Stephanie

Mary Ann

Robb

Desiree

Hanna

Jaroslava

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| Andrew  | Renee     | Mark      |
| Andrew  | Carissa   | Catherine |
| Vadim   | Ashton    | Aaron     |
| Hanna   | Doris     | Ebony     |
| Alex    | Laura     | Peggy     |
| Carl    | Duane     | Sue       |
| Laura   | Elizabeth | Victoria  |
| Chrisan | Karen     | Janet     |
| Janice  | Alexa     | Tom       |
| Gerald  | Miriana   | Wilma     |
| Olga    | Olga      | Jerry     |
| Janie   | Richard   | Penelope  |
| David   | Klaudia   | Cora      |
| Sharon  | Nicodemus | Brandi    |
| Tanya   | Nada      |           |

\*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

### **Special Petitions at the Augmented Litany:**

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We also pray You, O Lord our God, to remember and have mercy on our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Russia and Ukraine, who are involved in violent conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you** to the Church School teachers and other volunteers that made our Bonfire and Movie Night on Friday so fun and delicious!

There will be **no Bible Study this week.**

The parish **Lending Library**, located in the first room on the right on your way to the hall, is up and running! If anyone would like to donate Orthodox books to the library, please see Tiffany O'Day.

**Christmas/Nativity** cards, ornaments, books and more are now in stock in the bookstore.

Our parish will host **Feed the Flock on Saturday, November 12**. If you are interested in helping, please see Nick Revak, who will lead our team this time.

The **Women's Book Club** will start on it's next book in January of 2023. Sign-up begins now, however, to give plenty of time to order copies of the book. A Sign-up sheet is in Narthex, which includes more information including dates, time, and the title of the book.

### **Mark your calendars:**

Nov 3: **Divine Liturgy** for the translation of the relics of St. George at **St. George Cathedral in Chicago @ 9am**

Nov 12: **Feed the Flock** at First Presbyterian Church in Merrillville

Nov 15: **Beginning of Advent**

Nov 21: **Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple @ 10am**

Nov 24: **Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy @ 10am**

**Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$1,813**

# **Exortation at the Enthronement of our Bishop Daniel**

**By His Beatitude, our Metropolitan Tikhon**

Your Grace Bishop Daniel, I greet you today with joy, joy for you and joy for your flock. But it is not just I who have come to visit the cathedral for your enthronement. The kontakion for today's feast speaks of the holy hierarchs coming to stand together with us in the Church, praying for us together with the Theotokos. It is therefore perhaps especially appropriate, on the occasion of your enthronement as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest, to recall the words of one of those holy hierarchs who stands together invisibly with us today.

These are a few of the words of the holy hieroconfessor Anthony (Abashidze), then known as Bishop Demetrius, at the time

of his episcopal ordination: “My entire being entered a state of trepidation and turmoil when I heard the voice calling me to the episcopate... The Lamb of the Eternal Testament, who was slain for the sins of the world, the Savior God, the only Shepherd of our souls, our one Teacher and Instructor, Jesus Christ, is now calling me to himself on Golgotha...”

Of course, Your Grace has already experienced something of the burdens and trials of the episcopal ministry prior to being enthroned as a diocesan hierarch. Your Grace knows that this ministry involves an intimate identification with the Savior, an intimate association with the Crucified. But each of us who is called to the hierarchical ministry does not act alone. We are not lonely heroes, going to meet our fates. We are instead links in a chain, connecting Christ and his apostles with the Body of Christ assembled around us today in the Orthodox Church in America. The grace we possess has been passed down to us by the laying on of hands, and the teaching with which we are entrusted has been vouchsafed to our care by word of mouth and by letter. It is up to us, with the assistance of our presbyterate and other clergy, to pass on the grace of the sacraments and the preaching of the Gospel to all the faithful, to all the crowds who hunger for the heavenly Bread and thirst for the Water of life. In this, we are assisted by the prayers of our brother-bishops, and by the intercessions of our clergy and faithful. We can look to the Mother of God and all the saints. But most especially, we can look to those who came before us and served as bishops and high priests in the Church of Christ and who are now glorified in heaven and on earth.

The troparion to St Nicholas, which serves as a general troparion for all bishop-saints, tells us some of the characteristics that all these men had in common. Their very life was a rule of faith. They did not deviate from the saving Gospel, from the faith delivered once and for all to the saints. They were icons of humility. They did not rule by the letter of the law, by despotic power, by ego and self-righteousness. Rather, they crucified their desires, their pride, their vainglory. They were meek when it came to their own prerogatives but strong when it came to the truth of the faith and the well-being of their flock. Thus, they humbled themselves before God and man. Finally, they were teachers of abstinence. The Church sojourns in this world awhile, but it is not of this world. The bishop must always be the first to direct his eyes toward our heavenly

homeland rather than strictly earthly concerns, whether these concerns be personal or institutional.

The holy hierarchs whose names we know are very numerous, and how many are unknown? They range from the famed, like St Nicholas, to the somewhat obscure, like the aforementioned hieroconfessor and schema-archbishop Anthony, to those who are, to us, completely anonymous. And so, even as you look continuously to cultivate a good relationship with your brother-bishops on the Holy Synod, I urge you also to foster your devotion to some of the holy hierarchs who have run a good race before you. Deepen your pastoral relationship with your flock, and also deepen your friendship with some of your holy forebears in your episcopal ministry. It is with the help of the whole Church, living and departed, on earth and in heaven, that you accept the throne of Chicago and the Midwest, this Golgotha of the ego to which Our Lord himself calls you.

As you ascend this throne—as you ascend the cross that Christ has appointed for you—it is my prayer that you, too, Bishop Daniel, will always truly appear to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, taking as your model the holy hierarchs down through the centuries. Rely on their prayers, on the prayers of your flock, and on the intercessions of the Mother of God, putting your ultimate trust in the Crucified Savior, whose minister you are. And as you rely on the prayers of others, so always pray for others. We rejoice in this joyful occasion. The ministry you have received is a cross, but it is through the Cross that joy and salvation have come into the world. And I, together with all your brother-bishops, your clergy and your faithful, and the entire Orthodox Church in America are available to support you in your ministry.

Through the prayerful protection of the most holy Theotokos and the intercession of all the holy hierarchs, may Our Lord Jesus Christ keep you, have mercy on you, grant you many blessed years on the throne of Chicago and the Midwest, and vouchsafe you salvation and a place in the mansion of the righteous in the age to come.

**Glory to God for all things!**