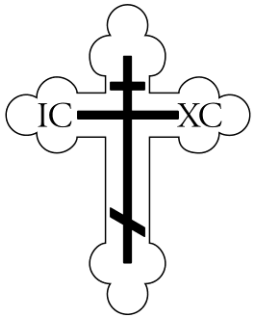
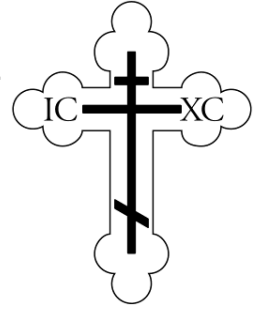


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Great Vespers: 6pm Saturdays

Divine Liturgy: 10am Sundays

Confession is available before or
after Vespers or by appointment

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

July 12, 2026

Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra Ven. Michael of Maleinus

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion were natives of the village of Kallippi, near Ancyra, and they suffered during the time of a persecution under the emperor Trajan (98-117). Saint Proclus was put under arrest first. Brought before the governor Maximus, he fearlessly confessed his faith in Christ. The governor decided to compel the saint to submit himself to the emperor and offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. During his tortures, the martyr predicted to Maximus that soon he himself would be compelled to

confess Christ as the true God. They forced the martyr to run after the chariot of the governor, heading towards the village Kallippi. Exhausted, Saint Proclus prayed that the Lord would halt the chariot. By the power of God the chariot halted, and no force could move it from the spot. The dignitary sitting in it became petrified. The martyr told him that he would remain unmoving until such time as he would sign a document with a confession of Christ. Only after this could the chariot continue on its way with the governor.

The humiliated pagan took fierce revenge on Saint Proclus. He commanded that Proclus be led out beyond the city, tied to a pillar and shot with arrows. The soldiers, leading Saint Proclus to execution, told him to give in and save his life, but the saint said that they should follow their orders.

Along the way to the place of execution, they met Hilarion, the nephew of Saint Proclus, who with tears embraced his uncle and also confessed himself a Christian. The soldiers seized him, and he was thrown into prison. The holy Martyr Proclus prayed for his tormentors and surrendered his soul to God beneath a hail of arrows.

Saint Hilarion was brought to trial and, with the same courage as Saint Proclus, confessed himself a Christian. After tortures he was sentenced to death. They tied the martyr's hands and dragged him by his feet through the city, wounded and bloody, and then they beheaded him three days after the death of his uncle, the holy Martyr Proclus. Christians buried them together in a single grave

Today Catechumens will depart for class in the hall when dismissed.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 5 – Resurrectional Troparion

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.

Tone 4– Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,

illumined 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 the Martyrs

Your holy martyrs Proclus and Hilary, 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 intercession, save our souls!

Tone 8 – Troparion for Ven. Michael

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//
Therefore your spirit, venerable Michael, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 5 – Resurrectional Kontakion

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

Tone 4 – Kontakion for the Martyrs

Like the morning star,
your glorious sufferings enlighten us with holy miracles.
We celebrate you memory, O Proclus and Hilary;
pray to Christ our God for us//
that He will save our souls!

Tone 2 – Kontakion for Ven. Michael

By your deeds you withered the arrogance of the flesh;
and through enlightenment you gave wings to your agility of spirit.
You were revealed as a dwelling-place of the Trinity,
Whom now you clearly behold.//
O blessed Michael, unceasingly pray for us all!

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 5 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 11)

You, O Lord, shall protect us
and preserve us from this generation forever.

Epistle: Romans 12.6-14 (Sunday)

Brethren: Having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Gospel: Matthew 9.1-8 (Sunday)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

N.Dep. Carol Lear		Ev. Mem Simeon Barna (1944)	
Olivia Champion		Peter Ozersky (1944)	
Hattie Jones		Vera Zinkovick (1972)	
Michael Heavin			
Health & Salv.	Jesse	Anastasia	
Archpr. Peter	Autumn	Christine	
Mat. Cynthia	James	Mira	
Hierom. John	John	Jaroslava	
Mat. Anne	Jacob	Cameron	
Valer	Carol	Regina	
Nun Theodora	Snezana	Matthew	
Rollie	Ryan	Cindy	
Claudia	Nathan	Aisha	
Mary Ann	Kara	Patricia	
Raymond	Sarah	Charlette	
Edward	Jamie	Elias	
Charlotte	Kyleigh	Sara	
Betsy	Lauren	Thomas	
Klaudia	Kyle	Jarrayd	
Maja	Carolynn	Kira	
Gerald	Amelia	Shaun	
Janet	Aaron	Cecilia & unborn	
Gerald	Marcietta	Rita	
Rebecca	Charles	Kenneth	
Christopher	Rosemary	Alla	
Moses	Nicholas	Maria	
Helena	Natalie	Ethan	
James	Meagan	Logan	
Elijah	Kimberly	Joseph	
Lydia	Stephanie	Mamie	
Nina	Robin	Mary	
Ezra	Leonardo	Kimberly	
James	Daniel	Michael	
Rebecca	Tiffany	Anastasia	
	Yelena	Michal	

Carlos	Erin	Cody
Sarah	Melissa	Heidi
Anika	Solomon	Mary Ann
Gabriel	Atlas	Elizabeth
Kyle	Katharine	Don
Louis	Kalyn	
Noni	Samuel	

To add the name of a loved one recently departed or on the anniversary of their repose, or someone living and in particular need of prayer, please speak to Fr Jacob.

Special Petition at the Augmented Litany:

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially the victims in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Iran and the Middle East. 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, hearken and have mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Jacob will be out of town June 29 – July 15. For pastoral emergencies, Fr. Nicholas Denysenko is available at 763-670-8011, except for July 3-11, when Fr. Daniel Radu will answer at 248-747-1335.

No Bible Study while Father Jacob is out of town.

Mark Your Calendars

Jun 29-Jul 17: Fr Jacob is on vacation.

July 19: **Blessing of Vehicles** after Liturgy

July 21: **Parish Council Meeting** 7pm

July 26: **Parish Picnic** after liturgy

Last Week’s Gifts to the Lord: \$ 8048

Glory to God for all things!