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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

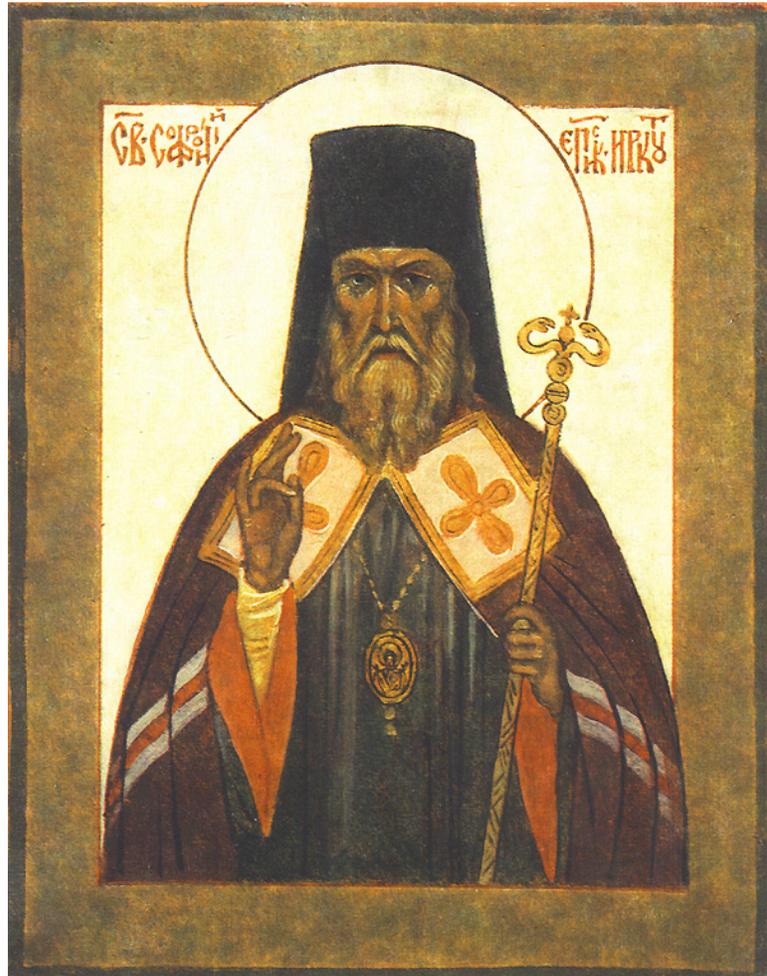
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MARCH 26, 2017

ST. JOHN
CLIMACUS

ST. SOPHRONIUS



MARCH 30

Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Irkutsk and Wonderworker of all Siberia, whose family name was Kristalevsky, was born in Malorussia in the Chernigov region in 1704. His father, Nazarius, was “a common man in his affairs, and the saint was named Stephen, in honor of the protomartyr Saint Stephen. He had two brothers and a sister, Pelagia. The name of one brother was Paul. The name of the other older brother is unknown, but it is said that he was head of the Krasnogorsk Zolotonosh monastery.

Stephen’s childhood years were spent in the settlement of Berezan in the Pereyaslavl district of the Poltava governance, where the family settled after the father was discharged from service. When he came of age, Stephen entered the Kiev Theological Academy, where two other future hierarchs were studying: Joasaph, future Bishop of Belgorod (September 4 and December 10), and Paul, future Metropolitan of Tobolsk (June 10 and November 4).

After completing his religious education, Stephen entered the Krasnogorsk Transfiguration monastery (later renamed the Protection monastery. In 1789, it was transformed into a women’s monastery), where his elder brother already labored in asceticism. On April 23, 1730 he received monastic tonsure with the name of Sophronius, in honor of Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem (March 11).

On the night after his monastic tonsure, Saint Sophronius heard a Voice in the Protection church predicting his future service: “When you become bishop, build a church dedicated to All Saints.”

In 1732, he was summoned to Kiev. There he was ordained hierodeacon, and then hieromonk in the cathedral of Holy Wisdom. After Saint Sophronius had been a monk for two years, he became treasurer of the Zolotonosh monastery for two years, and then His Grace Bishop Arsenius (Berlov) of the Pereyaslavl diocese sent him into the house of his archbishop, where he was steward for eight years.

These facts testify to the connections of the saint with his original Protection monastery. During his obedience under the presiding hierarch at Pereyaslavl, he often visited his monastery, spending the day in quiet contemplation and work, serving as an example to the brethren.

When Hieromonk Sophronius traveled to the Holy Synod on behalf of his bishop, they paid close attention to him. In January 1742, the future saint was transferred to the Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra in Saint Peterburg, the foremost monastery of the capital. A year later he was appointed treasurer of the monastery, and in 1746 he was appointed as Superior of the monastery.

He summoned his fellow countryman, the hieromonk Sinesios (Ivanoff), a native of the city of Priluki, and made him igumen of the Saint Sergius Hermitage, a dependancy of Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra. From this time the friendship of the two ascetics, hieromonk Sophronius and hieromonk Sinesios, was strengthened by their joint pastoral effort, and they were inseparable until they died in Siberia.

During these years Saint Sophronius worked hard at managing the monastery and improvement of teaching at the seminary located nearby. He and Archbishop Theodosius made it their task to acquire more books for the monastic library.

Saint Sophronius built a two storey church: the upper church was dedicated to Saint Theodore, the older brother of Saint Alexander Nevsky; and the lower to Saint John Chrysostom.

Bishop Innocent II (Nerunovich) of Irkutsk died in 1747. For six years afterwards, the Irkutsk diocese remained without a spiritual head.

Finally, on February 23, 1753, the empress Elizabeth (1741-1761) recommended the pious Igumen Sophronius of the Alexander Nevsky monastery to the Holy Synod as “a person, not only worthy of episcopal rank, but also someone completely able to fulfill the wishes and the hopes of the state and the Synod, and take up the burden of episcopal service on the far frontier and satisfy the needs of his flock in that harsh land, among wild primitives and lawless people.”

On April 18, 1753, Thomas Sunday, Hieromonk Sophronius was consecrated Bishop of Irkutsk and Nerchinsk in the Dormition cathedral.

Foreseeing difficult service on the distant Siberian frontier, the new bishop did not immediately travel to the Irkutsk eparchy, but rather began to gather educated and spiritually experienced co-workers. During this period Saint Sophronius visited at his original Krasnogorsk monastery. At the holy places of Kiev, he also sought the blessings of the Kiev Caves Saints for his service. The constant companion of the saint, as had been before, was the hieromonk Sinesios, sharing in his friend’s work.

At Moscow, Archbishop Platon of Moscow and Sevsk provided him with further assistance. He gave him fatherly advice for his task, since he was quite familiar with the peculiarities of the Siberian religious life. He forewarned him about the self-willed local authorities, and advised him to surround himself with trustworthy helpers.

On March 20, 1754 the saint arrived at Irkutsk. He went first to the Ascension monastery, his predecessor’s residence, and prayed at the grave of Bishop Innocent (Kulchitz), asking his blessing as he took up his assignment.

Familiarizing himself with the state of affairs in the diocese, the saint began the reorganization of the Spiritual consistory, monasteries and parishes, and appealed to the Holy Synod to send worthy men to the Irkutsk eparchy for priestly service.

Before the arrival of Saint Sophronius, the Irkutsk monasteries had already a century-old history. The founders of these monasteries were motivated by a fervent desire for monastic life. The wise hierarch appointed people of piety, wisdom, virtue, and with great experience both of life and spiritual matters as heads of the monastic communities. In 1754, Bishop Sophronius elevated his friend and companion Hieromonk Sinesios to be Archimandrite of Ascension monastery. He served the monastery for thirty-three years until his blessed repose.

In September 1754, the bishop issued a decree in which he expressed concern for the education and upbringing of the children of the clergy. He wanted them to learn the HOROLOGION, the PSALTER, singing and letters, and this instruction “ought to be conducted with all industriousness and the utmost diligence, so that the children might be able to fulfill the responsibilities of sacristan and deacon.”

Studying both people and circumstances, the bishop in his sermons and conversations exhorted all to a higher moral ideal. He devoted particular attention to the reverent and correct performance of the divine services and the Holy Mysteries, and he also looked after the moral purity of laymen. He was concerned about the position of women in the family, and defended them against their unjust inequality. The bishop attempted to set straight the

Rule of divine services, and so he summoned priests, deacons, subdeacons and sacristans, and those who sang in the choir during services.

Traveling about the diocese, the saint noticed that censuring and the ringing of bells were not being done properly in all places, and therefore he issued a decree restoring the proper way of censuring and bell-ringing.

Called to apostolic service in this frontier region, Saint Sophronius realized that his duty was to enlighten the Christians of the area, and also to convert the idol-worshippers, who were very numerous in Siberia.

It was difficult to bring pagans to the Church of Christ, especially because sometimes there was no one to serve in the churches, and to borrow priests for missionary activity only made matters worse. Knowing that the Church services would have a salutary effect on non-Russians, the saint not only served with reverence himself, but also required it of all his clergy.

Saint Sophronius also contributed to the development of a stable culture among the local people. He offered them monastic lands for settlements and in every way he endeavored to isolate them from the influence of paganism. A constant throng of visitors came from faraway places for his blessing.

Even with his many cares, he did not forget his own spiritual life and eternity. He also led an ascetical life. His cell-attendant said that the saint “used simple food in small quantities. He served often, spent the greater part of the night at prayer, sleeping on the floor under a sheepskin or a fur, a deerskin or bear hide, and a small simple pillow.

The spirit of his ascetic life fit in with the general uplifting of the Christian spirit in Russia after the glorification of Saint Demetrius of Rostov (September 21), Theodosius of Chernigov (September 9), and the uncovering of the incorrupt relics of his predecessor, Saint Innocent of Irkutsk (February 9). This event inspired Saint Sophronius to greater efforts and encouraged him to ask for the help of Saint Innocent in his task of building up the diocese.

Until the end of his days Saint Sophronius kept his love for the Krasnogor Zolotonosh monastery, which had nurtured him in the days of his youth. He constantly contributed support for its upkeep, sending the necessary means for this.

Noticing a deterioration in his health, Saint Sophronius petitioned the Holy Synod to let him retire. The answer from Peterburg did not come right away, since it was difficult to choose a worthy successor.

The final days of Saint Sophronius’ s life were spent in asceticism and prayer.

The light, which shone on the good deeds of Saint Sophronius, continues to the present time to testify to the glory of the Heavenly Father, “Who mercifully strengthens His saints.” Now the holy memory of Saint Sophronius is reverently preserved not only in Siberia at the place of his



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26

Mar. 26 Heb. 6:13-20
Mark 9:17-31

Mar. 28 Genesis 15:1-15
Proverbs 15:7-19

Mar. 31 Genesis 22:1-18
Proverbs 17:17-18:5

Mar. 27 Genesis 13:12-18
Proverbs 14:27-15:4

Mar. 29 Genesis 17:1-9
Proverbs 15:20-16:9

Apr. 1 Heb. 9:24-28
Mark 8:27-31

Mar. 30 Genesis 18:20-33
Proverbs 16:17-17:17



Every Friday of Lent: March 3rd - April 14th

**FISH.
PASTA.
PIEROGIES.
DESSERTS.
BAR.
AND MORE...**



Band Line Up:
March 3rd - The Goods Band
March 10th - One Hit Wonders
March 17th - Velvet Shake
March 24th - Caliber Band
March 31st - Rubix Cubed
April 7th - Chardon Polka Band
April 14th - Victory Highway

Dinner served 5pm-9pm
Live music 8pm-11pm

Rockin' Fish Fry is BACK for its 3rd Season

**FOCA Lenten Soup Sale
TODAY
Proceeds benefit
Gift of Love Program
Please see Darrell Felon
for more information**



The Cathedral is looking for grass cutters for the churchyard on Thursdays from April through October. Depending on how many people volunteer, your shift would occur every 3-4 weeks. Please email the office to sign up. sttheocemetery@yahoo.com

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

**Jason Sasarak (nephew of
Sonia Sasarak)**
02-09-17

Mikolay Jarachovic
03-02-17

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Matushka Catherine Jula
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Julia
Betty Balasz
**Christopher Baymiller (friend of
Paul Pangrace)**
**Paula Baymiller (friend of Paul
Pangrace)**
Carol Bohurjak
Marie Borland
Julie Byndas

Gregory Cervo
Arlene Czajkowski
Jerry Czajkowski
**Horia Dascalescu (Lavinia Morris's
brother)**
Joy Jahans (friend of Paul Pangrace)
**Stephen Jahans (friend of Paul
Pangrace)**
**John Kovalski (friend of Paul
Pangrace)**
Susan Lentz
**Chris Magee (Erin Zawolowycz's
brother)**
Melissa McCutcheon
Jethro Miles
Paul Mihal
Andy Mytrohovich
Daniel O'Donnell
Pat O'Donnell
**Debra Parhamovich (Karen Felon's
sister)**
**Grace Parhamovich (Karen Felon's
mother)**

Gina Petkac
Peter Petkac
**Elena Rich (Jerry Czajkowski's
daughter)**
Dorothy Romig
Julia Sankovic (Child)
**Elaine Sudnick (Joy Pfeiffer's
mother)**
Janice Tkacz
**Elisabeth Wright (friend of Paul
Pangrace)**
Erin Zawolowycz
Peter Zimmerman

**Yohnathan & Melissa King
(Alex & Debbie Wojnicz's
daughter) & Unborn Child**

**Deacon Daniel & Mat. Jenn
Boerio & Unborn Child**

**Fr. Andrew & Presbytera Lori
Lentz & Unborn Child**



Gabriel, the holy Archistrategos (Leader of the Heavenly Hosts), is a faithful servant of the Almighty God. He announced the future Incarnation of the Son of God to those of the Old Testament; he inspired the Prophet Moses to write the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), he announced the coming tribulations of the Chosen People to the Prophet Daniel (Dan. 8:16, 9:21-24); he appeared to Saint Anna (July 25) with the news that she would give birth to the Virgin Mary.

The holy Archangel Gabriel remained with the Holy Virgin Mary when She was a child in the Temple of Jerusalem, and watched over Her throughout Her earthly life. He appeared to the Priest Zachariah, foretelling the birth of the Forerunner of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist.

The Lord sent him to Saint Joseph the Betrothed in a dream, to reveal to him the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God from the All-Pure Virgin Mary, and warned him of the wicked intentions of Herod, ordering him to flee into Egypt with the divine Infant and His Mother.

When the Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before His Passion, the Archangel Gabriel, whose very name signifies "Man of God" (Luke. 22:43), was sent from Heaven to strengthen Him.

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

3/26/17	Dan & Lavinia Morris
4/2/17	Joy & David Pfeiffer
4/9/17	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
4/16/17	HOLY PASCHA (No Coffee Hour)
4/23/17	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind
4/30/17	Nick & Kate Zolikoff
5/7/17	Michael Tabeling & Michael Udell

Greeters:

Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Paul Pangrace & Michael Tabeling
Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
Debby Pinta & Michael Tabeling (Midnight Service)
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
Michael Tabeling & Igor Gajewsky



GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 2,779.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 3,759.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2017 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritsky
from John & Ruth Fritsky

For the month of March:

In loving memory of Jason Sasarak
from the Sasarak family



SANDBAGGER'S OPEN

Dorlon Golf Club
18000 Station Rd
Columbia Station, OH 44028
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REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 8AM
SHOTGUN STARTS @ 9AM

INCLUDES:
LIGHT BREAKFAST
LUNCH AT THE TURN
HOLE PRIZES
DINNER



2017 SATURDAY
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JUNE 10th



\$85/
Player

\$340/
Foursome

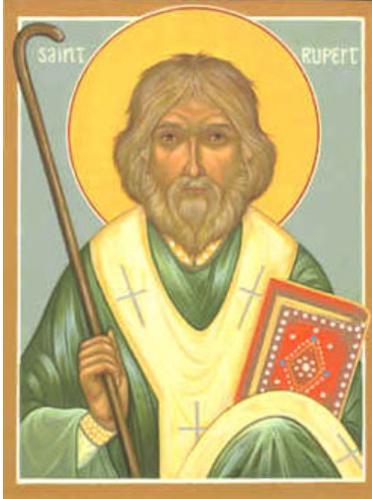
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Dinner Only

Outing Benefits
The St. Theodosius Cathedral
Parish Hall Improvement Fund

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A Saint from Salzburg

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



Many people know Salzburg, Austria as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who was born there in 1756. But on March 27 we commemorate Saint Rupert of Salzburg, who lived there ten centuries earlier and did great work in spreading the Gospel and building up the Church.

Before his years in Salzburg, Rupert was bishop of the area around Frankfurt, Germany and was confessor to the Frankish king Childebert. Though he had himself been born into the proud Frankish nobility, Rupert believed humility and simplicity were the most important qualities for a Christian to cultivate. He used up his inherited money in caring for the poor, fasted strictly, and spent hours in prayer.

In his administrative duties as a bishop, Rupert became known for his willingness to hear all sides of a disagreement. He would then make decisions that were carefully and prayerfully thought out, and as fair as possible to everyone.

Like most priests, he especially loved to preach and teach about Jesus Christ and the Gospel. His sermons attracted listeners from far beyond the region he oversaw, and as a confessor he strengthened the faith of people who came to him. His reputation for giving wise advice, always based on the teachings of Christ, motivated political leaders from the vicinity and even from other countries to consult him.

But Rupert's prominence inspired jealousy and resentment in some. The problem was compounded by the fact that powerful pagan influences were still at work among the people. Rupert's ability to advance Christianity was feared by the most superstitious among them. The growing feeling against Rupert finally led to his being beaten with rods and exiled.

The Duke of Bavaria had heard of Rupert's excellent work, and was appalled by the harshness with which his countrymen were treating the humble bishop, though he himself was still a worshipper of idols. He invited Rupert to come to Bavaria so that he and his people could be enlightened in the faith. Rupert accepted the invitation with joy and a bit of trepidation at the enormity of the task.

Once the Duke had received baptism and understood what a great, saving gift it was, he gave Rupert a ship and crew to sail down the Danube River. In the towns and villages along the way the bishop preached and taught, heard confessions, and baptized.

In time Rupert went to live in the ancient, now desolate city of Juvavia, and with financial backing from the Duke built an episcopal cathedral high in the remote mountains nearby. He added land and buildings, creating a center for spiritual learning from which trained priests went out to spread the faith. He built a women's monastery and encouraged women to take up the monastic life.

Rupert promoted the mining of the abundant salt in the area as a means of supporting his missionary work. Some depictions of the saint show him holding a large container. It's filled with salt, appropriate for Saint Rupert, who is largely responsible for the fact that the city once known as Juvavia is now Salzburg.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2017

Sunday, Mar. 26
ST. JOHN CLIMACUS
SYNAXIS OF THE
ARCHANGEL GABRIEL
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
FOCA Lenten Soup Sale

Monday, Mar. 27
MARTYR MATRONA
OF THESSALONICA
6:00 PM Lenten Vespers
7:00 PM Bible Study @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, Mar. 28
VEN. HILARION THE NEW
VEN. STEPHEN
THE WONDERWORKER
6:00 PM Lenten Vespers

Wednesday, Mar. 29
HIEROMARTYR MARK,
BISHOP OF ANTHUSA
5:00 PM Confession
6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy
Potluck following Liturgy



MARCH
Special Collection

**ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**



Thursday, Mar. 30
VEN. JOHN CLIMACUS
ST. SOPHRONY,
BISHOP OF IRKUTSK
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @
Copper Stone
6:00 PM Lenten Vespers

Friday, Mar. 31
REPOSE ST. INNOCENT,
METR. OF MOSCOW AND
APOST. TO THE AMERICAS
9:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, Apr. 1
VEN. MARY OF EGYPT
VEN. EUTHYMIUS
OF SUZDAL'
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
4:45 PM Church School
5:00 PM Confession
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Apr. 2
ST. MARY OF EGYPT
VEN. TITUS
THE WONDERWORKER
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



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MARCH - APRIL