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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

* AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to: sttheocemetery@yahoo.com by Wednesday of each week before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.

OCTOBER 9, 2016

ST. TIKHON,
PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW
HOLY APOSTLE JAMES,
SON OF ALPHEUS

ST. TIKHON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW



St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America was born as Vasily Ivanovich Belavin on January 19, 1865 into the family of Ioann Belavin, a rural priest of the Toropetz district of the Pskov diocese. His childhood and adolescence were spent in the village in direct contact with peasants and their labor. From his early years he displayed a particular religious disposition, love for the Church as well as rare meekness and humility.

When Vasily was still a boy, his father had a revelation about each of his children. One night, when he and his three sons slept in the hayloft, he suddenly woke up and roused them. He had seen his dead mother in a dream, who foretold to him his imminent death, and the fate of his three sons. She said that one would be unfortunate throughout his entire life, another would die young, while the third, Vasily, would be a great man. The prophecy of the dead woman proved to be entirely accurate in regard to all three brothers.

From 1878 to 1883, Vasily studied at the Pskov Theological Seminary. The modest seminarian was tender and affectionate by nature. He was fair-haired and tall of stature. His fellow students liked and respected him for his piety, brilliant progress in studies, and constant readiness to help comrades, who often turned to him for explanations of lessons, especially for help in drawing up and correcting numerous compositions. Vasily was called “bishop” and “patriarch” by his classmates.

In 1888, at the age of 23, Vasily Belavin graduated from the St Petersburg Theological Academy as a layman, and returned to the Pskov Seminary as an instructor of Moral and Dogmatic Theology. The whole seminary and the town of Pskov became very fond of him. He led an austere and chaste life, and in 1891, when he turned 26, he took monastic vows. Nearly the whole town gathered for the ceremony. He embarked on this new way of life consciously and deliberately, desiring to dedicate himself entirely to the service of the Church. The meek and humble young man was given the name Tikhon in honor of St Tikhon of Zadonsk.

He was transferred from the Pskov Seminary to the Kholm Theological Seminary in 1892, and was raised to the rank of archimandrite. Archimandrite Tikhon was consecrated Bishop of Lublin on October 19, 1897, and returned to Kholm for a year as Vicar Bishop of the Kholm Diocese. Bishop Tikhon zealously devoted his energy to the establishment of the new vicariate. His attractive moral make-up won the general affection, of not only the Russian population, but also of the Lithuanians and Poles. On September 14, 1898, Bishop Tikhon was made Bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska. As head of the Orthodox Church in America, Bishop Tikhon was a zealous laborer in the Lord’s vineyard.

He did much to promote the spread of Orthodoxy, and to improve his vast diocese. He reorganized the diocesan structure, and changed its name from “Diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska” to “Diocese of the Aleutians and North America” in 1900. Both clergy and laity loved their archpastor, and held him in such esteem that the Americans made Archbishop Tikhon an honorary citizen of the United States.

On May 22, 1901, he blessed the cornerstone for St Nicholas Cathedral in New York, and was also involved in establishing other churches. On November 9, 1902, he consecrated the church of St Nicholas in Brooklyn for the Syrian Orthodox immigrants. Two weeks later, he consecrated St Nicholas Cathedral in NY.

In 1905, the American Mission was made an Archdiocese, and St Tikhon was elevated to the rank of Archbishop. He had two vicar bishops: Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) in Alaska, and St Raphael (Hawaweeny) in Brooklyn to assist him in administering his large, ethnically diverse diocese. In June of 1905, St Tikhon gave his blessing for the establishment of St Tikhon’s Monastery.

In 1907, he returned to Russia, and was appointed to Yaroslavl, where he quickly won the affection of his flock. They came to love him as a friendly, communicative, and wise archpastor. He spoke simply to his subordinates, never resorting to a peremptory or overbearing tone. When he had to reprimand someone, he did so in a good-natured, sometimes joking manner, which encouraged the person to correct his mistakes.

When St Tikhon was transferred to Lithuania on December 22, 1913, the people of Yaroslavl voted him an honorary citizen of their town. After his transfer to Vilnius, he did much in terms of material support for various charitable institutions. There too, his generous soul and love of people clearly manifested themselves. World War I broke out when His Eminence was in Vilnius. He spared no effort to help the poor residents of the Vilnius region who were left without a roof over their heads or means of subsistence as a result of the war with the Germans, and who flocked to their archpastor in droves.

After the February Revolution and formation of a new Synod, St Tikhon became one of its members. On June 21, 1917, the Moscow Diocesan Congress of clergy and laity elected him as their ruling bishop. He was a zealous and educated archpastor, widely known even outside his country.

On August 15, 1917, a local council was opened in Moscow, and Archbishop Tikhon was raised to the dignity of Metropolitan, and then elected as chairman of the council. The council had as its aim to restore the life of Russian Orthodox Church on strictly canonical principles, and its primary concern was the restoration of the Patriarchate. All council members would select three candidates, and then a lot would reveal the will of God. The council members chose three candidates: Archbishop Anthony of Kharkov, the wisest, Archbishop Arseny of Novgorod, the strictest, and Metropolitan Tikhon of Moscow, the kindest of the Russian hierarchs.

On November 5, following the Divine Liturgy and a Molieben in the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, a monk removed one of the three ballots from the ballot box, which stood before the Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God. Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev announced Metropolitan Tikhon as the newly elected Patriarch. St Tikhon did not change after becoming the primate of the Russian Orthodox Church. In accepting the will of the council, Patriarch Tikhon referred to the scroll that the Prophet Ezekiel had to eat, on which was written, "Lamentations, mourning, and woe." He foresaw that his ministry would be filled with affliction and tears, but through all his suffering, he remained the same accessible, unassuming, and kindly person.

All who met St Tikhon were surprised by his accessibility, simplicity and modesty. His gentle disposition did not prevent him from showing firmness in Church matters, however, particularly when he had to defend the Church from her enemies. He bore a very heavy cross. He had to administer and direct the Church amidst wholesale church disorganization, without auxiliary administrative bodies, in conditions of internal schisms and upheavals by various adherents of the Living Church, renovationists, and autocephalists.

The situation was complicated by external circumstances: the change of the political system, by the accession to power of the godless regime, by hunger, and civil war. This was a time when Church property was being confiscated, when clergy were subjected to court trials and persecutions, and Christ's Church endured repression. News of this came to the Patriarch from all ends of Russia. His exceptionally high moral and religious authority helped him to unite the scattered and enfeebled flock. At a crucial time for the church, his unblemished name was a bright beacon pointing the way to the truth of Orthodoxy. In his messages, he called on people to fulfill the commandments of Christ, and to attain spiritual rebirth through repentance. His irreproachable life was an example to all.

In order to save thousands of lives and to improve the general position of the church, the Patriarch took measures to prevent clergy from making purely political statements. On September 25, 1919, when the civil war was at its height, he issued a message to the clergy urging them to stay away from political struggle.

The summer of 1921 brought a severe famine to the Volga region. In August, Patriarch Tikhon issued a message to the Russian people and to the people of the world, calling them to help famine victims. He gave his blessing for voluntary donations of church valuables, which were not directly used in liturgical services. However, on February 23, 1922, the All-Russian Central Executive Committee published a decree making all valuables subject to confiscation.

According to the 73rd Apostolic Canon, such actions were regarded as sacrilege, and the Patriarch could not approve such total confiscation, especially since many doubted that the valuables would be used to combat famine. This forcible confiscation aroused popular indignation everywhere. Nearly two thousand trials were staged all over Russia, and more than ten thousand believers were shot. The Patriarch's message was viewed as sabotage, for which he was imprisoned from April 1922 until June 1923.

His Holiness, Patriarch Tikhon did much on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church during the crucial time of the so-called Renovationist schism. He showed himself to be a faithful servant and custodian of the undistorted precepts of the true Orthodox Church. He was the living embodiment of Orthodoxy, which was unconsciously recognized even by enemies of the church, who called its members "Tikhonites."

When Renovationist priests and hierarchs repented and returned to the church, they were met with tenderness and love by St Tikhon. This, however, did not represent any deviation from his strictly Orthodox policy. "I ask you to believe me that I will not come to agreement or make concessions which could lead to the loss of the purity and strength of Orthodoxy," the Patriarch said in 1924.

Being a good pastor, who devoted himself entirely to the church's cause, he called upon the clergy to do the same: "Devote all your energy to preaching the word of God and the truth of Christ, especially today, when unbelief and atheism are audaciously attacking the Church of Christ. May the God of peace and love be with all of you!"

It was extremely painful and hard for the Patriarch's loving, responsive heart to endure all the Church's misfortunes. Upheavals in and outside the church, the Renovationist schism, his primatial labors, his concern for the organization and tranquility of Church life, sleepless nights and heavy thoughts, his confinement that lasted more than a year, the spiteful and wicked baiting of his enemies, and the unrelenting criticism sometimes even from the Orthodox, combined to undermine his strength and health.

In 1924, Patriarch Tikhon began to feel unwell. He checked into a hospital, but would leave it on Sundays and Feast Days in order to conduct services. On Sunday, April 5, 1925, he served his last Liturgy, and died two days later. On March 25/April 7, 1925 the Patriarch received Metropolitan Peter and had a long talk with him. In the evening, the Patriarch slept a little, then he woke up and asked what time it was. When he was told it was 11:45 P.M., he made the Sign of the Cross twice and said, "Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee." He did not have time to cross himself a third time.

Almost a million people came to say farewell to the Patriarch. The large cathedral of the Donskoy Monastery in Moscow could not contain the crowd, which overflowed the monastery property into the square and adjacent streets. St Tikhon, the eleventh Patriarch of Moscow, was primate of the Russian Church for seven and a half years.

On September 26/October 9, 1989, the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church glorified Patriarch Tikhon and numbered him among the saints. For nearly seventy years, St Tikhon's relics were believed lost, but in February 1992, they were discovered in a concealed place in the Donskoy Monastery.

It would be difficult to imagine the Russian Orthodox Church without Patriarch Tikhon during those years. He did so much for the Church and for the strengthening of the Faith itself during those difficult years of trial. Perhaps the saint's own words can best sum up his life: "May God teach every one of us to strive for His truth, and for the good of the Holy Church, rather than something for our own sake."

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9

Oct. 9 2 Cor. 6:1-10
Luke 7:11-16

Oct. 11 Eph. 2:19-3:7
Luke 8:1-3

Oct. 14 Eph. 4:17-25
Luke 9:12-18

Oct. 10 Eph. 1:22-2:3
Luke 7:36-50

Oct. 12 Eph. 3:8-21
Luke 8:22-25

Oct. 15 1 Cor. 14:20-25
Luke 6:1-10

Oct. 13 Eph. 4:14-19
Luke 9:7-11

Attention Football Fans!

Join us at the FOCA Browns Tailgate Party

on Sunday, October 16th against

the Tennessee Titans

Game Time is at 1:00 PM

Wings, Hot Dogs & Munchies

starting at 12:00 PM

Cost is \$10 per adult

Children under age 10 are free

\$25/max per family, All Are Welcome

See Darrell for tickets/reservations





PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

David C. Baringer (*friend of Karen Felon*)
09-01-16

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Archpriest Yves Babich
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Matushka Catherine Jula
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Nina
Mary
Michael
Pauline Alexander (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Judith Allgire (*friend of Sonia Vorell*)
Judy Baughman
Christopher Baymiller (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Paula Baymiller (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Karen Beech (*friend of Jerry Czajkowski & Arlene Neale*)
Tami Blaylock (*Igor Gajewsky's daughter*)
Tony Boccheccio
Carol Bohurjak
Thomas Bojurjak, Jr.
Marie Borland
Julie Byndas
Elsie Conrad
Arlene Czajkowski
Jerry Czajkowski
Metodije Damljanovic (*Child*)

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)
Cindy Durkalski
Nadine Ellis
Nashwa Fam
Dorothy Fowler
Gayle Franks (*Judy Schwind's cousin*)
Roger Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's cousin*)
Janet Hennig (*friend of Judy Schwind*)
Sandee Holod
Matthew Hunley (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)
Donna Jacak
Victor Jacak
Kevin Jackam (*Sonia Vorell's cousin*)
Tom Jacobson
Joy Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Stephen Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Diane Kearsley (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)
Maher Khalil
Thomas Khalil
Jacquelyn Kiiskila (*Subdeacon John & Debby Pinta's family member*)
John Kovalski (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Dorothy Laskovich
Joseph Laskowski (*Dorothy Laskovich's nephew*)
Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Jethro Miles
Paul Mihal
Andy Mytrohovich
Maude Palumbo (*Michelle Rajisch's mother*)
Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)
Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)
Anastasia Pogorily-Soljanik
Cindy Powkowski
Dorothy Romig
Julia Sankovic (*Child*)
Debbie Seguin (*friend of Leon Felon*)
Helen Smotzer
Linda Smotzer
Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)
Janice Tkacz
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Erin Zawolowycz
Elizabeth Zimmerman
Peter Zimmerman
Alice Zdinak (*Fr. John's Mother*)

Matt & Loren Finnerty (**James & Kathy Spickler's daughter**) & **Unborn Child**

David & Jessie Jacobson & **Unborn Child**

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

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:

10/9/16	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
10/16/16	Lauren Miklos & Chandra Czaruk
10/23/16	Mat. Cindy Zdinak & The Van Sickles
10/30/16	Steve Rusnak & Jim Schwind
11/6/16	Dan & Lavinia Morris
11/13/16	Joy & David Pfeiffer
11/20/16	Nick & Kate Zolikoff

Greeters:

Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
Karen Felon & Paul Pangrace
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Igor Gajewsky & Linda Smotzer
Sonia Vorell & Virginia Medvec
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko



GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 2,630.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 3,908.00 >

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

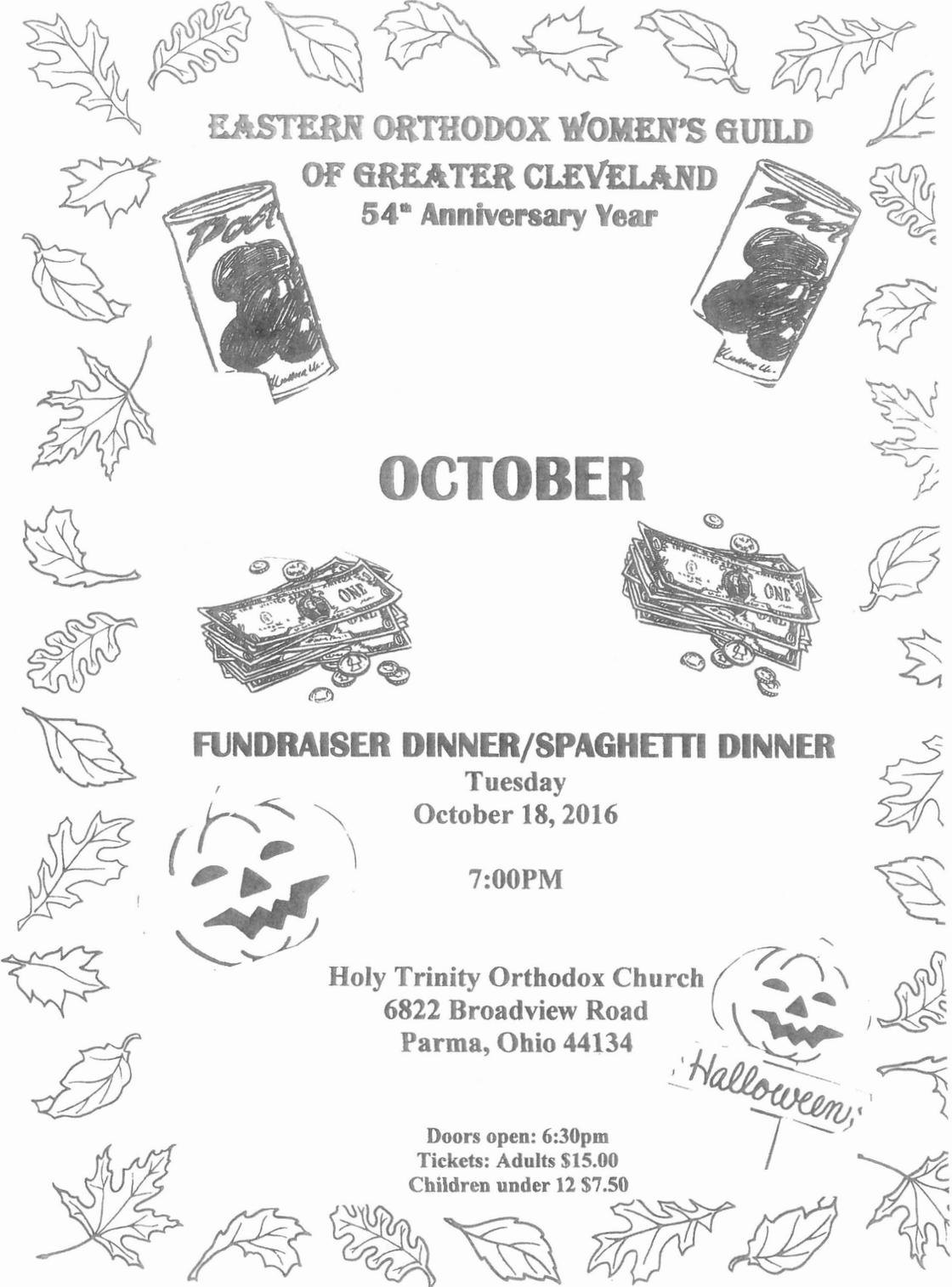


Dome Lighters

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 2016 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey
from John & Ruth Fritskey



**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
54th Anniversary Year**



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FUNDRAISER DINNER/SPAGHETTI DINNER

Tuesday
October 18, 2016

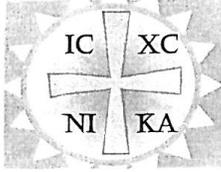
7:00PM



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
6822 Broadview Road
Parma, Ohio 44134



Doors open: 6:30pm
Tickets: Adults \$15.00
Children under 12 \$7.50



Please join us for a lecture series
given by **His Grace Bishop Anthony**
of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
on the subject of:

The Second Coming of Christ

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Donations graciously accepted.

* RETREAT SCHEDULE *

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Retreat Registration - 6:30 PM

Retreat Session #1 (with discussion) - 7 to 9 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Retreat Session #2 (with discussion) - 10 AM to NOON

Lunch---12:00 to 1:30 PM

Retreat Session #3 (with discussion)—1:30 to 3:30 PM

Vespers---3:30 PM



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Matins - 8:45 AM

Hierarchical Liturgy - 10 AM

Akathist for St. Mary of Egypt
with Reception of Relic - 6 PM



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2016

Sunday, Oct. 9

ST. TIKHON,
PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW
HOLY APOSTLE JAMES,
SON OF ALPHEUS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, Oct. 10

ST. AMPHILOKHY OF VOLYN
VEN. AMBROSE OF OPTINA
NEW HIEROMARTYR PETER
7:00 PM Bible Study @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 11

APOSTLE PHILIP OF THE 70,
ONE OF THE 7 DEACONS
VEN. LEO OF OPTINA

Wednesday, Oct. 12

MARTYRS PROBUS,
TARACHUS & ADRONICUS
ST. MARTIN BP. OF TOURS

REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

OCTOBER
Special Collection
I.O.C.C.



Thursday, Oct. 13

MARTYR CARPUS
AND HIS COMPANIONS
MARTYR CHRYSSE (ZLATA)
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @
Copper Stone

Friday, Oct. 14

VEN. PARASCEVA OF
SERBIA
VEN. NIKOLA SVIATOSHA

Saturday, Oct. 15

VEN. EUTHYMIUS THE NEW
MARTYR LUCIAN
ST. SABINUS OF CATANIA
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 16

MARTYR LONGINUS
THE CENTURIAN
VEN. LONGIN OF YARENSK
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
12:00 PM FOCA Browns Tailgate Party



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