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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

Please check weekly schedule
for specific days (last page).

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30TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AFTERFEAST OF THE
THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Saint Theodosius the Great (Jan 11) lived during the fifth-sixth centuries, and was the founder of cenobitic monasticism. He was born in Cappadocia of pious parents. Endowed with a splendid voice, he zealously toiled at church reading and singing. Saint Theodosius prayed fervently that the Lord would guide him on the way to salvation. In his early years he visited the Holy Land and met with Saint Simeon the Stylite (September 1), who blessed him and predicted future pastoral service for him.

Yearning for the solitary life, Saint Theodosius settled in Palestine into a desolate cave, in which, according to Tradition, the three Magi had spent the night, having come to worship the Savior after His Nativity. He lived there for thirty years in great abstinence and unceasing prayer. People flocked to the as-

cetic, wishing to live under his guidance. When the cave could no longer hold all the monks, Saint Theodosius prayed that the Lord Himself would indicate a place for the monks. Taking a censer with cold charcoal and incense, the monk started walking into the desert.

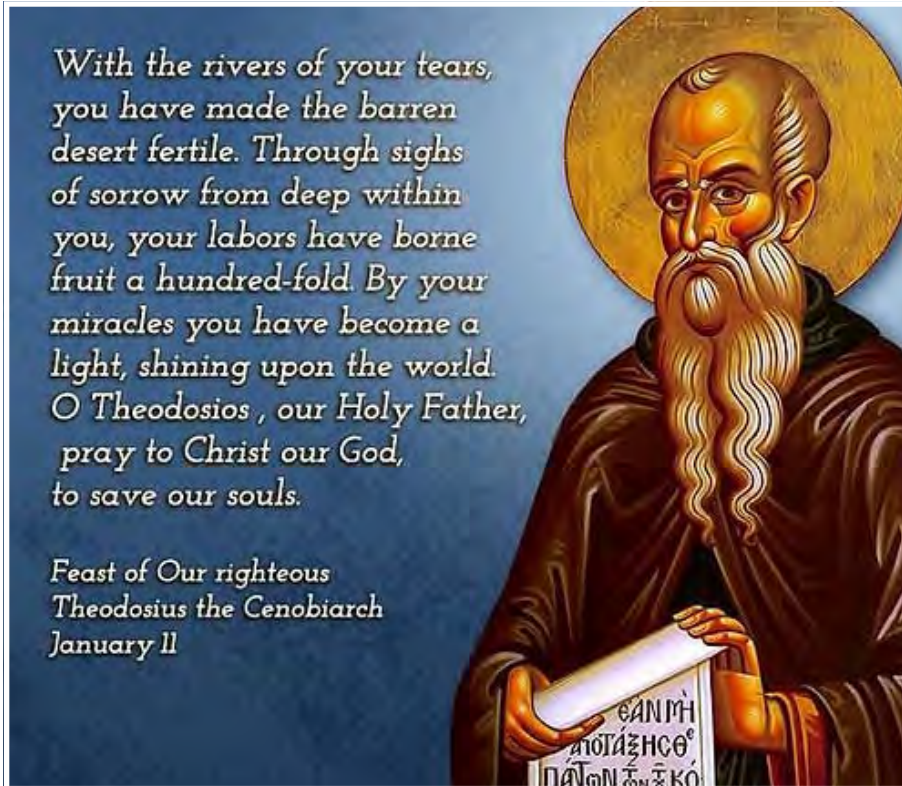
At a certain spot the charcoal ignited by itself and the incense smoke began to rise. Here the monk established the first cenobitic monastery, or Lavra (meaning “broad” or “populous”). Soon the Lavra of Saint Theodosius became renowned, and up to 700 monks gathered at it. According to the final testament of Saint

Theodosius, the Lavra rendered service to neighbor, giving aid to the poor and providing shelter for wanderers.

Saint Theodosius was extremely compassionate. Once, when there was a famine in Palestine and a multitude of people gathered at the monastery, the monk gave orders to allow everyone into the monastery enclosure. His disciples were annoyed, knowing that the monastery did not have the means to feed all those who had come. But when they went into the bakery, they saw that through the prayers of the abba, it was filled with bread. This miracle was repeated every time Saint Theodosius wanted to help the destitute.

At the monastery, Saint Theodosius built a home for taking in strangers, separate infirmaries for

monks and laymen, and also a shelter for the dying. Seeing that people from various lands gathered at the Lavra, the saint arranged for services in the various languages: Greek, Georgian and Armenian. All gathered to receive the Holy Mysteries in the large church, where divine services were chanted in Greek.



During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Anastasius (491-518) there arose the heresy of Eutychius and Severus, which recognized neither the sacraments nor the clergy. The emperor accepted the false teaching, and the Orthodox began to suffer persecution. Saint Theodosius stood firmly in defense of Orthodoxy and wrote a letter to the emperor on behalf of the monks, in which they denounced him and refuted the heresy with the teachings of the Ecumenical Councils. He affirmed moreover, that the desert-dwellers and monks would firmly support the Orthodox teaching. The emperor showed restraint for a short while, but then he renewed his persecution of the Orthodox. The holy Elder then showed great zeal for the truth. Leaving the monastery, he came to Jerusalem and in the church, he stood at the high place and cried out for all to hear: “Whoever does not honor the four Ecumenical Councils, let him be anathema!” For this bold deed the monk was sent to prison, but soon returned after the death of the emperor.

Saint Theodosius accomplished many healings and other miracles during his life, coming to the

aid of the needy. Through his prayers he once destroyed the locusts devastating the fields in Palestine. Also by his intercession, soldiers were saved from death, and he also saved those perishing in shipwrecks and those lost in the desert.

Once, the saint gave orders to strike the semandron (a piece of wood hit with a mallet), so that the brethren would gather at prayer. He told them, "The wrath of God draws near the East." After several days it became known that a strong

earthquake had destroyed the city of Antioch at the very hour when the saint had summoned the brethren to prayer.

Before his death, Saint Theodosius summoned to him three beloved bishops and revealed to them that he would soon depart to the Lord. After three days, he died at the age of 105. The saint's body was buried with reverence in the cave in which he lived at the beginning of his ascetic deeds.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here: Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com

Matching Campaign Success!

Our Matching Campaign is a great success!

A Grand Total of

\$63,620.72 was raised.

Special Thanks to *Parish Council President Nisi Pozderac* for generously initiating this campaign.

May God bless everyone who contributed!

Sunday January 8
Saturday February 4
Saturday March 4

Church School Calendar

Saturday April 8 (Lazarus Saturday)
Saturday May 6
Saturday June 3

Fr. Jan will be blessing homes. He asks that anyone wishing to have their home blessed call him at (440) 732-8182 or email him at st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com to make the arrangement.



EVENT COMMITTEE NEEDED

The *Parish Council* is asking for parishioners to form an **Event Committee**. This committee would be in charge picnics, potlucks, and any kind of other events associated with the church hall and the kitchen. They would plan, organize, and approach other parishioners for help as needed (this committee would be in charge of the *planning*, not all the *doing!*). Anyone interested should contact *Wayne Vidovich* at 440 989 6165

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*Please join ZOE for Life!®
at
Archangel Michael Orthodox Church
for a Prayer Service with Archbishop Nathaniel as we
Pray for the Unborn Children*



***Sunday, January 22, 2023
6:00 pm
5025 East Mill Road
Broadview Heights 44147***

Prayer Service & Presentation will also be Live Streamed

***Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm
Archbishop Nathaniel
Romanian Orthodox Episcopate***



*Registration is Free, but required in order to receive a Zoom link.
Please register using the link below before January 15th
<https://forms.gle/MTqZdA4QkXMAF3wr8>*

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 1/8/2023

Deceased

Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky

Gregory Ponomarenko

Irene Alisauskas

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Daniel Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Michael O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joseph Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Peter

Gayle Vidovich

Elizabeth Balasz

Christina Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Andrew (*Nephew of Deborah Finley*)

Alexandra (*sister of Nicholas K.*)

Nicholas (*cousin of Fr. John Zdinak*)

John and Family

Frances

Tatjana

Arlene Neal

Victor Ponomarenko

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Melvin Timm

Please submit names to the Prayer List by
emailing them to Fr. Jan

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Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless
requested otherwise.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 8

John 20:11-18
Ephesians 4:7-13
Matthew 4:12-17

Monday, January 9

Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31
Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday, January 10

Hebrews 12:25-26, 13:22-25
Mark 8:22-26

Wednesday, January 11

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3
Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15

Luke 6:17-23
2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Matthew 11:27-30
James 1:1-18
Mark 8:30-34

Thursday, January 12

James 1:19-27
Mark 9:10-16

Friday, January 13

James 2:1-13
Mark 9:33-41

Saturday, January 14

Colossians 1:3-6
Luke 14:1-11

Sunday, January 15

John 20:19-31
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 18:18-27

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Sunday, January 8

30th Sunday after Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Theophany
Sunday after Theophany
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panychida for Mitred Archpriest
Sergius Kuharsky
Coffee Hour
Church School

Monday, January 9

Afterfeast of the Theophany
Martyr Polyeuktos of Melitēnē in
Armenia (259)

Tuesday, January 10

Afterfeast of the Theophany
St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (4th c.)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

Afterfeast of the Theophany
Ven. Theodosius the Great, the
Cenobiarch (529)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Thursday, January 12
Afterfeast of the Theophany
Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who
suffered with her (226-235)

Friday, January 13
Afterfeast of the Theophany
Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonikus of
Belgrade (ca. 315)

Saturday, January 14
Leavetaking of the Theophany
St. Savva I, first Archbishop of Serbia
(1237)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, January 15
31st Sunday after Pentecost
Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John
Calabytes ("the Hut-dweller"—5th c.)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour