

# Ambo

ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



MAY 9, 2021

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SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

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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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for specific days (last page)

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Virgin Martyr Glyceria and with her Martyr Laodicius (May 13)

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**Saint Glyceria** suffered as a martyr for her faith in Christ in the second century, during a persecution against Christians under the emperor Antoninus (138-161). She came from an illustrious family, and her father Macarius was a high-ranking Roman official. Later, the family moved to the Thracian city of Trajanopolis.

Saint Glyceria lost both her father and mother at an early age. Falling in with Christians, she converted to the true Faith, and she visited the church every day. Sabinus, the prefect of Trajanopolis, received the imperial edict ordering Christians to offer sacrifice to the idols, and so he designated a certain day for the inhabitants of the city to worship the idol Zeus.

Saint Glyceria firmly resolved to suffer for Christ. She told the Christians of her intention, and she begged them to pray that the Lord would give her the strength to undergo the sufferings. On the appointed day Saint Glyceria made the Sign of the Cross on her forehead, and went into the pagan temple.

The saint stood on a raised spot in the rays of the sun, and removed the veil from her head, showing the holy Cross traced on her forehead. She prayed fervently to God to bring the pagans to their senses and destroy the stone idol of Zeus. Suddenly thunder was heard, and the statue of Zeus crashed to the floor and smashed into little pieces.

In a rage, the prefect Sabinus and the pagan priests commanded the people to pelt Saint Glyceria with stones, but the stones did not touch the saint. They locked Saint Glyceria in prison, where the Christian priest Philocrates came to her and encouraged the martyr in the struggle before her.

In the morning, when the tortures had started, suddenly an angel appeared in the midst of the torturers, and they fell to the ground, overcome with terror. When the vision vanished, Sabinus, who was hardly able to speak, ordered them to throw the saint into prison.

They shut the door securely and sealed it with the prefect's own ring, so that no one could get in to her. While she was in prison, angels of God brought Saint Glyceria food and drink. Many days afterwards, Sabinus came to the prison and he himself removed the seal. Going in to the saint, he was shaken when he saw her alive and well.

Setting off for the city of Heraclea in Thrace, Sabinus gave orders to bring Saint Glyceria there also. The Christians of Heraclea came out to meet her with Bishop Dometius at their head, and he prayed that the Lord would strengthen the saint to endure martyrdom.

At Heraclea they cast Saint Glyceria into a red-hot furnace, but the fire was extinguished at once. Then the prefect, in a mindless fury, gave orders to rip the skin from Saint Glyceria's head. Then they threw the martyr into prison onto sharp stones. She prayed incessantly, and at midnight an angel appeared in the prison and healed her of her wounds.

When the jailer Laodicius came for the saint in the morning, he did not recognize her. Thinking that the martyr had been taken away, he feared he would be punished for letting her escape. He wanted to kill himself, but Saint Glyceria stopped him. Shaken by the miracle, Laodicius believed in the true God, and he entreated the saint to pray that he might suffer and die for Christ with her.

"Follow Christ and you will be saved," the holy martyr replied. Laodicius placed upon himself the chains with which the saint was bound, and at the trial he told the prefect and everyone present about the miraculous healing of Saint Glyceria by an angel, then he confessed himself a Christian.

The newly chosen one of God was beheaded by the sword. Christians secretly took up his remains, and reverently buried them. Saint Glyceria was sentenced to be eaten by wild beasts. She went to execution with great joy, but the lioness set loose upon the saint

meekly crawled up to her and lay at her feet.

Finally, the saint prayed to the Lord, imploring that He take her unto Himself. In answer she heard a Voice from Heaven, summoning her to heavenly bliss. At that moment, another lioness was set loose upon the saint. It pounced upon the martyr and killed her, but did not tear her apart. Bishop Dometius and the Christians of

Heraclea reverently buried the holy martyr Glyceria. She suffered for Christ around the year 177. Her holy relics were glorified with a flow of healing myrrh.

Saint Glyceria, whose name means "sweetness," now rejoices in the unending sweetness of the heavenly Kingdom.

## A Message from our Webmistress

Dear St. Theodosius Church Family, Christ is Risen!

To keep the parish website updated, we would like to create an album of photos from this year's Holy Week and Pascha celebrations. Please submit a few of your favorite photos to [ambo-theodosius@googlegroups.com](mailto:ambo-theodosius@googlegroups.com)

We would like to try and have all submissions by Friday May 21 if possible. Thank you in advance for your participation.

### THE KURSK ROOT ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

The Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God is coming to **St. Sergius Orthodox Church**

St. Sergius Russian Orthodox Cathedral  
6520 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134

#### The Eve of Thomas Sunday

Saturday, May 8th, 6:00 PM

Vigil with Akathist in the presence of the Miraculous Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God

#### Thomas Sunday

Sunday, May 9th, 9:40 AM

Hours, Liturgy, and Panikhida in the presence of the Miraculous Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God



Due to the pandemic, and our financial position last year, we suspended the Food Pantry bags for Merrick House (20 bags of groceries for their Moms First program). Now, things are looking up, and we have restarted the monthly program in March. There are envelopes in the foyer specifically for this, or you can earmark a special offering envelope for the Merrick House Food Pantry. Please consider 'sponsoring a bag' for \$10.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Dan Morris

# WE HAVE A NEW PRIEST!

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

I am pleased and eager to announce our new priest, Fr. Jan ("Yan") Cizmar! Beginning with Great Vespers on May 8th and St. Thomas Sunday Divine Liturgy on May 9th, 2021, Fr. Jan Cizmar will officiate his first services with us.

I have asked him for a short biography which he has provided below. Come and welcome our new priest and meet him and his wonderful family afterwards during our Mother's Day Brunch. In my communications with him I have come to greatly anticipate this day. I cannot wait to get to know him better and I look forward to the new era that awaits our parish.

We as a parish have worked long and hard for this day, and I am grateful to His Eminence for making it my privilege to make this announcement.

And now I present to you, **Fr. Jan Cizmar!**

- Paul Zawolowycz  
Parish Council President

I was born in 1982 to a family of loving parents. My father was a carpenter and mother worked as a cleaning lady. These two simple, but God dedicated parents taught me to obey God. I started discerning a priestly vocation when I was around 14 years old, and under the leadership of a good priest I applied and was accepted to a Eastern Catholic seminary in Prešov. It was the same seminary, where Saint Alexis Toth, the confessor and defender of the Orthodoxy in America finished his studying. During my seminary formation I was working one year in a hospital as a spiritual support for patients. After I finished the Theology and Seminary, I decided to postpone my ordination, since my father had serious health problems, so I could be home with him. During this time I worked as a teacher at the Elementary School. My father Jan passed away in 2008. With the blessing of my Bishop I entered marriage with Jana Tomasova in May 2009, and was ordained on the Feast of St. Cyril and Methodius (celebrated 7/5 in Slovakia). I was assigned to St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Gelnica and Prakovce (Slovakia). Our three children, son Alexej, daughter Alzbeta (Elizabeth), and son Jonas were born there. After I received the blessing of Bishop Milan, I came to the Eastern Catholic Eparchy of Parma in February 2016, based on an invitation of Bishop John Kudrick. As an assistant I was helping in St. Joseph Church in Brecksville



under Fr. Bruce Riebe, and later in November 2017 I was assigned as an administrator of St. Emilian Parish in Brunswick. St. Emilian Parish has a very vivid community, around 100 active people. During the last three years we have accomplished a few projects for the good of the parish, but most of all, I focused on spiritual goods and benefits for my parishioners. In the United States we were blessed with two children, daughters Anna and Magdalene. I always felt very close to the Orthodox faith, since my mom was Orthodox (father was Roman Catholic). In November 2020 I shared with Fr. Paul Monkowski my desire

to become an Orthodox priest and he connected me with Fr. John Zdinak and His Grace Bishop Paul. They were very supportive and helped me to take this important step. The Book of Psalm says that "If the Lord does not build the house, it is useless for the builders to work on it." I saw that God took care of everything, and he led my steps, and opened the door... I should say hearts. By the grace of God and with the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, I'm being received by His Grace Archbishop Paul to the Orthodox Church of America. I hope and pray that my service in St. Theodosius will be a blessing for you, and that with your prayers I will be able to grow spiritually.

In Christ your Fr. Jan



# PRAYER REQUESTS



## **Special Intentions:**

**Deacon Paul** Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

**Deacon Dan** Boerio

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Arlene** Czajkowski

**Jennifer** Boerio

**Child Mary Kate** Zweidunger

**Child Vivian** Sherer

**Melissa** (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

**Elizabeth (Betty)** Balasz

**Marie** Borland

**Horia** Dascalescu

**Debra** Ellis

**Gregory** Galan

**Aleksei** Green

**Virginia** Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's mother*)

**Don** Hinkl

**Matthew** Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

**Annamarie** Luvison (*Daughter of Kaite Ellis-Luvison*)

**Chris** Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

**Paul** Mihal

**Natalya** Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-niece*)

**Andrew** Mytrohovich

**Debra** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's*

*sister*)

**Grace** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

**Jim** Paulitzky (*Jerry Czajkowski's son-in-law*)

**James** Peter Petkac

**Susan** Reese (*friend of Jerry & Arlene Czajkowski and Betty Balasz*)

**Elena** Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

**Andrew** Sykaluk

**Elaine** Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

**Tony** Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Gayle** Vidovitch

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Robert** Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

**Colleen** Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Kristin** Robinson

**Janet** Budko (*sister-in-law of Arlene Neale*)

**Laurie** Budko (*niece of Arlene Neale*)

**Mary Kay** Weber

**Mirta** Szweczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Mickey** O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

**Kelly** Buehner

**Anna** Sykaluk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Edward** Zewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Joe** Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

**Patrick** Gallagher

**Elliott** Udell (*grandson of Michael Udell*)

**Constance** Zimmerman (*Cindy's cousin*)

**William** Nasi (*brother-in-law of Kenneth Kovach*)

**Jonathan** Maas (*friend of Eric Seddon*)

**Michelle** Frampton (*cousin of Fr. Zdinak*)

**Jeanne** Charles (*friend of Arlene Neal/Czajkowski*)

**Carol** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

**Dennis** Kovach (*Kenneth Kovach's brother*)

**Millie** Koberling (*friend of Arlene*)

**Jimmy** Koberling (*friend of Arlene*)

**Tom** Jacobson

**Matthew** Ponomarenko

**Alexander** Ponomarenko

**Virginia** Medvec

**Wayne** Vidovich

**Rocky** (Brooklyn Heating)

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 9

**May 9**  
 Matt 28:16-20  
 Acts 5:12-20  
 John 20:19-31

**May 10**  
 1 John 3:21-4:6  
 1 John 4:11-16  
 1 John 4:20-5:5  
 John 21:15-25  
 1 Cor 4:9-16  
 Matt 13:54=58  
 Acts 3:9-16  
 John 2:1-11

**May 11**  
 Composite 2—Prov. 10,  
 3, 8  
 Prov 10:31-11:2  
 Wis 4:7-15  
 John 10:1-9  
 Heb 7:26-8:2  
 Matt 5:14-19  
 Acts 4:1-10  
 John 3:16-21

**May 12**  
 Acts 4:13-22  
 John 5:17-24

**May 13**  
 Acts 4:23-31  
 John 5:24-30

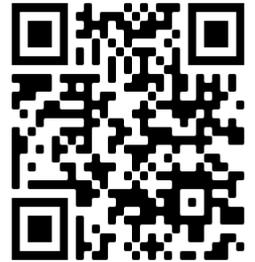
**May 14**  
 Acts 5:1-11  
 John 5:30-6:2

**May 15**  
 Acts 5:21-33  
 John 6:14-27

**May 16**  
 Mark 16:9-20  
 Acts 6:1-7  
 Mark 15:43-16:8

### ST. THEodosius IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate>  
 Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



#### Sunday, May 9

**Antipascha**  
**Second Sunday of Pascha**  
**St. Thomas Sunday**  
 Prophet Isaiah  
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
 Mother's Day Brunch to follow

#### Monday, May 10

Apostle Simeon the Zealot

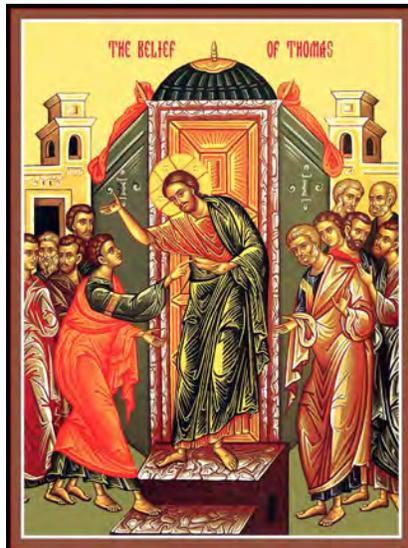
#### Tuesday, May 11

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Cyril and Methodius, First Teachers of the Slavs

#### Wednesday, May 12

St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2021



**Thursday, May 13**  
 Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of The Prison

**Friday, May 14**  
 Martyrs Isidore and Myrope of Chios

**Saturday, May 15**  
 Ven. Pachomius the Great, Father of Cœnobitic Monasticism  
 Great Vespers 6:00 PM

**Sunday, May 16**  
**3rd Sunday of Pascha**  
**Myrrhbearing Women**  
 Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Ven. Pachomius the Great  
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
 Modified Coffee Hour to follow