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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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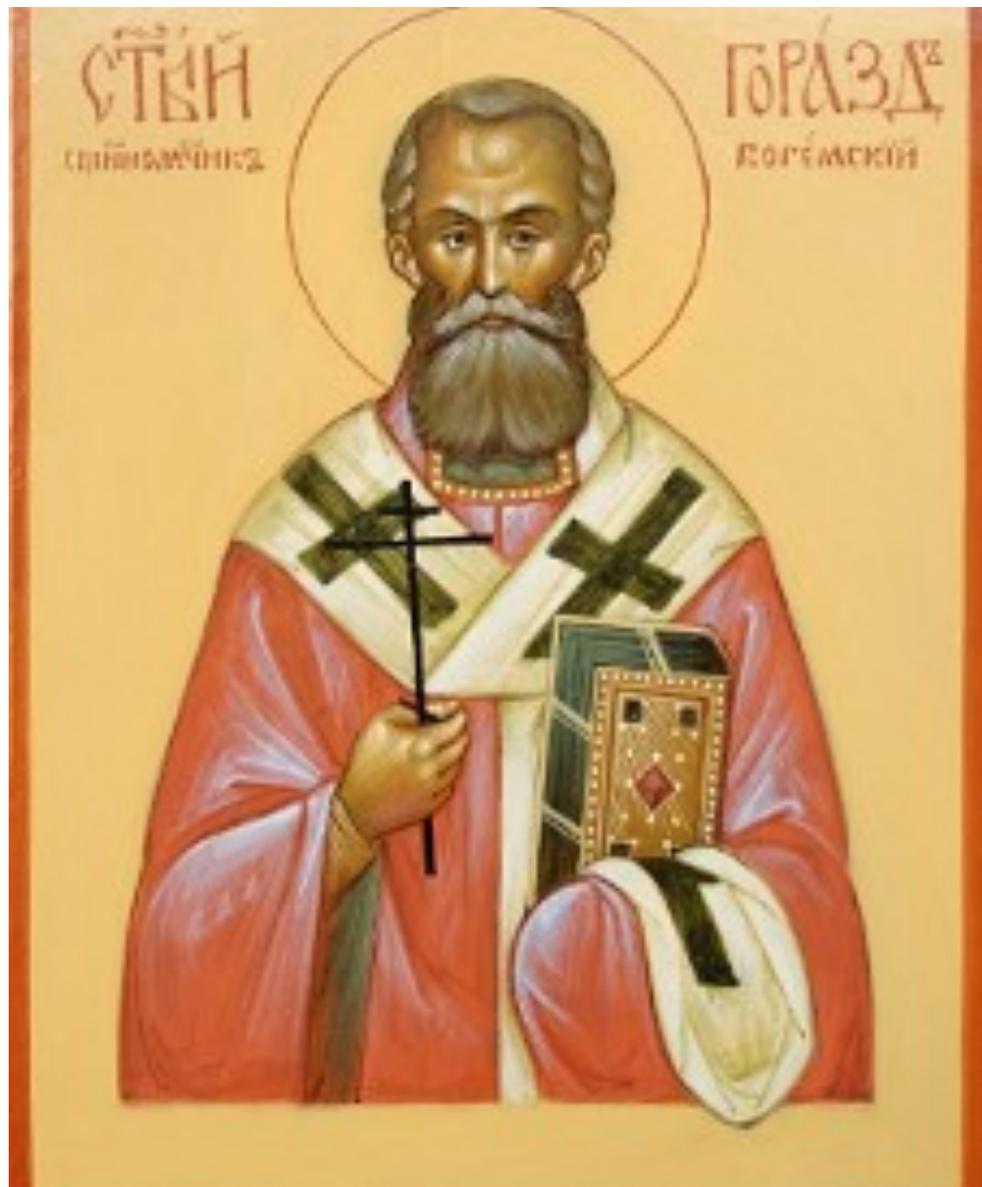
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AUGUST 30, 2020

Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv.
Great Prince St. Alexander Nevsky



Hieromartyr Gorazd, Bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia

(September 4)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep” [John 10:11].

“O Lord, make this man also, who has been proclaimed a steward of the episcopal grace, to be an imitator of You, the true Shepherd, Who laid down Your life for Your sheep....” [Prayer of Consecration of a Bishop]. On September 25, 1921, these words were prayed over **Father Gorazd Pavlik** as he was consecrated the Bishop of Moravia and Silesia. It is doubtful that anyone in attendance that day, including the new bishop, expected that he would be called upon to live that prayer in a literal way.

Matthias Pavlik was born in 1879 in the Moravian town of Hrubavrbka in what would later become the Czech Republic. He was born into a Roman Catholic family, completed the Roman Catholic seminary in Olomouc and was ordained a priest. With the end of World War I and the formation of the new nation of Czechoslovakia from the ruins of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the laws requiring observance of the Catholic religion were loosened. Father Matthias, along with thousands of others left the Catholic Church with many seeking a home in the Orthodox Church, which in that region was then under the protection of the Orthodox Church of Serbia. Taking monastic vows, he assumed the name “Gorazd” who was a disciple of Saints Cyril and Methodius and who succeeded Saint Methodius as the bishop of Moravia. At the age of 42, Father Gorazd was consecrated an Orthodox bishop in Belgrade, Serbia by the Serbian Patriarch Dimitri along with the illustrious Metropolitan Anthony Khrapovitsky of Kiev and several other bishops, including Bishop Dositheus of Zagreb. Bishop Dositheus was a key figure in the re-birth of the Orthodox Church among Carpatho-Rusyns and was glorified as a saint of the Orthodox Church in May, 2000.

Bishop Gorazd immediately set to work building up the Orthodox Faith, building eleven churches

and two chapels, translating service books into the Czech language. He paid particular attention to the Carpatho-Rusyns in the eastern part of the Czech Republic who were also returning to the Orthodox Faith of their ancestors. In that region, in 1934 he took part in the 20th anniversary commemoration of the Marmarosh-Sigotsky trial. This trial occurred in 1914 when 94 Carpatho-Rusyn Orthodox, together with their priest, Saint Alexis Kabaluk, were tried for treason for renouncing the Greek Catholic Faith and embracing Orthodoxy.

For twenty years, the bishop faithfully cared for his flock as a good shepherd. He remained faithful to the Orthodox Faith despite attempts by many Catholics to persuade him to renounce Orthodoxy. When many Roman Catholic priests rose up against him, the Catholic Bishop Stoian said, “Leave Pavlik alone, you are not worthy to tie his laces, it would be good if everyone were like Pavlik.”

When the German Nazis invaded and conquered Czechoslovakia in 1938, the Orthodox Church was placed under the Orthodox metropolitan of Berlin, Germany, Metropolitan Seraphim (Liade). The German ruler of Czechoslovakia, Reinhard Heydrich, was assassinated on May 27, 1942 by a group of Czech resistance fighters who then were allowed to hide in the crypt of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Cathedral. When Bishop Gorazd learned of this he realized what great danger he and his flock were in if the Nazis uncovered this hiding place. Before leaving for Berlin to take part in the consecration of Father Philip Gardner as a bishop, he insisted that the resistance fighters leave the Cathedral and find another place of refuge. But on June 18, the hiding place was revealed after a betrayal and torture, and all members of the group were killed.

The Nazis immediately began massive reprisals. The two Cathedral priests and senior lay officials

were arrested. Bishop Gorazd, trying to save his people and his church from destruction, wrote letters to the Nazi authorities taking the blame for the actions in the Cathedral, in which he stated, "I am giving myself up to the authorities and am prepared to face any punishment, including death."

Bishop Gorazd was arrested on June 27, 1942, tortured and executed by firing squad at the Kobylisz Shooting Range on September 4. He was 63 years old. The two Cathedral priests were also shot. Along with the priests and bishop, a total of 550 people were executed by the Nazis in reprisal for the assassination. In one particularly heinous act, the entire village of Lidice was exterminated. All of the men were executed, the women and children placed in labor camps, and all village dwellings destroyed. Following the martyrdom of the bishop, the Orthodox Church

Some Thoughts From Fr. Adamcio...

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled death by death! He has become the first born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

The first few words of the hymn almost seem to be from a Christmas carol. Yet, the text above is the "troparion" of the Resurrection for Tone Three.

Two of the major sets of hymns in the Orthodox Church are *troparia* and *kontakia*. While there are no exact English translations of these words, they can be defined as thematic hymns: the main ideas expressed in these hymns refer to either the Resurrection of Christ, or of a particular feast.

The tropar give us the main concept for the day or saint. The Resurrectional troparia emphasize the blessings and grace through the resurrection of Christ as we can see above.

The kondak elaborates on the theme, and is usually longer. In fact, the word *kontakion* comes from the Greek *from the pole*. The kondak is a stanza of poetry with verses interpolated between stanzas. Sometimes, these verses can be very long, and were written on a parchment, canvas, or

in Bohemia and Moravia was suppressed and all churches closed. Orthodox priests were exiled to forced labor camps in Germany.

Because Bishop Gorazd willingly laid down his life in order to protect his flock, he was recognized by the Orthodox Church of Serbia as a new martyr on May 4, 1961. On August 24, 1987 he was glorified in the Cathedral of Saint Gorazd in Olomouc, Moravia. His feast day is observed on the day of his martyrdom, September 4. Today, at the site of his martyrdom at the Kobylisz Shooting Range, a monument has been erected in his memory and those others who suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

Father Edward Pehanich

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cloth which would be rolled up to conserve space. It would then be put on a pole, and unfurled in the church so the congregation could sing along.

There are eight sets of Resurrectional troparia and kondakia set to the eight tones (melodies) of the *Ochtoechos (Okhtoikh)*, Book of Eight Tones. These are unique melodies which are the framework of our musical liturgical worship. These melodies, and their verses, repeat every eight weeks.

Today's tropar is uplifting and filled with hope. Even in the difficult days of our earthly life, we express our faith in the Lord. "Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!" These words of hope and joy set the foundation of our life and faith. Why? Because the Lord has shown strength with His arm by trampling down and destroying death itself! For so many generations, we were help captive, sold under sin as it were due to our sinful nature. It was not until the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord that we were able to be delivered from the tortures of hell.

Jesus has shown Himself to be stronger than death itself as He resurrected Himself. Therefore, He has destroyed death by His death on the Cross, thus becoming "the firstborn of the dead," by His own resurrection, Now, we have been delivered from the nethermost depths of hell, and have full access to heaven!

This is truly the "great mercy" given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Now we, and the world, have the opportunity to share in this joy, hope, and mercy through our faith and love in Christ Jesus our Lord.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

The time and place for our Annual Parish Meeting has been set.

St. Theodosius Parish Annual Meeting
September 27th, 2020
12:30 PM

The meeting will be in the cathedral itself in person up to capacity, with Zoom (or something similar) to be used to broadcast the meeting to other parishioners and to take questions from those not physically present. We will have a similar setup to the streaming services we had during the lockdown, only with the camera pointed towards the nave instead of the Royal Doors.

The link to the online meeting will be sent via the Ambo Mailing List, so if you are not on that list and do not intend to attend in person, please submit your email address so that you may be added at this time: ambo-theodosius@googlegroups.com

If you wish to attend in person, please call our secretary Eric at 1(216) 574-4886 to make a reservation. Only the first 55* can attend in person, so serious reservations only please. Leaving a voicemail is fine.

*His Eminence has increased our limit to 55 persons!

Merrick House Angel Tree

Early poll for those who wish to participate in our annual Merrick House Angel Tree!

Given all that's going on, Merrick House is hoping we can continue our tradition of helping to brighten the Christmases of children who may not see much under their trees. If you are willing to commit to a 'virtual' tag for a child (or two), please let Dan Morris know (lavidan@sbcglobal.net). Once I have a good idea of what we can do, Merrick House can get things moving from there. Thank you in advance if you're able to help, and to all who have been so generous in the past.

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 new Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.





PRAYER REQUESTS



Departed:

Annie Mytrohovich

Special Intentions:

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

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Child Mary Kate Zweidunger

Child Vivian Sherer

Melissa (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

Lyndsey (*friend of Melissa McCutcheon*)

Elizabeth (Betty) Balasz

Marie Borland

Sandra Brello

Elsie Conrad

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*)

Lacey Udell (*wife of Michael Udell*)

Mara Kilbane (*Melissa McCutcheon's granddaughter*)

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

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Melissa McCutcheon

Christopher Tumbleson (*son of Melissa McCutcheon*)

Michael McCutcheon (*Melissa McCutcheon's brother*)

Marguerite Mihal (*Paul Mihal's mother*)

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*)

Joseph Rusynyk

Andrew Sykaluk

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

Tony Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

Janice Tkacz

Joanne Theodore (*Lisa Theodore's mother-in-law*)

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*)

Alex Ponomarenko

Mary Kay Weber

Mirta Szewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Elisa Seddon (*wife of Eric*)

Roger Pinta Jr.

Kelly Buehner

Jeremy & Yvonne Pozderac and unborn child.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 30

August 30

Matt 28:16-20
1 Cor 15:1-11
Matt 19:16-26

Matt 11:27-30

2 Cor 8:16-9:5

Mark 3:13-19

Sept 5

1 Cor 2:6-9
Matt 22:15-22

August 31

2 Cor 8:7-15
Mark 3:6-12

Sept 2

2 Cor 9:12-10:7
Mark 3:20-27

Sept 6

Mark 16:1-8
1 Cor 16:13-24
Matt 21:33-42

Sept 1

Isa 61:1-9
Composite 24—Leviticus 26
Wis 4:7-15
1 Tim 2:1-7
Luke 4:16-22
Col 3:12-16

Sept 3

2 Cor 10:7-18
Mark 3:28-35

Sept 4

2 Cor 11:5-21
Mark 4:1-9

Sunday, August 30

Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv.
Great Prince St. Alexander Nevsky
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM

Monday, August 31

The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of
the Mother of God

Tuesday, Sept 1

Church New Year

Wednesday, Sept 2

Ven. Anthony and Theodosius of the
Kiev Caves

Thursday, Sept 3

Heiromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of
Nicomedia and those with him

Friday, Sept 4

Hieromartyr Gorazd, Bishop of Bohemia
and Moravia-Silesia

Saturday, Sept 5

Holy Prophet Zechariah and Righteous
Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Sept 6

Commemoration of the Miracle of the
Archangel Michael at Colossæ
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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