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ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



MAY 10, 2015
SUNDAY OF THE
SAMARITAN WOMAN

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9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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

ST. EPIPHANIUS



MAY 12

Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, “a last relic of ancient piety,” as St. Jerome calls him, lived during the fourth century in Phoenicia. The Roman empress Honoria was his sister. He was of Jewish descent, and in his youth he received a fine education. He was converted to Christianity after seeing how a certain monk named Lucian gave away his clothing to a poor person. Struck by the monk’s compassion, Epiphanius asked to be instructed in Christianity.

He was baptized and became a disciple of St. Hilarion the Great (October 21). Entering the monastery, he progressed in the monastic life under the guidance of the experienced Elder Hilarion, and he occupied himself with copying Greek books.

Because of his ascetic struggles and virtues, St. Epiphanius was granted the gift of wonderworking. In order to avoid human glory, he left the monastery and went into the Spanidrion desert. Robbers caught him there and held him captive for three months. By speaking of repentance, the saint brought one of the robbers to faith in the true God. When they released the holy ascetic, the robber also went with him. St. Epiphanius took him to his monastery and baptized him with the name John. From that time, he became a faithful disciple of St. Epiphanius, and he carefully documented the life and miracles of his instructor.

Reports of the righteous life of St. Epiphanius spread far beyond the monastery. The saint went a second time into the desert with his disciple John. Even in the wilderness disciples started to come to him, so he established a new monastery for them.

After a certain time, St. Epiphanius made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to venerate its holy shrines, and then returned to the Spanidrion monastery. The people of Lycia sent the monk Polybios to St. Epiphanius asking him to take the place of their dead archpastor. When he learned of this intention, the clairvoyant ascetic secretly went into the Pathysian desert to the great ascetic St. Hilarion (October 21), under whose guidance he had learned asceticism in his youth.

The saints spent two months in prayer, and then Hilarion sent St. Epiphanius to Salamis. Bishops were gathered there to choose a new archpastor to replace one who recently died. The Lord revealed to the eldest of them, Bishop Papius, that St. Epiphanius should be chosen bishop. When Epiphanius arrived, St. Papius led him into the church, where in obedience to the will of the participants of the Council, Epiphanius agreed to be their bishop. St. Epiphanius was consecrated as Bishop of Salamis in 367.

St. Epiphanius won renown because of his great zeal for the Faith, his love and charity toward the poor, and his simplicity of character. He suffered much from the slander and enmity of some of his clergy. Because of the purity of his life, St. Epiphanius was permitted to see the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Gifts at Divine Liturgy. Once, when the saint was celebrating the Mystery, he did not see this vision. He then became suspicious of one of the clergy and quietly said to him, “Depart, my son, for you are unworthy to participate in the celebration of the Mystery today.”

At this point, the writings of his disciple John break off, because he became sick and died. The further record of the life of St. Epiphanius was continued by another of his disciples, Polybios (afterwards bishop of city of Rincyreia).

Through the intrigues of the empress Eudoxia and the Patriarch Theophilos of Alexandria, towards the end of his life St. Epiphanius was summoned to Constantinople to participate in the Synod of the Oak, which was convened to judge the great saint, John Chrysostom (September 14 and November 13). Once he realized that he was being manipulated by Chrysostom's enemies, St. Epiphanius left Constantinople, unwilling to take part in an unlawful council.

As he was sailing home on a ship, the saint sensed the approach of death, and he gave his disciples final instructions: to keep the commandments of God, and to preserve the mind from impure thoughts. He died two days later. The people of Salamis met the body of their archpastor with carriages, and on May 12, 403 they buried him in a new church which he himself had built.

The Seventh Ecumenical Council named St. Epiphanius as a Father and Teacher of the Church. In the writings of St. Epiphanius, the PANARIUM and the ANCHORATUS are refutations of Arianism and other heresies. In his other works are found valuable church traditions, and directives for the Greek translation of the Bible.

In his zeal to preserve the purity of the Orthodox Faith, St. Epiphanius could sometimes be rash and tactless. In spite of any impetuous mistakes he may have made, we must admire St. Epiphanius for his dedication in defending Orthodoxy against false teachings. After all, one of the bishop's primary responsibilities is to protect his flock from those who might lead them astray.

We also honor St. Epiphanius for his deep spirituality, and for his almsgiving. No one surpassed him in his tenderness and charity to the poor, and he gave vast sums of money to those in need.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10

May 10 Acts 11:19-26, 29-30
John 4:5-42

May 12 Acts 12:25-13:12
John 8:51-59

May 15 Acts 15:5-34
John 10:17-28

May 11 Acts 12:12-17
John 8:42-51

May 13 Acts 13:13-24
John 6:5-14

May 16 Acts 15:35-41
John 10:27-38

May 14 Acts 14:20-27
John 9:39-10:9

Ernest & Marie Maty Educational Scholarship
Applications are now available! Deadline for receipt of all application materials is **Sunday, June 7th**. Please contact the parish office at 216-741-1310 for more information.



Ladies' Night Out
Tuesday, May 12th, 2015
6:30pm - Bar Cento
RSVP to Jenn Boerio

Students graduating from high school and college will be honored in June. Please contact Karen Felon to 440-238-3837 to submit a name and photograph to the list.

SUNDAY EVENING CLASS SERIES

“WORSHIP IN THE DIVINE LITURGY”

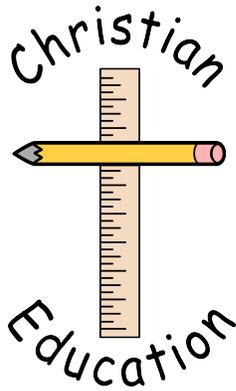
**Taught by H. Paul Finley,
director of St. Herman Orthodox Shelter**

**At St. Matthew Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton**

**5 SUNDAY EVENINGS, 6-8 P.M.
May 31, June 5, 12, 19, 26**

NO CHARGE

**There will also be some time for refreshments and fellowship --
and questions and answers.**



Upcoming Church School Dates

Evening of Wednesday May 20th
after Vespers of Ascension (which begins at 6:00 PM)
Fr. John will teach on the Feasts of
Ascension & Pentecost -
This will be the LAST session of this Church School year.

The Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon will take place on Sunday, May 17th, 2015 and passes through Duck Island and Tremont between the hours of 7:15 and 9:30 AM. Sunday Worship Service Access passes will be available at the candle stand. This pass will alert police and allow you to pass the race course as quickly as possible.



Banns of Marriage

Sunday, May 24th

Nicholas Zubko & Angela Traster



PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Mary Semanko
04-03-15

Dorothy Shumkaroff (*friend of Fr. John*)
04-07-15

Mary Chrewan
04-21-15

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Protopresbyter Vasilije Sokolovic
Mat. May Ozone

Mat. Catherine Jula

Mother Anna

Sr. Anastasia

Mary

Michael

Betty Balasz

Judy Baughman

Carol Bohurjak

Thomas Bohurjak, Jr.

Marie Borland

Frank Byndas

Navada Coneley

Elsie Conrad

John Conrad

Anne Crichton (*Joseph Crichton's sister-in-law*)

Christine Crichton

Thomas Crichton (*Joseph Crichton's brother*)

Arlene Czajkowski (Neale)

Laina Dachtyl

Metodije Damljanovic (*Child*)

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)

Cindy Durkalski

Debra Ellis (*Katie & Nadine Ellis's mother*)

Peter Fickinger (*friend of Joseph Crichton*)

Vladimir Fowler

Frank Fox (*Carol Machaskee's son*)

Julia Grabowski

Roger Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's cousin*)

Sandee Holod

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

Donna Jacak

Victor Jacak

Joy Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Stephen Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Maher Khalil

Nashwa Fam Khalil

Thomas Khalil

Diane Kearsey

(*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

John Kovalski (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Dorothy Laskovich

Paul Laskovich

Elise Manella

Anna Mysiw (*friend and neighbor of Helen Antonik*)

Maude Palumbo (*Michelle Rajisch's mother*)

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

Donna Pelton

Liz Peterson (*Joseph Crichton's friend*)

John A. Petkac (Gartman)

Peter and Gina Petkac (*Judy Gartman's brother & sister-in-law*)

Anastasia Pogorily

Cindy Powkowski

Marshall Prock

Valerie Rolls (*Fr. John's cousin*)

Joseph Rusynyk

Julia Sankovic (*Child*)

Emily Scott (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

Katrina Toone

Frank Tkacz

Janice Tkacz

Donald Tipka

Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

John Yavornitzki

Erin Zawolowycz

Elizabeth Zdinak

Fr. Andrew & Presbytera Lori Lentz & Unborn Child

Alex & Jerilyn Oppenheim & Unborn Child

Steve & Laura Zvara & Unborn Child

Jason & Rachel Wojnicz & Unborn Child

Please contact the Parish Office at 216-741-1310 when names need to be removed from the prayer list. Thank you.

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:



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| 5/10/15 | Nick & Kate Zolikoff |
| 5/17/15 | Lauren Miklos Chandra Czaruk |
| 5/24/15 | Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio |
| 5/31/15 | Mary Swit & Tammy Ponomarenko |
| 6/7/15 | Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind |
| 6/14/15 | Joseph Crichton & Steve Rusnak |
| 6/21/15 | Joy & David Pfeiffer |

Greeters:

Michael Tabeling
Karen Felon & Virginia Medvec
Mat. Jenn Boerio & Tammy Ponomarenko
Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
Karen Felon & Paul Pangrace
Tammy Ponomarenko & Michael Tabeling
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik

GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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| Weekly expenses: | \$ 6,538.00 |
| Last week's collection | <u>\$ 8,819.00</u> |
| Over/Under | < \$ 2,281.00 > |

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 2015 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey
from John & Ruth Fritskey

23RD ANNUAL IOCC BENEFIT

Monday May 11, 2015 ~ 6PM



Ridge Manor Party Center | 4630 Ridge Road | Cleveland, Ohio 44144

Contact: Connie Zimmerman
(216) 347-3123

Protinica Kathy Babich
(216) 524-6832

Deadline for reservations
is May 4, 2015



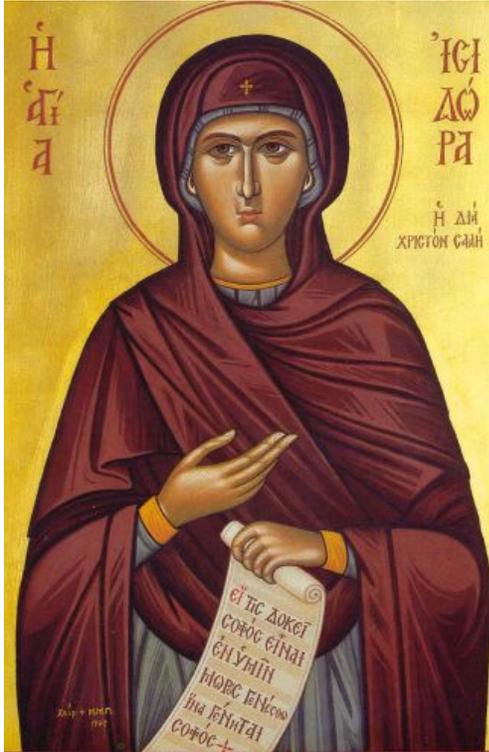
Cost: \$30 per ticket

Guest Speaker:
Mark Guin,
Director of Strategic Initiatives

****For more information, please contact Frank Tkacz at 216-351-1838 or 216-789-3267****

A Courageous Cinderella and a Fool for Christ

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>.



On May 10 the Church honors the Holy Mother Isidora, who lived in the sixth century.

Isidora spent most of her life in the monastery of Tabenna in Egypt. She chose to serve God in an extreme way, as a fool for Christ, living in complete self-denial and base servitude. In this way Isidora, like others who chose this way, made sure she would not be praised for her virtues, her constant prayer, or her service to God. When she ate thrown-away scraps and drank used dishwater, others treated her with contempt rather than honor. When she took on the most menial and unpleasant tasks she wasn't thanked; others considered that such an odd person might be expected to demean herself with those jobs.

A monk named Pitirim was told about Isidora in a blunt way. An angel directed him to find her, comparing her to Pitirim himself: "She serves others and bears their contempt every day. Her heart and thoughts are always with God. You have the ease of solitude with nobody to disturb you, yet your thoughts and your heart are constantly distracted."

Pitirim found Isidora, bowed before her, and revealed her holiness to the other nuns. But she fled from their praise, and they never saw her again.

The recent movie "Cinderella," directed by Kenneth Branagh, has a few interesting parallels to this saint's life. The young heroine, Ella, loses the parents with whom she shared a deep love and a happy life. Her dying mother gives her a standard to live by: "Have courage and

be kind."

When her father remarries and then dies, Ella honors her mother's words, rather in the same way that saints live in a way that honors the commands of Christ. She cheerfully does the chores forced on her by a cruel stepmother and her daughters, who contemptuously call her Cinderella because she is constantly dirtied by ashes and soot. She doesn't seek revenge against their meanness, but takes comfort in the animals whose trusting companionship she wins, again like some well-known saints.

The patience to endure unjust suffering in life takes courage, even if some critics of the movie have wrongly said that this Cinderella is weak because she doesn't stand up to her stepmother. But the movie is realistic about how hard it is to maintain this courage. At one point, when her harsh life has become unbearable, she rides away on a horse to escape. She meets a young huntsman named Kit, not knowing that he is actually the prince who will change her life. It's noteworthy that she first meets him not in a dazzling ballgown, as in the animated 1950's Disney version, but in her servant's clothes. He falls in love with a lowly servant, just as Christ loves us in our lowly sinfulness.

Near the end of the movie, Cinderella confronts her stepmother, not to gloat in triumph at having won the prince's love, but to forgive this woman who has caused her such suffering. She knows that forgiveness is another act of courage and kindness—and of true strength.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2015

Sunday, May 10
SUNDAY OF THE
SAMARITAN WOMAN
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 11
SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS,
APOSTLES TO THE SLAVS
6:00 PM IOCC Benefit @
Ridge Manor

Tuesday, May 12
ST. EPIPHANIUS,
BISHOP OF CYPRUS
MART. JOHN WALLACHIAN
6:30 PM Ladies Night Out @
Bar Cento in Ohio City

Wednesday, May 13
VIRGIN MARTYR GLYCERIA
MARTYR LAODICIUS
GLYKERIA OF NOVGOROD

REMINDER:



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

Thursday, May 14
MARTYR ISIDORE OF CHIOS
VEN. ISIDORE, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST
OF ROSTOV

Friday, May 15
VEN. PACHOMIUS THE GREAT
ST. ISAIAH, BP. OF ROSTOV

Saturday, May 16
VEN. THEODORE
THE SANCTIFIED
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 17
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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