



**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 8**

**Martyr Charitina of Amisus**

## Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Epistle)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters", says the LORD Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

## Church Musician Sunday - 2025

To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, beloved children in the Lord, Christ is in our midst!

The holy services constantly urge the faithful to join music and song: "On this solemn day of our feast let us strike the spiritual harp." "Come, O ye faithful, and let us honor in hymns the Ever-virgin Maid." "With the whole assembly born on earth we honor the Cross, singing its praises." "Therefore we cry to thee, O Theotokos, in song." "Today let us, the faithful, dance for the joy, singing to the Lord with psalms and hymns." "Let us sound the cymbals: let us shout aloud in songs." Pages could be filled with such exhortations gleaned from the pages of the service books.

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## Many Years!

church musician sunday

Today we commemorate all those who serve in the various roles involved in Church music. May God grant our Choir directors, singers, chanters, & readers, composers & arrangers of church music, bell-ringers, hymnographers, hymnologists, and translators Many Years!

anniversaries

12th - Steven & Sarah Dumler  
16th - Kevin & Brandy Buchner  
21st - Dan & Vickie Tipton

birthdays

2nd - Daryl Mikita  
3rd - Michael Hlatki  
8th - Rita Evanoika  
11th - Fr. Stephen Osburn  
13th - Theo Nelson  
22nd - Luke Fischer  
25th - Brady Billmire  
27th - Brody Burnside  
29th - Steven Dumler

## Calendar

**Slavic Fest Prep Continues**  
Following Coffee Hour Today!

October 8<sup>th</sup> Moleben  
Followed by Adult Study  
— CANCELED

October 11<sup>th</sup> Great Vespers  
— Saturday 6:30p

October 12<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy  
At St. Tikhons Chapel  
— Sunday 8:00a

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This is a reminder that Church music is our common responsibility: whether we participate by singing in the choir, serving in the altar, or prayerfully listening, our liturgical worship is given voice through song. However, though we all have a responsibility for liturgical music and beauty in worship, God has given some people the special talents and vocation needed to lead the people in liturgical music. These are our choir directors, and without trained choir directors, orderly and beautiful worship in the tradition of the Orthodox Church in America is challenging, if not impossible.

God, of course, grants musical talents as he sees fit, and the vocation, the calling to serve, comes from him. But it falls to us as a Church to help foster these talents and encourage responsiveness to this vocation. In recent years, our communities have made efforts to foster priestly vocations; on this Church Musician Sunday, I ask our communities to make efforts to foster the vocations of choir directors as well.

This is not a matter of wishful thinking. Our parishes can take concrete steps to raise up choir directors. Our communities can identify candidates and pay for training such as that offered online by our Department of Liturgical Music and Translation. We can financially support choir directors and trainees who wish to take on more extensive studies. Crucially, our parishes can and should provide remuneration for choir directors and their substitutes and assistants, recognizing the dedication, skills, training, and time commitment that the work of the parish choir director requires.

I conclude by thanking our choir directors throughout the Church. May God bless and reward your work. I hope that parishes, missions, and institutions throughout the Orthodox Church in America will join me in this thanksgiving and in this commitment to ensuring that we will have trained choir directors to facilitate our worship for generations to come.

With my primal prayers and blessing,

+Tikhon  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

## Wisdom!

"There is no ministry that is as pleasing to God as mercy... and never does God reward us with His love more, than when we love mankind."  
—St. Gregory The Theologian

### Troparion | Tone 8 (Resurrection)

*Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!*

### Troparion | Tone 4 (St. Charitina)

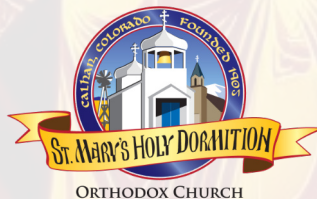
*Thy lamb Charitina calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!*

### Kontakion | Tone 8 (Resurrection)

*By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!*

### Kontakion | Tone 2 (St. Charitina)

*Having fortified thy soul with faith and strengthened by understanding thou didst openly put the enemy to shame, O Charitina; thou didst stand before Christ wearing a robe empurpled by thy blood, All-blessed One, and now thou dost rejoice with the Angels, praying for*



## Prayer List

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Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Combs Family

Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Emily, Tony, Diane, Bourg Family, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✕ Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

**Those with child:** Libbie

**Those who are confined:** Ethen, Casey, Basil, Mark, Hannah, Theodore

## Commemorations

Martyr Charitina of Amisos, Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Moscow, Venerable Damian the Healer, Jeremiah, and Matthew, Clairvoyants, of the Kiev Caves, Saint Charitina, Princess of Lithuania, Hieromartyr Dionysius, Bishop of Alexandria, Martyr Memelchtha of Persia, Saint Gregory of Chandzoe, Georgia, Venerable Eudokimos of Vatopedi Monastery on Mount Athos, Righteous Methodia of Kimolos, Venerable Fathers and Mothers of the Klarjeti Wilderness

## Slavic Fest Signup

Slavic Fest is here, and your help is needed to make it a success!

Cleanup at the hall begins today, immediately following coffee hour.

Sign-up sheets for the serving line and kitchen help on Saturday (10/11) and Sunday (10/12) are located in the hall. Please sign up to work a shift.

Please come help this Wednesday (10/8) and Thursday (10/9) with food prep beginning each evening at 6:00 PM. Also, on Friday (10/10), tent setup and cabbage frying will begin at noon.

A big thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make this event successful.

## Coffee Hour

Thank you to Linda and Colleen Hendrix, who sponsored last week's coffee hour - Many Years! Today's Coffee Hour is provided by the Stevens Family. Please join us in the hall across the street for a time of fellowship and a light meal.