



November 9th, 2025

22st Sunday after Pentecost (7th of Luke) - Tone 5
Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius - Venerable Matrona

Scripture Readings

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle 215)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel 39)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Many Years!

anniversaries

- 1st - Dale & Haley Drew
- 20th - Richard & Debbie Molner

birthdays

- 5th - Georgianna Glover
- 7th - Becky Fischer
- 7th - Katrina Molner
- 9th - Jason Britton
- 13th - Coy Molner
- 15th - Abigail Leithead
- 15th - Greg Olyejar
- 15th - Terri Volosin
- 20th - Debbie Hlatki
- 21th - Camden Robinson
- 22th - Morgan Sparks
- 23th - Garth Perry
- 28th - Josh Leithead
- 29th - Lori Meier

Calendar

November 15th Great Vespers
 — Saturday 6:30p

November 16th Divine Liturgy
 — Sunday 9:30a

Wisdom

Without the cross, without struggle, there can be no salvation! The teaching on struggle, on the bearing of the cross, runs like a scarlet thread through all the Sacred Scriptures an all of the history of the Church; the lives of those holy ones who were pleasing to God, the spiritual athletes of Christian piety, clearly bear witness to this.

— Abp Averky of Jordanville

Holy Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus

The Holy Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus suffered during the persecution against Christians by the emperor Diocletian (284-305). They beat them and burned them. After this, they tied the saints to wild horses, which dragged them over the stones, after which the Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius died. Believers gathered the remains of the saints and reverently buried them.

Saint Matrona, Abbess of Constantinople

Saint Matrona, Abbess of Constantinople, was born in Perge Pamphylia (Asia Minor) in the fifth century. Married to wealthy Dometian, she bore daughter Theodota and resettled in Constantinople. At twenty-five, Matrona frequented the temple, praying ardently and weeping for her sins. There she met pious Eldresses Eugenia and Susanna, living in asceticism. Matrona imitated their life, humbling her flesh through abstinence and fasting, enduring her husband's criticism.

Yearning for full renunciation, she hesitated but prayed for guidance. In a light sleep, she dreamed of fleeing her pursuing husband, hiding among monks unnoticed. She took this as divine directive to enter a men's monastery. Entrusting fifteen-year-old Theodota to Susanna, Matrona cut her hair, donned men's attire, and joined Saint Bassion's monastery (October 10) as eunuch Babylos. She lived in quietude and hard work; brethren marveled at Babylos's virtue. Once, in the vineyard, novice Barnabas noted her pierced ear-lobe. "Till the soil, brother, not watch others," she replied.

Saint Bassion dreamed Babylos was a woman, as did nearby igumen Acacius. Bassion confronted her threateningly, but Matrona tearfully explained her life, hostile husband, and vision. Convinced of her purity, he sent her to a women's monastery in Emea. There she dwelt many years, inspiring sisters with high achievement. Upon the Abbess's death, nuns unanimously chose Matrona as head.

Her fame for virtue and miraculous healing spread; Dometian heard and sought her. Learning he was coming, Matrona fled secretly to Jerusalem, Mount Sinai, then Beirut, settling in an abandoned pagan temple. Locals visited; she converted many from paganism to Christ. Women and girls settled nearby, forming a new monastery. Per a dream, she left for Constantinople, learning Dometian had died. With Bassion's blessing, she founded a women's monastery there, transferring sisters from Beirut. It was known for strict rule and virtuous life.

In extreme old age, Matrona envisioned heavenly Paradise and her place after 75 years of monastic labor. At one hundred, she blessed the sisters and quietly fell asleep in the Lord.

Troparion | Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion | Tone 4 (Martyrs)

Thy holy martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercession, save our souls!

Kontakion | Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Kontakion | Tone 8 (Ven. Matrona)

Thou didst pass through the storm of life without faltering, O chosen and godly Mother Matrona, guided to the harbor of life, where thou singest hymns to the Deliverer. Thou ever prayest that Christ may grant us grace and mercy; thou preservest the flock which thou hast painstakingly gathered.

Prayer List

living

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, Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Jake, 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, Makenzie, 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

Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus (3rd-4th c.). Ven. Matrona, Abbess, of Constantinople (ca. 492). Ven. Theoktistē of the Isle of Lesbos (881). Ven. Onisifor (Onesiphorus) the Confessor, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1148). Martyr Alexander of Thessalonica (4th c.). Martyr Anthony of Apamea (5th c.). Ven. John the Short, of Egypt (5th c.). Ss. Eustolia (610) and Sosipatra (ca. 625), of Constantinople. St. Nectarios Kephalas, Metropolitan of Pentapolis (1920). Ven. Euthymius, Founder of Dochiariou Monastery (Mt. Athos—10th c.), and Ven. Neophytus, Co-founder of the Monastery. "Quick to Hear" Icon of the Mother of God .

Nuggets Game!

Join us on November 28 to travel to Denver to watch the Nuggets crush the San Antonio Spurs. Please contact Carrie Guy with your interest in attending the event and to reserve your tickets!

Sacred Alaska Movie

Join us November 30th, following liturgy, for an exclusive screening of the award-winning documentary Sacred Alaska. The director, Simon Scionka will attend this showing and take your questions after the movie.

The film intimately portrays Native Alaskan culture and spirituality, showing how Russian Orthodox missionaries like St. Herman shaped indigenous life by blending ancient sacred views of land, water, and creation with Orthodox traditions.

Featuring stunning cinematography, interviews, and stories of saints (St. Herman, St. Innocent, St. Yakov—the first Native priest). Explore village life in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Spruce Island. Don't miss this spectacular showing and fellowship! www.sacredalaskafilm.com

