

## Weekly Schedule

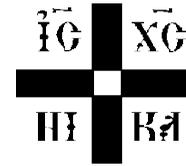
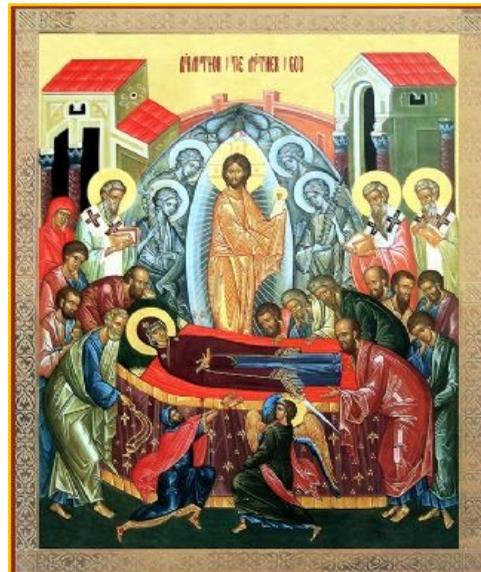
<b>Friday</b>	Acathisto de Maria, 6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Great Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy</i>

**The Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius**, Notaries of Constantinople served in a Constantinople cathedral. Marcian was a reader and Martyrius a subdeacon. They both performed in the capacity of notaries, i.e. secretaries, for Patriarch Paul the Confessor (November 6).

Arian heretics expelled and secretly executed the righteous Patriarch Paul. His throne was given to the heretic Macedonius. The heretics attempted to entice Sts Marcian and Martyrius over to their side by flattery. They offered them gold and promised to consecrate them as archbishop, but all the efforts of the Arians were in vain.

Then the impious threatened to slander them before the emperor, and sought to intimidate them with torture and death. But the saints steadfastly confessed Orthodoxy, as handed down by the Fathers of the Church. Marcian and Martyrius were sentenced to death. Before death, the martyrs prayed, "Lord God, Who have invisibly created our hearts, and directed all our deeds, accept with peace the souls of Your servants, since we perish for You and are considered as sheep for the slaughter (Ps 32/33:15; 43/44:22). We rejoice that by such a death we shall depart this life for Your Name. Grant us to be partakers of life eternal with You, the Source of life." After their prayer the martyrs, with quiet rejoicing, bent their necks beneath the sword of the impious (+ ca. 335).

Their holy bodies were reverently buried by Orthodox Christians. Later, by decree of St John Chrysostom, the relics of the holy martyrs were transferred to a church built in their honor. Believers here were healed of many infirmities through the prayers of the saints, to the glory of the One Life-Creating Trinity.



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Call to arrange sacraments, services, instruction, counseling, home visits, sick calls.

**October 25, 2009**

**20th Sunday after Penecost**

**Tone 3**

Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries,  
of Constantinople (ca. 355).

### **Troparion (Tone 3) (Resurrection)**

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

### **Troparion (Tone 3) (Saint)**

In holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence. Holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, unshaken bulwarks of Orthodoxy, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

### **Kontakion (Tone 2) (Resurrection)**

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs//they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power

### **Kontakion (Tone 4) (Saint)**

From your youth you were good athletes, wise Marian and Martyrius, vanquishing the Arian heretics; you kept the faith perfect by following in the footsteps of your bishop and teacher Paul, therefore, you are worthy to be with him in eternal life, as respected defenders of the Holy Trinity.

### **Prayers for The Faithful and Departed**

Emma, Pellack family, Anna, John, Katherine, Catherine, Albert, Anastasia, Debra, Louise School of Dance, Edward, Patricia, Maryanne, Witiak family, Kavalkovich family, Kate, , Rabik family, Mike. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

George, William, Julia, William, Alex, Mary, VRev. Nikolai. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **Galatians 1:11-19**

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 16:19-31**

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.' And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

### **Welcome to our Visitors!!**

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Ladies' Lunch**

Our new Women's Ministry will be holding a lunch/social/silent auction on Saturday, November 14. All women of our parish and any of their lady friends and relatives are most welcome to attend. Please see our President, Debbie, for more details.

### **Church Education**

Our parish has begun its Church Education program for our youth *after* the Divine Liturgy. I hope to expand our education offerings to include the adults as well.

### **Christmas Ornaments**

Our church's youth group is making memory ornaments to adorn our Christmas tree. These glass ornaments are offered to remember your loved ones, as well as any important people and events in your life. Please see any of the youth or Debbie for more information.

### **Christmas Flowers**

We are beginning to collect donations for Christmas flowers. Please see Debbie. Thank you for helping to beautify our church this coming Nativity season.

### **Memorial Services**

Fr. Matthew will offer a brief memorial service after the Divine Liturgy on the first Sunday of the month. Please give him the names of the people you would like to remember then.