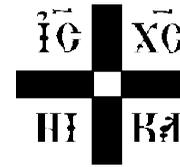


## Week Schedule

**Saturday** Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions following Vespers

**Sunday** Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.  
*Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy*

The Holy Martyr Hieron of Melitene and Those with him The holy martyr Hieron was born in the city of Tiana in great Cappadocia. Raised by a pious mother, he was a kindly and good Christian. The co-ruling emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (284-305) sent a large military detachment headed by Lysias to Cappadocia to eradicate Christianity there, and also to conscript healthy and strong men into the imperial army. Among those pressed into service, Lysias also ordered his men to draft Hieron, who was distinguished by his great physical strength and dexterity. But Hieron refused to serve emperors who persecuted Christians. When they attempted to seize him by force and bring him to Lysias, he took a stick and started beating the soldiers who had been sent to bring him. The soldiers scattered, ashamed of being defeated by a single man. Hieron then hid himself in a cave with eighteen other Christians. Lysias would not risk losing his soldiers by storming the cave. Upon the advice of Cyriacus, one of Hieron's friends, Lysias lifted the siege of the cave and withdrew his detachment. Then Cyriacus persuaded Hieron not to offer resistance to the authorities. He and the other new conscripts and accompanying soldiers were sent to the nearby city of Melitene. Soon Hieron had a vision in his sleep, in which his impending martyrdom was foretold. Lysias told the soldiers gathered at Melitene to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Hieron and another thirty-two soldiers refused to do this, and openly confessed their faith in Christ. Then the persecutor gave orders to beat the martyrs, and to cut off Hieron's arm at the elbow. After cruel tortures they threw the martyrs into prison barely alive, and they beheaded them four days later. A certain rich and illustrious Christian by the name of Chrysanthus ransomed Hieron's head from Lysias. When the persecutions finally ceased, he built a church on the place where they executed the holy martyrs, and he placed the venerable head in it. The bodies of all the executed saints were secretly buried by Christians. In reign of the emperor Justinian, during the construction of the church of Hagia Eirene (Holy Peace), the venerable relics were uncovered and found incorrupt. The other martyrs are: Hesy-chius, Nicander, Athanasius, Mamas, Barachius, Callinicus, Theogenes, Nikon, Longinus, Theodore, Valerius, Xanthius, Theodoulus, Callimachus, Eugene, Theodochus, Ostrychius, Epiphanius, Maximian, Ducitius, Claudian, Theophilus, Gigantius, Dorotheus, Theodotus, Castrichius, Anicetus, Themelius, Eutychius, Hilarion, Diodotus and Amonitus.



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### **Troparion (Tone 7)**

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To  
the thief You opened Paradise. For the  
Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into  
joy. And You commanded Your disciples,  
O Christ God, to proclaim that You are  
risen,//granting the world great mercy.

### **Troparion (Tone 4)**

Your thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord,  
through their sufferings have received  
incorruptible crowns from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, they laid low  
their adversaries, and shattered the power-  
less boldness of demons.//Through their  
intercessions, save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 7)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold  
mankind captive, for Christ descended,  
shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice  
and cry: "The Savior has come to those in  
faith; //enter, you faithful, into the Resur-  
rection!"

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**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —**  
**Tone 7 (7<sup>th</sup> of Luke).**

### **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

The radiant choir of martyrs, the light-  
bearing company, spiritually descends to us,  
enlightening the Church with brilliant rays.  
Therefore as we celebrate their honored  
memory, we ask You, our Savior://  
"Through their prayers deliver us from mis-  
fortunes so that we may sing to You:  
'Alleluia!'"

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

Thomas and Kimberly Herbert, Pellack  
family, clergy and parishioners,  
McCartney family, Helen Riley, Bellye  
Orr. **May God Grant Them Many  
Years!**

George Slivka, Michail and Lisa Welle,  
James Lepo, Irene, Irene Kavcsak. **May  
Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **Ephesians 2:14-22**

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 8:41-56**

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.

### **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 should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Church Telephone Number**

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

#### **Food Collection**

Please bring any food you would like to donate to church. We, as a church, will offer food to one of the local food banks, Philabundance.

#### **House Blessings**

Next Sunday, November 14, I will post a sign-up sheet for house blessings in January. If you would like me to bless your house and/or visit you then, please don't hesitate to sign-up!

#### **Flowers for Nativity**

Please see Debbie to order flowers for the Feast of the Nativity.

#### **Church Decorating**

On December 19, parishioners will decorate our church for the Feast of the Nativity. Moreover, if someone were willing to coordinate a parish clean-up before this, please see Fr. Matthew.