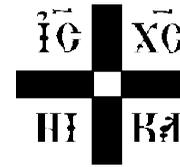


## Week Schedule

**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 **Hieromartyr Clement** was born in the Galatian city of Ancyra in the year 258, of a pagan father and a Christian mother. He lost his father when he was an infant, and his mother when he was twelve. She predicted a martyr's death for him because of his belief in Christ. A woman named Sophia adopted him and raised him in the fear of God. During a terrible famine in Galatia several pagans turned out their own children, not having the means to feed them. Sophia took in these unfortunates, and fed and clothed them. St Clement assisted her in this. He taught the children and prepared them for Baptism. Many of them died as martyrs for Christ. St Clement was made a reader, and later a deacon. When he was eighteen he was ordained to the holy priesthood, and at age twenty he was consecrated Bishop of Ancyra. Soon afterwards the persecution against Christians under Diocletian (284-305) broke out. Bishop Clement was denounced as a Christian and arrested. Dometian, the governor of Galatia, tried to make the saint worship the pagan gods, but St Clement firmly confessed his faith and valiantly withstood all the tortures. They suspended him on a tree, and raked his body with sharp iron instruments so that his entrails could be seen. They smashed his mouth with stones, and they turned him on a wheel and burned him over a low fire. The Lord preserved His sufferer and healed his lacerated body. Then Dometian sent the saint to Rome to the emperor Diocletian himself, with a report that Bishop Clement had been fiercely tortured, but had proven unyielding. Diocletian, seeing the martyr completely healthy, did not believe the report and subjected him to even crueler tortures, and then had him locked up in prison. Many of the pagans, seeing the bravery of the saint and the miraculous healing of his wounds, believed in Christ. People flocked to St Clement in prison for guidance, healing and Baptism, so that the prison was literally transformed into a church. When word of this reached the emperor, many of these new Christians were executed. Diocletian, struck by the amazing endurance of St Clement, sent him to Nicomedia to his co-emperor Maximian. On the ship, the saint was joined by his disciple Agathangelus, who had avoided being executed with the other confessors, and who now wanted to suffer and die for Christ with Bishop Clement. The emperor Maximian in turn sent Sts Clement and Agathangelus to the governor Agrippina, who subjected them to such inhuman torments, that even the pagan on-lookers felt pity for the martyrs and they began to pelt the torturers with stones. Having been set free, the saints healed an inhabitant of the city through the laying on of hands and they baptized and instructed people, thronging to them in multitudes. Arrested again on orders of Maximian, they were sent home to Ancyra, where the ruler Cyrenius had them tortured. Then they were sent to the city of Amasea to the proconsul Dometius, known for his great cruelty. In Amasea, the martyrs were thrown into hot lime. They spent a whole day in it and remained unharmed. They flayed them, beat them with iron rods, set them on red-hot beds, and poured sulfur on their bodies. All this failed to harm the saints, and they were sent to Tarsus for new tortures. In the wilderness along the way St Clement had a revelation that he would suffer a total of twenty-eight years for Christ. Then having endured a multitude of tortures, the saints were locked up in prison. St Agathangelus was beheaded with the sword on November 5. The Christians of Ancyra freed St Clement from prison and took him to a cave church. There, after celebrating Liturgy, the saint announced to the faithful the impending end of the persecution and his own martyrdom. On January 23, the holy hierarch was killed by soldiers from the city, who stormed the church. The saint was beheaded as he stood before the altar and offered the Bloodless Sacrifice. Two deacons, Christopher and Chariton, were beheaded with him, but no one else was harmed.



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### **Troparion (Tone 2)**

When You descended to death, O Life  
Immortal, You destroyed hell with the  
splendor of Your Godhead. And when  
from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory  
to You!”

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

You sprang up, most holy one,  
as a branch and stem of holiness,  
a most sacred flower of the contest of  
martyrdom and as a most sweet fruit  
given by God to the faithful. But as  
one who shared the struggle of the  
martyrs and the throne of hierarchs,  
intercede with Christ God that our  
souls may be saved!

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

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrec-  
tion from the tomb! The dead arose!  
Creation, with Adam, beheld this and  
rejoiced with You, // and the world,  
my Savior, praises You forever.

**January 23, 2011**

**35<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —**  
**Tone 2.** Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of  
Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus (312).

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

You have become an honored branch of  
the vine of Christ, revealed as one of  
many struggles, all praised Clement,  
with your fellow champion you cried out:  
“Christ is the shining joy of martyrs.”

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

Dn. Peter Skoog, Lena Robovitsky, Al-  
bert, Kavalkovich, Ronnie Kavalkovich,  
Barbara and Norman Andrews, Samuel  
Munson, Denise LaMarra, newborn Mia,  
Lila, John and Marissa, Marc, John, Ed,  
William, William, Joseph, Rosalie, Mar-  
garet, Rose, Ferguson children, family,  
and friends, Kavalkovich family and  
friends, Alexander, David, Stephanie..  
**May God Grant Them Many Years!**

William (Bill), James Leddy, Anna  
Mackiewicz, Michael Spack, Sr., Mi-  
chael Slivka, Sr., Anna Kapusnik, Marion  
Kavalkovich, Helen Gerasimoff. **May**  
**Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

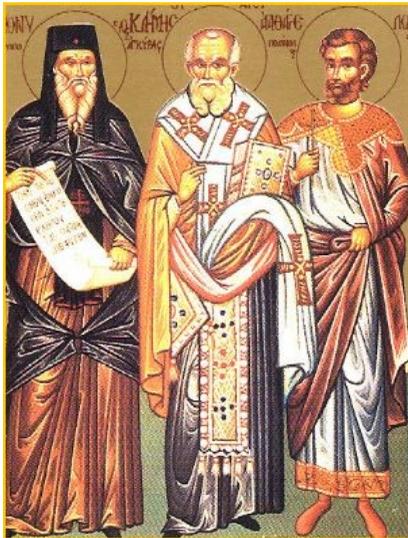
#### **Colossians 3:12-16**

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 18:35-43**

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



### **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.

#### **Church Education**

Do remember that the last Sunday of the month is devoted to our church education. We'll continue to address suffering and Christ following the Divine Liturgy.

#### **Annual Meeting**

The parish council has scheduled our the church annual meeting for Sunday February 6. Please make every effort to be present at the Divine Liturgy and meeting this day.

#### **Anna Mackiewicz Funeral**

Yesterday, January 22, our parish held funeral services for Anna Mackiewicz. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.