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Troparion (Tone 8)

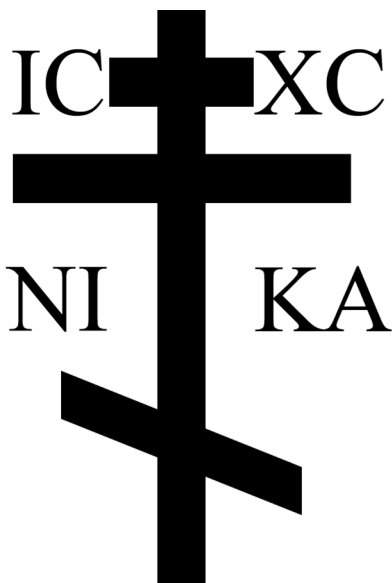
You descended from on high, O Merciful One. You accepted the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings.//O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion (Tone 4)

Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus, praising her new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.//By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!



January 29, 2012

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Sunday of Zacchaeus. Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). (Near Caves—12th c.).

Kontakion (Tone 7)

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Lena, Bobby, David, Nina, Anna McCartney, Grace Corba, Gabriel Lourido, Hilda Berezniak, Patterson family, parishioners, Pellack family, LeRoy family, Fred, Emelie, Ronnie Kavalkovich, Alexander, David, Stephanie, Roman. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Departed: Susan Dacey, Debbie Archie, Denise, Vito, Helen, Andrew, John, Francis, Frank, Anne, Marion, Al, Bridget, John, Charles. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Thursday Festal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy

1 Timothy 4:9-15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Luke 19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Announcements

Readers, Coffee Hour, and Church Cleaning

Please consider volunteering for any of the above. The church needs help especially with cleaning and coffee hour. Sign-up sheets are downstairs on the bulletin board.

Lecture

Fr. John Behr, Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary will be offering a lecture on "Being Human" to the University of Pennsylvania OCF on Thursday evening, February 9, as part of the OCF's "Orthodoxy Week." Everyone, student or not, is welcome to attend. The lecture begins at 7:00 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 8:00 p.m. It will be held in Houston Hall, Golkin Room 223 in University City on UPenn's campus. Please see Fr. Matthew if you were to have any questions.

Weekly Financial Statement (01.22.12)

Attendance: 34

Money In: \$2322.00

Money Out: -\$90.00

Net Total: \$2232.00

The Transfer of the Relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-Bearer: (See December 20). After the holy hieromartyr Ignatius was thrown to the lions in the year 107 on the orders of the emperor Trajan, Christians gathered up his bones and preserved them at Rome.

Later, in the year 108, the saint's relics were collected and buried outside the gate of Daphne at Antioch. A second transfer, to the city of Antioch itself, took place in the year 438. After the capture of Antioch by the Persians, the relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius were returned to Rome and placed into the church of the holy Hieromartyr Clement in the year 540 (in 637, according to other sources).

St Ignatius introduced antiphonal singing into Church services. He has left us seven archpastoral epistles in which he provided instructions on faith, love and good works. He also urged his flock to preserve the unity of the faith and to beware of heretics. He encouraged people to honor and obey their bishops, "we should regard the bishop as we would the Lord Himself" (To the Ephesians 6)

In his Letter to Polycarp, St Ignatius writes: "Listen to the bishop, if you want God to listen to you... let your baptism be your shield, your faith a helmet, your charity a spear, your patience, like full armor." (Compare Eph. 6:14-17 and the Wisdom of Solomon 5:17-20. Also THE LADDER 4:2)