

# ICHC NTKA SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God for All Things!

November 6, 2011	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
November 8	Tuesday	<b>Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel and Barachiel</b>	Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
November 12	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
November 13	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

**Saints of the Day:** Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (350). Venerable Barlaam, Abbot of Khoutyn (1192). New Hieromartyrs Bishop Nicitas of Orekhovo-Zuev, Priests Anatoly, Arsenius, Nicholas, Nicholas, Constantine, Hieromartyrs Barlaam, Gabriel, Gabriel, Hieromartyrs Nina and Seraphima (1937). New Martyr Gregory the Cross-bearer (1936). New Hieromartyr Priest Basil (1938). Saint Elias Fondaminskii of Paris (1942). Synaxis of the New Martyrs of Sarov: Anatole, Basil, Hierotheus, Isaac, and Rufinus. Repose of Saint Herman, Archbishop of Kazan (1567). Venerable Luke, Steward of the Kiev Caves (13 c). Venerable Barlaam of Keret Lake (16 c). Virgin-martyrs Tecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Matrona, Polactia, Euphrosyne, and Athanasia of Ancyra (303). Venerable Monk Luke, of Sicily (820). Venerable Abbot Winnocus (716). Saint Leonard of Noblac (559). Venerable Illtyd, Abbot of Llanilltyd Fawr, Disciple of Saint Germanus of Auxerre (6 c). Saint Cowey of Portaferry, Abbot of Moville (8 c) Saint Demetrianus, Bishop of Cytheria in Cyprus (915).

**Please remember in your prayers:** Helen, Julie, Mary, Jackie, JoAnne, Warren, Carol, Mother Raphaela, John, Ada, Priest Sergius, Louellen, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Rea, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Archpriest Vincent, Michael, Albert, Nina, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

**God Grant Many Years. Χρόνια Πολλά!** Prayers for the health of Peter Witiak, Gregory Wooderson and Pavlos Rigas were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of Archpriest Igor Tkachuk, uncle Max Hartong and Ann Kononovich were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the soul of Anne Bayzon were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of John Elnicky.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of Vera Prawlocki, Ann Kowalsky and Mary Behuniak were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya.

**A word from the desert.** Amma Syncretica said, "It is dangerous for anyone to teach who has not first been trained in the "practical" life. For if someone who owns a ruined house receives guests there, he does them harm because of the dilapidation of his dwelling. It is the same in the case of someone who has not first built an interior dwelling; he causes loss to those who come. By words one may convert them to salvation, but by evil behavior, one injures them.

### **Former Transylvania Metropolitan Andrei Saguna canonized in Sibiu.** Romania (October 30th, 2011)

Metropolitan Andrei Saguna, former metropolitan of Transylvania between 1864 and 1873, was canonized at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Sibiu on Saturday, in a ceremony attended by about 10,000 people, according to Mediafax news agency. Among those who attended the Sibiu ceremony were President Traian Basescu, Social Liberal Union leader Victor Ponta, Greater Romania Party leader Corneliu Vadim Tudor, Sibiu Mayor Klaus Johanns, Economy Minister Ion Ariton, Foreign Minister Teodor Baconschi and other officials. The service was also attended by local authorities and representatives of several religious denominations in Romania.

The Holy Mass [sic] held in the cathedral on the occasion was conducted by about 50 Romanian and foreign priests, led by Romanian Orthodox Patriarch Daniel and Patriarch Theodoros II of Alexandria.

At the end of the canonization service, Transylvania Metropolitan Laurentiu Streza urged all those present in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Sibiu to respect the "eight-word testament left by Andrei Saguna: "Keep peace, maintain good ties, do not fight."

President Basescu also held a speech after the service, saying that Saguna "understood that school, education, culture are a people's elements of eternity." "Such a forefather today becomes a saint and I will not miss the opportunity to bow to the holy church figures present here and to Saint Andrei Saguna," Basescu ended his speech, according to Mediafax.

But the president's presence at the service and his discourse were heavily criticized by Vadim Tudor, who also slammed Transylvanian Church officials who allowed the head of state to give his speech in the church...

**A word from Saint John Chrysostom.** Prayer is a great weapon, a rich treasure, a wealth that is never exhausted, an undisturbed refuge, a cause of tranquility, the root of a multitude of blessings and their source.

**Saint Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople.** When Blessed Patriarch Alexander lay on his deathbed, the sorrowing faithful asked him who he would have follow him as the chief shepherd of the spiritual flock of Christ. He said: "If you desire a shepherd who will teach you and who will shine with virtues, choose Paul; but if you only want a suitable man, externally adorned, choose Macedonius." The people chose Paul. Unfortunately, this was not accepted by the Arian heretics, nor was it accepted by Emperor Constantius, who was then in Antioch. Paul was soon deposed, and fled to Rome with Saint Athanasius the Great. In Rome, Pope Julian and Emperor Constans received them warmly and upheld them in their Orthodox Faith. Emperor Constans and Pope Julian saw to it that Paul was returned to his throne, but when Emperor Constans died the Arians raised their heads again, and Patriarch Paul was banished to Cucusus in Armenia. Once, as Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in exile, he was attacked by the Arians and strangled with his omophorion, in the year 351. In 381, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius, Paul's relics were transferred to Constantinople, and in the year 1236 they were translated to Venice, where they still repose. His beloved priests and notaries, Marcian and Martyrius (October 25), suffered soon after their patriarch.

**The Venerable Barlaam of Khutyn, the Miracle-worker** was born and raised as a Christian in Novgorod the Great. After the death of his parents, he was tonsured a monk and devoted himself to a life of strict asceticism. He founded a monastery on the bank of the Volkhov River, at a place where a heavenly light appeared to him. Barlaam was a great miracle-worker both during his life and after his death: he saw into the secrets of men's hearts, expelled unclean spirits and healed all sicknesses. After his repose, a servant of Prince Vasili Vasilievich became gravely ill and begged to be taken to the saint's grave. He further instructed them that, if he should die on the way, they should carry his dead body to the saint. And thus it happened-he died on the way and they carried him dead to the monastery, where he returned to life, stood up and prostrated before the grave of the saint. In the year 1471, Tsar Ivan the Terrible ordered that the saint's grave be dug up. As soon as they began to dig, a flame sprang from the grave and flared up along the walls of the church. The Tsar was so frightened that he ran out of the church and, in his haste, forgot his staff, which is still preserved beside the grave of the saint. The commemoration of this miracle is celebrated on the Friday after the Sunday of All Saints.

**A word from the desert.** True love is like the flame of a candle. However many candles you light from the flame, the initial flame remains unaffected. It doesn't lessen at all. And every freshly lit candle has as much flame as the others do. Elder Epiphanius of Athens, +1989

#### **HOMILY on the Head of the Church and the Body of Christ by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha**

*And gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is His body* (Ephesians 1:22-23).

Headless humanity is given a head in the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. The body separated from the head is grafted to its head, part by part, member by member. Not all men are the body-only those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. All are called, but only those who respond are received under the Head. The ones who respond comprise the Body that is called the Church, whose Head is the Lord. But, as the risen and glorified man, Jesus is exalted within the Holy Trinity, above all and everything on earth and in heaven, so also will His Church, His Body, be exalted to its Head, above all and everything. The whole Church, together with its Head, will stand at the right hand of the Holy Trinity-for where the head is, there also is the body. The redeemed and repentant sinners, the erstwhile adversaries of God-wandering astray like the Prodigal Son and headless as a dead body, but now adopted through Christ and for Christ, and clothed in the beauty of divine life and splendor-will be exalted to such heights, greatness and glory. For it is a great thing, brethren: the Incarnation of the Son of God on earth, His suffering on the Cross and His death for our sake. His visit to earth brought about a great change in the destiny of men, and in the meaning of all things. He changed all things and made all things new. Therefore, brethren, let us not live and conduct ourselves as the old man, but rather as the new man; let us not live according to sin, but according to righteousness; let us not act according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. May we be made worthy of those heights, of the greatness and glory to which we are called by our Head. O Lord Jesus, the Holy Head of the Holy Church, make us worthy to be members forever of Thy Most-pure Body. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

**A word from the desert.** Let us concern ourselves with things divine, and as pilgrims ever sigh for and desire our homeland: for the end of the road is ever the object of travelers' hopes and desires, and thus since we are travelers and pilgrims in the world, let us ever ponder on the end of the road, that is of our life, for the end of the roadway is our home... Let us not love the roadway rather than the homeland, lest we lose our eternal home: for we have such a home that we ought to love it. Therefore let this principle abide with us, that on the road we so live as travelers and pilgrims, as guests of the world. Saint Columba of Iona (Ireland)

#### **FOR YOUR CALENDARS!**

November 12: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: potatoes

November 14: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

November 17, Thursday: Please bring the cookies you baked to Church.

November 18, Friday: Trays will be put together

November 19, Saturday: **Bazaar** starting at 11

November 20: **Parish Council Meeting** (Third Sunday of the Month)

November 27: Sunday: Breakfast at Coffee Hour

December 11: Sunday: **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND DINNER**, after Divine Liturgy.

December 18: **Parish Council Meeting** (Third Sunday of the Month)

December 25 Sunday Breakfast will be held January 1, 2012: Sunday: Breakfast at Coffee Hour