



# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Glory to Jesus Christ!

## Glory to God for all things!

**July 22, 2012 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

July 28 Saturday

July 29 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Divine Liturgy 9:30 am**

Great Vespers 4:00 pm

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**Saints of the Day:** Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalen (1st c.). Translation of the relics (404) of Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (117). New Hieromartyr Priest Michael (1918). New Hieromartyr Priest Alexis (1931). Venerable Monk Cornelius of Pereyaslavl and confessor of Alexandrov Convent (1693). Venerable Marcella of Chios (1500). Saint Cyril I, Patriarch of Antioch (298). Saint Wandregisilus of Caux (668). Saint Cyprian, Fool-for-Christ of Suzdal (1622). Saint Dabius, Priest and Martyr in Scotland. Saint Movean, Abbot of Innis-Coosery, Ireland.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Olga, Priest Sergius, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Maria, Michael, Mother Raphaela, John, Hilda, James, Nancy, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Archpriest Vincent, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of newly-wed Serhij and Marilyn [née Senko] Sas were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of newly-wed Dr Pavlos and Eleni [née Gika] Rigas were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of John and Jean Rinko were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today on their 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary, at their request.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Ken Kavalkovich. Father Leonid and Matushka Laura Schmidt, and Matushka Fran Vansuch were offered at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Rose Sokol were offered at Liturgy and Litiya July 20 and today at the request of family.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Michael Rinko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of son John Rinko.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Andrew and Paiza Yaneshak, Mary Behuniak and Anne Kowalsky, Mary Sokol, Theodosia Kluka and Michael Rinko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

**Memory Eternal.** Twentieth Anniversary Prayers for the repose of Protopresbyter John Meyendorff were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of Helen, Michael, and Steven Sobolowski were offered at Liturgy and Litiya July 15, at the request of Barbara Daley. The flowers on the front steps of the church and the prayer garden are donated by the Sobolowski family in memory of their departed.

**SAINT MARY MAGDALENE** was one of the myrrh-bearing women and "equal to the apostles". She was born in the town of Magdala along the shore of Lake Gennesaret and was from the tribe of Issachar. She was tormented by seven evil spirits from which the Lord Jesus freed her and made her whole. She was a faithful follower and servant of the Lord during His earthly life. Mary Magdalene stood beneath the Cross on Golgotha and grieved bitterly and mourned with the All-Holy Birth-giver of God. After the death of the Lord she visited His sepulchre three times. When the Lord resurrected she saw Him on two occasions: once alone and the other time with the other myrrh-bearing women. She traveled to Rome and appeared before Tiberias Caesar and presenting him with a red colored egg, greeted him with the words: "Christ is Risen!" At the same time, she accused Pilate before Caesar for his unjust condemnation of the Lord Jesus. Caesar accepted her accusation and transferred Pilate from Jerusalem to Gaul where this unjust judge, in disfavor with the emperor, died of a dread disease. After that, Mary Magdalene returned from Rome to Ephesus to Saint John the Theologian whom she assisted in the work of preaching the Gospel. With great love toward the resurrected Lord, and with great zeal, she proclaimed the Holy Gospel to the world as a true apostle of Christ. She died peacefully in Ephesus and, according to tradition, was buried in the same cave in which seven youths were miraculously put to sleep for hundreds of years and, after that, were brought to life and then died (August 4). The relics of Saint Mary Magdalene were later transferred to Constantinople. There is a Russian Orthodox convent dedicated to Saint Mary Magdalene near the Garden of Gethsemane.

**SAINT DABIUS, PRIEST AND CONFESSOR IN SCOTLAND.** Date unknown. The Irish priest Dabius preached effectively in his homeland before migrating to Albany, Scotland. He is the titular patron of several churches, including the parish of Domnach Cluana in the County Down, and of Kippau in the Highlands.

**SAINT MOVEAN (BITTEUS), ABBOT OF INNIS-COOSERY, IRELAND**, Date unknown. Movean was a disciple of Saint Patrick and Abbot of Inis-Coosery in County Down. He seems to have also worked in Perthshire, where he is thought to have died as a hermit.

**THE VENERABLE CORNELIUS OF PEREYASLAVL** was tonsured a monk at age fifteen by an elder called Paul. Later on, he withdrew into the wilderness to a life of silence. Cornelius lived in silence for thirty years not speaking to anyone, not even a word, and many considered him to be a mute. He became so withered through fasting, that he resembled a skeleton. Before his death he received the Schema [The Great Angelic Habit] and found repose in the Lord on July 22, 1693 A.D.

**THE PRIEST-MARTYR PHOCAS.** On this day we commemorate the translation of the relics of Saint Phocas from Pontus to Constantinople about the year 404 A.D. The primary feast of this saint is celebrated on September 22 and on that day a brief hagiography of his life and his sufferings is recorded. Today, one miracle of this saint is commemorated. The Arabs captured a man named Pontinus. The Arabs shackled him, bound his hands to his back and left him to die. Lying on his stomach on the ground, and not being able to move, Pontinus cried out: "O Holy Martyr Phocas have mercy on me and save me!" Saying this he fell asleep and, in a dream, saw Saint Phocas approaching him, touched him by the hand and said: "The Lord Jesus Christ forgives you!" When the man awoke, he found himself loosed from all bonds and free. He arose and departed for his home and took Saint Phocas as the patron saint of his household.

**THE HOLY MARTYR MARCELLA (MARKELLA)** enjoys enormous respect on the island of Chios. In the church dedicated to her miracles occur every year. Not much is known about her life. However, according to tradition, Marcella was an unusually pious girl who, at an early age, was left motherless. Her pagan and bestial father wanted to live with his daughter as with a wife. Marcella fled from her father but he, enraged as a wild beast, caught up with her and hacked her to pieces. In the proximity of her church there are certain stones which, from time to time, become permeated with blood. People take these stones, bring them to church, pray to Saint Marcella and place them on the sick who, from that, become healed. [*She is also greatly revered in the Greek Community in Brooklyn, New York.*]

**HOMILY *About the inexorable justice of God*** by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha

*"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;" (2 Peter 2: 4-6).*

O how will the sinful man be spared? "And spared not the old world but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow". Therefore O sinful man, how then can you be spared? Are you dearer and more precious to Him than millions of angels, from so many people drowned by the Flood and from densely populated cities? When the angels are cast into the darkness of Hades, people are drowned by the flood and cities are burned to ashes in what do you hope, sinning, continually sinning and not turning away from sin? You say, in the mercy of God! But, is God more merciful now that He was then? Does God change as man does? Do not hope without measure [limit] but according to the measure [limit] of your efforts as regards the improvement of your life, let that be your hope. Truly, great is the mercy of God, long is the patience of God and infinite is the love of God. Behold, God loves you more and is more merciful to you than you are to yourself and He continually wishes you salvation even more than you yourself do. But he, who to the end mocks the mercy of God and he, who to the very end laughs at the patience of God and he, who to the end opposes the love of God, will God then take him by force into His kingdom and make him a fellow citizen with the angels and saints?

How terrible is the darkness of Hades, the clanging sound of chains and the gnashing of teeth? Those who ridiculed the mercy of God and opposed the love of God dwell there [Hades]. Will you want to go there, O prodigal soul? God does not desire that you go there; the angels mourn because you are headed there; the saints are praying that you return; Holy Church offers sacrifices for you that you would come to your senses. If you despise all of that, O why would you despise it all! then what kind of mercy do you expect from God?

O righteous Lord, help us that we may, in due time turn away from the path which leads to the darkness of Hades, make us to understand and strengthen us in goodness, before You send Your angel to take away our soul. To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- July 28: Liturgical Music Workshop at Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery, pre-registration required – see: [www.nynjoca.org/liturgical\\_music.html](http://www.nynjoca.org/liturgical_music.html)
- August 12 Sunday Saint Ann's Sisterhood Meeting during coffee hour
- August 18 Saturday Diocesan Church School Teachers Conference, Endicott, NY
- August 25 Sat. Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery: 9AM Divine Liturgy in Binghamton and Banquet
- August 26 Sun. Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery: 10 AM Divine Liturgy at the Monastery in Otego
- September 16 Sunday Perohi and Polka Fest, Herkimer VFW Hall, 4 – 8 pm
- October 21 Sunday Harvest Dinner
- October 14/15, 2016** Saints Peter and Paul Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration