# FOLKE SAINTS FETTER AND FAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God for all things!

October 21, 201220th Sunday after PentecostDivine Liturgy9:30 amOctober 27SaturdayGreat Vespers4:00 pmOctober 2821st Sunday after PentecostDivine Liturgy9:30 am

#### This Bulletin is in memory of the Prawlocki Family from Sonia Buttino

Saints of the Day: Venerable Hilarion the Great of Palestine (371). Translation of the relics (1206) of Saint Hilarion, Bishop of Meglin, Bulgaria (1164). New Hieromartyrs Paulinus Bishop of Mogiley, Arkadius Bishop of Ekaterinburg and with them Priests Anatolius and Nicander and Martyr Cyprian (1937). New Hieromartyr Damian Bishop of Kursk (1937). New Hieromartyrs Priests Constantine, Sergius, Basil, Theodore, Vladimir, Nicholas, John, Basil, Alexander, Demetrius and Alexis, Deacons Sergius and John and Martyr Sophronius (1937). New Hieromartyr Pelagia (1944). Venerable Hilarion of the Kiev Caves (1067). Venerable Abbot Hilarion, of Pskov (1476). Venerable Abbots Theophilus and James, of Omutch on Pskov Lake (1412). Martyrs Dasius, Gaius, and Zoticus at Nicomedia (303). Saint Hilarion, Metropolitan of Kiev (16th c). Venerable Philotheus of Neapolis and Mount Athos (14th c.). Martyr John of Peloponnesus (1773). Venerable Hieromonk Bessarion (Sarai), (1745) and Monk Sophronius of Ciorara, (ca. 1765), Confessors, and Saint Oprea of Salistie, martyred by the Latins in Romania. Priest-Confessors John of Gales, and Moses (Macinic) of Sibiel (18th c.) (Transylvania). Newly-revealed Martyrs Andrew, Stephen, Paul and Peter. Hieromartyr Priest Socrates and Martyr Theodote of Ancyra (230). Monk-martyr Eucratus. Saint Monk Baruch. Monk-martyr Zachariah. Martyr Azes. Translation of the relics of Saint Christodulus the Wonderworker of Patmos (1093). Martyr Ursula of Cologne and her companions (383). Saint Fintan Munnu of Teachmunnu (635). Saint Malathgeny of Cluain-Edneach (767). Saint Condedus, Hermit of Fontenelle.

Please remember in your prayers: Priest Sergius, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Maria, Michael, Mother Raphaela, Rea, Sister Veronica, John, Hilda, 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 His Eminence Metropolitan-Elect ANTONY of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church USA were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben requested by Father John Udics. God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of His Beatitude Metropolitan THEODOSIUS were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben for his birthday at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Alexander and Andrey Drozdoff were offered at Liturgy and Moleben October 14, at their request.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of niece Nina Dudek were offered at Liturgy and Moleben on her birthday today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Rose Sokol were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Nicole and Natalie Todd.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of uncle Father Sergei (Udics) and Esther (Anastasia) Kappanadze were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Anna Tymoczko, Sava Chlus, Walter Jovorosky and Helen Nanoski were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

The Venerable Hilarion the Great, like a rose growing among thorns, this great saint was born of pagan parents in the village of Tabatha near Gaza in Palestine. His parents sent him to study in Alexandria, where the gifted youngster quickly assimilated both secular learning and spiritual wisdom. Coming to know the Lord Christ, he was baptized, and desired to dedicate himself completely to the service of the Lord. With this desire in his heart, Hilarion visited Saint Anthony in the desert and became his disciple. Then he returned to his homeland and lived a life of asceticism near Maiuma, at Gaza. Demons tried to terrify him in various ways, but by prayer to God and the sign of the Cross he always overcame them and drove them away. Many lovers of the spiritual life gathered around him. Hilarion became for Palestine what Saint Anthony was for Egypt. A divine teacher, a strict ascetic and a wonderful miracle-worker, Hilarion was revered not only by Christians but also by pagans. However, fearing the praise of men and tearfully lamenting, "Woe is me, I have received my reward on earth!" he fled from place to place, to hide from men and remain alone with his soul and with God. Thus, he traveled and lived in Egypt, Sicily, Dalmatia and finally in Cyprus, where his life of great labor came to an end in about the year 372, at the age of eighty. The miracle-working relics of Saint Hilarion were translated to Palestine by his disciple Hesychius, and were placed in the monastery founded by him.

Saint Hilarion, Bishop of Meglin was born of eminent and devout parents. His childless mother had long prayed to God that He grant her a child, and in accordance with her prayer, the Most-holy Mother of God appeared to her and comforted her with the words: "Do not grieve, you will give birth to a son and he will turn many to the light of truth." When Hilarion was three years old, the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth!" was constantly on his lips. He was well-educated, was tonsured a monk at age eighteen, and founded a monastery based on the Rule of Saint Pachomius. In 1134, he was consecrated Bishop of Meglin by Eustathius, Archbishop of Trnovo. Saint Hilarion led a great, nearly lifelong struggle against the Bogomils and the Armenian heretics. However, by his spiritual learning and unequaled sanctity he put them all to shame, and drew many of them to Orthodoxy. He reposed peacefully in 1164.

The Venerable Philotheus was born in Crysopolis in Macedonia. The Turks took him from his mother, a widow, and threw him and one of his brothers into prison. The Most-holy Mother of God miraculously saved them from prison and brought them to a monastery at Neapolis in Asia Minor. Later, their mother found both of her sons as monks, and she herself was tonsured a nun. Philotheus went to Mount Athos, where he lived a life of asceticism in the Monastery of Dionysiou, and later in the desert. He was a wondrous ascetic and a great conqueror of demonic powers. He reposed peacefully at the age of eighty-four. He willed that he not be buried, but that his body be thrown into the forest for the birds and wild beasts. Later, a fisherman saw a great light in the forest on a cold night and went to warm himself, thinking it was a fire. However, the light was not from a fire, but was emanating from the wonderworking relics of Saint Philotheus.

#### HOMILY by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha on the God-inspired heart and tongue

My heart will pour forth good words; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer (Psalm 45:1). Behold the inspiration of the Spirit of God! The prophet wants to speak of Christ the Lord and his heart swells with power and wisdom. That is why the prophet does not say: "My heart will speak or will pronounce good words," but rather will pour forth as though a part of his own heart rushes out like a torrent of water from an overflowing well. A torrent of water is narrow underground, but when it reaches the opening of the spring, it bursts out in a large stream. Such is the heart of the prophet when he wants to speak of Christ. Such is the power of grace confined in the heart of man. If it does not manifest itself in powerful words or if it does not manifest itself in miraculous works, it will shine within man and work wonders. But when it comes out in words, the tongue of the prophet will become as a reed, as a pen of a ready writer. For such a man does not struggle to formulate his thoughts, nor does he struggle to clothe his thoughts in the garment of words, but grace itself pours out thoughts and words, already prepared, through his tongue. Where does such a power in man come from? From God the Holy Spirit. Why does such a power exist? The prophet wants to speak to the King about Himself: I speak of things which I have made touching the King (Psalm 45:1). Actions and words here are identical, as it often happens in Holy Scripture. Where the Spirit speaks, He also acts; and where He acts, He also speaks. One speaks most powerfully through action. The prophet takes from Christ the King, and gives to Christ the King. He speaks enthusiastically of love for the Savior of the world; he speaks from a heart burning with the zeal of divine love. From the distance of time, he sees the Incarnate Son of God, and his heart dances with joy like a weary night-traveler when he sees the beautiful dawn in the east!

O Lord God, the Holy Spirit, do not deny us Thy holy and powerful grace, that we may be cleansed from sins and made worthy of the Kingdom of Christ. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

#### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

TOR TOTAL CHEEK DING		
TODAY	Sunday	Harvest Dinner. \$10 each for adults.
November 13	Tuesday	XVII All-American Council, Holy Trinity Church, Parma, Ohio.
November 17	Saturday	Fall Bazaar
December 8 and 9	Sat + Sun	Visit of Sister Maria from Saint Elizabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus
December 9	Sunday	Christmas Pageant
December 28-31	2012 College	Conference "Trust in the Power and Love of God" at Antiochian Village.
For info and forms see <a href="www.ocf.net">www.ocf.net</a> clicking on "Programs" and then on "College Conference."		
October 14/15, 2016	Saints	Peter and Paul Parish 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- In the December 2010 Newsletter there was a list of **suggested donations** for our parish. Not surprisingly, this list has been whittled down considerably. Here's the pared down list now:
  - Flour and wine for the Divine Liturgy. Printer cartridges (ink) and paper for imprints. Fabric, thread, galloon, elbow grease for altar boys robes. Bake and freeze cookies for the Bake Sale. •

We can now add to the list: Donations for the Bell Tower, bells, lumber. • Support for the Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery – join our Sisterhood in the **Arimatheans**, a support group for the Myrrhbearers. • If you think of other items for the list, please let Father know so they can be added.

### **BULGARIAN TOMATO RELISH**

3 cups diced tomatoes 4 tablespoons diced celery ½ cup sugar ½ cup diced onion 1 teaspoon salt dash of pepper 1/3 cup diced green pepper 1/2 cup cider vinegar dash of cloves (ground)

1/3 cup diced red pepper 2 teaspoons mustard seed

Mix the salt into the vegetables and refrigerate overnight. Drain thoroughly. Mix remaining ingredients and add to the vegetables. Store covered in the refrigerator. It will keep for 4 to 6 weeks.

From *Hanya's Kitchen*, published by Saint Tikhon's Seminary Century Association.