

IC XC NIKA SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

October 5, 2014	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
October 11	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
October 12	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Martyr Charitina of Amisus (304). Saints Peter (1326), Alexis (1378), Jonah (1461), Macarius (1563), Philip (1569), Hermogenes (Germogen) (1612), Philaret (1867), Innocent (Veniaminov) (1879), and Tikhon (1925), Metropolitans of Moscow. Venerable Gabriel Confessor (1959). Venerable Damian the Healer (1071), and Venerable Jeremiah (1070) and Matthew (1085), Clairvoyants of the Kiev Caves. Venerable Charitina, Princess of Lithuania (1281). Hieromartyr Dionysius, Bishop of Alexandria (265). Martyr Mamelta (Mamelchtha) of Persia (344). Venerable Gregory (Grigol) the Archimandrite of Chandzoe in Klarjeti, Georgia (861). Venerable Fathers and Mothers of the Klarjeti Wilderness (9 c). Venerable Cosmas, Abbot in Bithynia (10 c). Uncovering of the relics (1841) of Venerable Eudocimus the Unknown, Monk of Vatopedi, Mount Athos. Venerable Methodia of Cimola (1908). Saint John (Mavropos), Metropolitan of Euchaita (1100). Saint Sabbas of Vatopedi, Mount Athos (1350). Saint Varlaam, Desert-dweller of Chikoysk (1846). Uncovering of the relics of New Hieromartyr Bishop Basil of Kineshma (1945). Hermit Murdoc the Culdee in Argyleshire.

Please remember in your prayers: Suffering Christians of Egypt, Syria, the Middle East and Ukraine. Bishop BOULOS Yazigi, Bishop YOHANNA Ibrahim, of Aleppo. Archimandrites Athanasy, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Alvian, Eugene, Leonid, John, Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Jacobus, Leonid, Vasil, Vasil. Deacons Mark, Demetrios, Philip. Mother Raphaela Meriam, Dimitri, Nina, Shelby, Daniel, Catherine, Helen, Anna, Peter, Helen, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Nettie, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Jamie, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Vincent, Diane, Abigail.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Shelby, sister-in-law of Barbara Daley were offered last Sunday and today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Barbara Daley.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Steve Wilkinson were offered last Sunday and today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of James Hart, Lydia Marie Dudek, Ed and Anita Hansen, Father Leonid Schmidt and Ludmilla Stehnach were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of John and Ann Garbera were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the Daniel Garbera Family.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Michael and Anne Sokerka were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the their family.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Ann-Marie Dovas and aunt Helen Udics Ketzak 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 and Michael Sobolewski, John Prawlocki, Frank Litwen and Ann Dulak were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

FOR YOUR BULLETIN BOARDS:

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES will begin today, before Liturgy, taught by Barbara Daley,

There will be an **ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** on Sunday, October 5 at coffee hour to discuss the Harvest Dinner on October 19.

The **AUTUMN BAKE SALE** will be held Saturday November 22, at 11am. For information, call Barbara at 867 7853

SAINT CHARITINA, PRINCESS OF LITHUANIA, nun of Novgorod, pursued asceticism in a Novgorod women's monastery in honor of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, built on Sinich hill.

Having resolved to dedicate her life to the Lord, she became nun. For her virtuous life she was made Abbess of the monastery. Until the time of her death, she was a sister to all through her humility, purity and strict temperance. She fell asleep in the Lord in the year 1281 and was buried in the Peter and Paul Monastery Church.

SAINT PETER THE METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA

The celebration of a special day to honor Saints Peter, Alexis, Jonah the Metropolitans and Wonderworkers of All Russia was established by Patriarch Job on October 5, 1596. In 1875, Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow (March 31 and October 6) proposed that Saint Philip be included with the others. Saint Hermogenes was added only in the year 1913.

By celebrating these hierarchs on a common day, the Church offers each of them equal honor, as heavenly protectors of the city of Moscow and prayerful intercessors for Russia.

Information about the Lives of these holy Hierarchs is found under the dates of their commemoration: Saint Peter (December 21 and August 24), Saint Alexis (February 12 and May 20), Saint Jonah (March 31, May 27, and June 15), Saint Philip (January 9 and July 3), Saint Hermogenes (February 17 and May 12).

MARTYR MEMELCHTHA OF PERSIA was, before her conversion to the Christian Faith, a pagan priestess of the goddess Artemis.

The saint's sister convinced her to accept Baptism. When the pagans saw Mamelchtha in her white baptismal robe, they stoned her. The saint suffered in the year 344. Later, a church was dedicated to her on the site of the temple of Artemis.

SAINT GREGORY OF CHANDZOE IN GEORGIA was the founder and head of the Klardzheti monastery. He was a descendant of an illustrious Georgian lineage, flourishing by the good will of the emperor Ashuta Kuropalata (786-826). His vocation to monastic life was evident even during his childhood. He explained to his mother about leaving home to enter upon the ascetic way, "Forgive me, my mother, but I am not departing from you on a whim, but because it is pleasing to God."

Saint Gregory spent all his life in unceasing prayer, in tears, temperance, patience, meekness, in deepest humility and untiring works. He gained for himself the glory of a pious and zealous servant of the Church of Christ, and he was chosen under the emperor Ashuta Kuropalata as the igumen of the Khandzti monastery.

Distinguished by his profound obedience to the will of God, Saint Gregory found the meaning of earthly life particularly in obedience, as bestowing the supreme blessed freedom of all creatures. He regarded obedience to a spiritual Father as the foundation of all the way of monastic life, inspiring monastic institutions throughout all Klardzeti and afterwards, as an archimandrite, throughout all Georgia.

During this time in Constantinople, after the iconoclastic council of 815, the Orthodox were forcefully oppressed. Georgian monasticism, spiritually nourished by Saint Gregory Khandzti, defended and affirmed the purity of the Orthodox Faith, while simultaneously struggling with Monophysitism.

In 825 Gregory Khandzti "upon arrival at Constantinople, venerated the Wood of Cross and all the holy relics, and he joyfully made the rounds of all the places of pilgrimage," and he took with him to Georgia "relics of the saints, holy icons and other blessed items in abundance."

Saint Gregory was a zealous advocate of the cooperation between Church and state, independent and equal in relation to each other. His views were favorably received in the decisions of a Church Council, convened in Dzhavakheti, and they assisted in the establishment of the Autocephalous Georgian Orthodox Church. The spiritual son of Saint Gregory Khandzti, Bishop Ephraim of Atskur, "established the blessing of holy chrism in Georgia, with the blessing of the Patriarch of Jerusalem and his witness," as Gregory Merchuli testifies in his Life of Saint Gregory Khandzti.

According to Tradition, Saint Gregory Khandzti spent the final month of his life in a solitary cell, where he was blessed with visions. The monastics of the monastery saw a radiant light in his cell, and they were convinced that it was "not a burning fire, but the Spirit of God" that surrounded the righteous one, like the Light of Mount Tabor. The Georgian Church celebrates the memory of Saint Gregory Khandzti on October 5, the day of his falling asleep in the Lord.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX LEADER WARNS MODERN ART AIMS TO DESTROY HUMANITY

The Moscow Times, Sep. 25 2014 14:31 Patriarch Kirill should take care not to wander too far from Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral, lest he risks stumbling upon the city's museum of modern art — a cultural genre he recently described as "filth."

Speaking at an Orthodox festival on Wednesday, the head of the Russian Church told journalists that some forms of contemporary culture "show some horrors, some nonsense, idiocy," state-run news agency RIA Novosti reported.

According to the patriarch, art should be a thing of beauty and harmony, as opposed to "filth and stupidity under the guise of art."

"The purpose of [such] art is not to advance humankind ... but to destroy the [it]," he was quoted as saying. Proponents of modern and experimental art would have us believe that anyone who fails to understand the genre is simply "unenlightened," the patriarch said.

Despite the perils of modern art, however, there is always someone willing to applaud it, and anyone who doesn't understand it is described as "unenlightened," the patriarch added.

To illustrate his point, he described attending a symphony in Chicago. What began as a "wonderful concert" quickly devolved into a cacophony of sound after an announcer told the crowd that the symphony would play some "experimental music."

As the patriarch described it: "Everyone sat. Their faces tense, their eyebrows pursed with the desire to understand what was happening ... But no one wants to be the one to say 'the emperor has no clothes.' Everyone was too afraid."