



# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

January 22, 2012 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

January 28 Saturday

January 29 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Great Vespers 4:00 pm

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**Saints of the Day:** Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (96). Monk-martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). Venerable Abbot Macarius of Zhabyn (1623). New Hieromartyrs John, Nicholas, Jacob, Peter, John, John, John and Priest Euthymius (1938). Martyr Anastasius the Deacon of the Kiev Caves (12th c.). Martyr Bishops Manuel, George, Peter, Leontius; Presbyters Sionius, Gabriel, John, Leontus, Parodus, and 377 companions in Bulgaria (814). Saint Joseph Samakus the Sanctified of Crete (1511). Saint Brithwald of Wilton (1045). Saint Wendreda, Virgin of March.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Nettie, Maria, Michael, Mother Raphaela, John, Hilda, James, JoAnne, Ada, Priest Sergius, Louellen, Nancy, Rea, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Jim, 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 Martha were offered January 15 at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Robert Culp.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Melanie and Cynthia Ann were offered January 15 at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father Geoffrey Korz.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Samuel Woodill, Jeff, Emelie Albrecht, Archpriest John Takahashi, Ron Ray and Robert Culp were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben by Father John Udics.

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

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of cousin Noel Yurch were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Dorothy Cooley, Peter Mezick and Sarah Eskoff were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

### FOR YOUR CALENDARS

**January** House Blessing by arrangement – contact Father at your earliest convenience

**NEXT SUNDAY** General Parish Meeting and Election of Council Officers

**The Holy Disciple Timothy** was from the Lycaonian city of Lystra in Asia Minor. Saint Timothy was converted to Christ in the year 52 by the holy Apostle Paul (+ c. 67, Comm. 29 June). When the Apostles Paul and Barnabas first visited the Lycaonian cities, the Apostle Paul at Lystra healed one crippled from birth; many of the inhabitants there then believed in Christ, and among them was the future youthful disciple Timothy, his mother Eunice and grandmother Loida (Lois) (Acts 14: 6-12; 2 Tim. 1: 5). The seed of faith, planted in the soul of Saint Timothy by the Apostle Paul, brought forth abundant fruit. He became a zealous student of the Apostle Paul, and later his constant companion and co-worker in the preaching of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul loved Saint Timothy and in his Epistles called him his beloved son, with gratitude remembering his devotion and fidelity. He wrote to Timothy: "Thou hast followed me in teaching, in life, in disposition, faith, magnanimity, love, and patience in afflictions and sufferings..." (2 Tim. 3: 10-11). The Apostle Paul in the year 65 ordained Saint Timothy as bishop of the Ephesus Church, which the saint administered for 15 years. And finally the holy Apostle Paul, situated in prison and knowing, that the act of martyrdom was before him, summoned his faithful student and friend, the Disciple Timothy, for a last farewell (2 Tim. 4: 9).

Saint Timothy ended his life as a martyr. At Ephesus the pagans made a feastday in honour of their idols and they carried them through the city, accompanied by impious ceremonies and songs. The holy Bishop Timothy, zealous for the glory of God, attempted to halt the procession and reason with the spiritually blind idol-worshipping people, by preaching the true faith in Christ. The pagans dashed angrily upon the holy disciple, they beat him, dragged him along the ground, and finally, they stoned him. The holy Disciple Timothy's death by martyrdom occurred in the year 80. In the IV Century the holy relics of the Disciple Timothy were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the church of the Holy Apostles. Holy Church venerates Saint Timothy as amongst the number of the Seventy Disciples.

**Saint Brithwold of Sarum, Bishop** died 1045. Saint Brithwold was a monk at Glastonbury in Wiltshire, England. who was chosen to be bishop of Ramsbury in 995, and governed it for 50 years. After his death the see was moved to Old Sarum. His fame comes not from his long episcopate, but from his prophecy and vision

concerning the successor to Saint Edward the Confessor (f.d. October 13). He was a great benefactor to Malmesbury and Glastonbury, where he was buried.

**A word from the fathers.** “What does the Holy Church instill in us by putting into our mouths during prayer, both at home and in church, prayers addressed not by a single person, but by all together? She instills in us constant mutual love, in order that we should always love one another as our own selves -- in order that, imitating God in three Persons, constituting the highest Unity, we should ourselves be one formed of many *That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us.* Common prayer on the part of all teaches us also to share the things of earth with others, to share our needs, so that in this life also we may have all things in common and as one -- that is, that mutual love should be evident in everything, and that each of us should use his ability for the good of others, not hiding his talent in the ground, that he should not be selfish and idle. If you are wise, give advice to the foolish; if you are educated, teach the ignorant; if you are strong, help the weak; if you are rich, help the poor.”

From The Spiritual Counsels of Father (Saint) John of Kronstadt

### **HOMILY About God's omniscience and providence** by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha

*"Even all the hairs of your head are numbered"* (St. Matthew 10:30).

Brethren, "the hairs of your head are numbered" no less the days of your life! Do not be afraid, therefore, that you will die before your appointed time nor yet hope that you will somehow be able to extend your life for one day against the will of Him Who counts and measures. Let this knowledge teach you meekness and fear of God.

"The hairs of your head are numbered" no less your sufferings on earth! Do not be afraid, therefore, that you will suffer more beyond measure. Fear even less that your sufferings will remain forgotten and unaccounted for by Him Who sees all. This knowledge will teach you patience and confidence toward your Creator and Provider.

"The hairs of your head are numbered" no less your friends and enemies on earth! Do not be afraid, therefore, that you will have either too many friends or too many enemies. Neither be afraid that your enemies will overcome you nor be assured that your friends will defend you. Concern yourself only that you have God for a friend and do not be afraid of anything. Behold, He is your only friend Who loves you without change.

O Good Lord, Wise Provider Who knows the number, measure and time of all, banish from us every fear, except the fear of You. That through fear of You, we may arrive to the pure and holy love toward You, our Creator and Benefactor.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

**A word from the desert.** Abba Anthony said, "I no longer fear God, but I love Him. For 'perfect love casts out fear.'" (1 John 4:18)

"Three old men used to go and visit Blessed Anthony every year and two of them used to discuss their thoughts and the salvation of their souls with him, but the third always remained silent and did not ask him anything. After a long time, Abba Anthony said to him, 'You often come here to see me, but you never ask me anything,' and the other replied, 'It is enough for me to see you, Abba'." Saint Anthony the Great, 17 January

### **Homily of Saint Nikolaj of Zhicha - on the perplexity of those darkened by sin**

*'Who is this that forgives sins'* (Luke 7:49) Thus asked unrepentant sinners: 'Who is this?' This is He who feels most painfully the sting of human sin, on whom all human sin falls as a blow. It is He who at one time in Paradise saw man sinless, who created man sinless and who is Himself sinless from all eternity to all eternity.

Only he can forgive who can also take revenge. A strong man gets revenge by reprisal, a weak man by hatred. If you can return a blow and do not do so, this does not yet mean that you have forgiven, until the root of anger is torn out from your heart. Great is the one Lord, who can both requite and forgive. Great is He in righteousness, for he will requite the unrepentant sinner; great is He in mercy, for He will forgive the repentant.

Oh that men could comprehend the power of the forgiveness of sins! Lo, when the blind man's sins are forgiven, he sees, the deaf man hears, the hunchback stands straight, the one with an issue of blood is healed, the idiot becomes wise, the possessed of devils is freed, the harlot is cleansed and the dead is brought to life.

But how terrible are the chains of sin! What heavy chains manifold sins are! These chains cannot be loosed by the hands of sinners. But when the hands of the most pure Lord touch them, they break and fall of their own accord. When the voice of the Pure One reaches them, they fall away. They fall away before His glance. Even at the thought of the Him they fall away.

Who is this that forgives sins? It is, O sinners, the most pure Lord, He who is, by His purity, almighty. O most pure and almighty Lord, free us also from the shackles of sin. To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

### **Avgolemono Soup (Greek Egg-Lemon Soup) – so easy and delicious with vitamin C!**

6 cups strong chicken broth (I use turkey broth – more flavorful)      ½ cup rice (I use more, as I like rice)  
salt to taste      1 egg      2 egg yolks      ¼ - ½ cup fresh lemon juice

Bring chicken broth to boiling point. Add rice to broth, turn down the heat and simmer until soft (20 minutes). Add salt to taste. To well-beaten egg and egg yolks, add the lemon juice, beating together thoroughly with a rotary beater or immersion blender – the egg and lemon will look like cream. Dilute with a little of the hot soup broth, beating constantly. Then add the lemon and egg to the remaining soup, stirring well as you add. Bring to boiling point (DO NOT BOIL). Remove from heat and allow to stand several minutes before serving.

**Footnotes** The soup should be filling, salty and slightly sour, so you might use 2 juicy lemons although the flavor may be too sour for non-Greeks. Grocery store lemons tend to not be as juicy as organic lemons or lemons from a Hispanic/Mexican grocery store. I wouldn't use bottled lemon juice – weak in vitamin C...