

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO Bible Study this Wednesday October 31**

**Saturday November 3 5:00 pm**

Vespers

**Sunday November 4 10:00 am**

Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday November 7 6:30 pm**

Bible Study at Vivian Zimmerman's house

Address: 807 2nd St. NE - the large pale green house on the corner of 8th AVE and 2nd St. NE

*Please remember to turn you clocks back an hour next Saturday as Daylight Savings Time ends!*

## THANK YOU

**Thank you** to the Alex and Jim Maragos for last week's coffee hour.

**Today** the Meyer Family will be serving coffee hour.



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**22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Repose of Ven. Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev (1651). Martyrs Terence and Neonila, and their children: Sarbelus, Photus, Theodulus, Hierax, Nitus, Bele, and Eunice. Ven. Stephen of St. Sabbas' Monastery, Hymnographer (9th c.). Repose of St. Arsenius, Archbishop of Serbia (1266). Greatmartyr Paraskeva of Iconomium (3rd c.). St. Dimitry, Metropolitan of Rostov (1709).

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### Welcome

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

## GALATIANS 6:11-18

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.



The Great Martyr Paraskeva of Iconium, lived during the third century in a rich and pious family. The parents of the saint especially revered Friday, the day of the Passion of the Lord, and therefore they called their daughter Paraskeva. This name, Paraskeva, also means Friday.

Young Paraskeva with all her heart loved purity and the loftiness of the virginal life, and she took a vow of celibacy. She wanted to devote all her life to God and to enlighten pagans with the light of Christ.

Because of her confession of the Orthodox Faith, the pagans in a frenzy seized her and brought her to the city prefect. They demanded that she offer unholy sacrifice to the pagan idols. With a steady heart, and trusting on God, the saint refused this demand. For this she underwent great torments: after stripping her, they tied her to a tree and beat her with rods. Then the torturers raked her pure body with iron claws. Finally, they threw her into prison, exhausted by the torture and lacerated to the bone. But God did not forsake the holy sufferer, and miraculously healed her wounds. Not heeding this divine miracle, the executioners continued with their torture of Saint Paraskeva, and finally, they cut off her head.

Saint Paraskeva has always enjoyed a special love and veneration among the Orthodox people. Many pious customs and observances are associated with her. In the ancient Russian accounts of the Saints' Lives, the name of the Great Martyr is inscribed as: "Saint Paraskeva, also called Piatnitsa (in Russian: Friday)." Icons of Saint Paraskeva were especially venerated and embellished by the faithful. Russian iconographers usually depicted the martyr as an austere ascetic, tall of stature, with a radiant crown upon her head. Icons of the saint guard pious and happy households. By Church belief, Saint Paraskeva is protectress of fields and cattle. Therefore, on her Feastday it was the custom to bring fruit to church to be blessed. These blessed objects were kept until the following year. Moreover, Saint Paraskeva is invoked for protection of cattle from disease. She is also a healer of people from grievous illness of both body and soul.



This year we will have our 1st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 25, 2018 following the Divine Liturgy. There is a sign up sheet downstairs where you can sign up to bring an item for our dinner. There will be food, dessert, drinks and an activity for the children to make their own thankful decorations that we will hang on our church Christmas Tree! We are excited to see you all there! If you have any questions or suggestions please email Tore at [tmli222@uky.edu](mailto:tmli222@uky.edu)



## BIBLE STUDY

We are studying St. Paul's letter to the Romans. **Bring your Bible!** The epistle of St. Paul to the Romans is arguably one of the most important books ever written. We have no better systematic explanation of the **gospel** of Jesus Christ. It has also intensely influenced Church History. It was through studying Romans that Martin Luther rediscovered the Gospel, which the medieval Catholic Church had largely lost. This sparked the Protestant Reformation. Even in more recent history, Karl Barth's commentary on Romans is regarded as one of the most influential theological works of the twentieth century. Never old, the epistle to the Romans is a spiritual and theological gold mine!

## T R O P A R I O N

### tone 3

Bound together by natural bonds / And clothed with the might of faith, / You walked the path of martyrdom with your seven children. / O holy Martyrs Terence and Neonilla, / Pray that those who honor your contest may receive forgiveness of their sins.

## T R O P A R I O N

### tone 5

Wise and praiseworthy martyr of Christ Paraskeva, / You conquered the devil by accepting courage and rejecting feminine weakness. / You shamed your torturer by crying out: / Come rend my body with your sword and burn it with fire, / For I go rejoicing to Christ my bridegroom. / By her prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

## K O N T A K I O N

### tone 4

Today the memory of the martyrs / Is bringing gladness to all the faithful. / Let us fervently ask them for healing, / For they received this grace from the Spirit / To heal the infirmities and sickness of our souls.

## K O N T A K I O N

### tone 4

"As You were voluntarily raised..." / The universe rejoices at the honorable commemoration of the martyrs: / Terence the most-wise, his wife Neonila, and their children. / Therefore, let us hasten that we may receive healing; / for he has received grace from the Holy Spirit / to cure the sicknesses and ills of our souls.

## LUKE 8:26-39

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"

29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

## LUKE 8:26-39(CON'T)

33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

36 They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.