

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor is:****For the health of:****Miriam** Funk for a quick recovery, requested by Lore Stefy**Readings:****Ephesians 4:1-7** (*25th Sunday after Pentecost*)**Luke 17:12-19** (*12th Sunday of Luke*)

**BRETHREN**, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**At that time**, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**Saturday service:****Vespers – 6:30 PM****(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)****Sunday service:****Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)****(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)****Church School****All classes will meet every Sunday.****Grades 5-8 – 9:30 am****Preschool and Grades K through 4 – immediately after communion.****We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.****Announcement:**

- St. Nicholas Day celebration with visit from St. Nicholas is today, Sunday Dec. 8. **Parents** who would like their child to participate in the celebration should have one wrapped present with their child's name on it for St. Nicholas to give out.
- We will be celebrating **the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ in the Flesh on Christmas's Eve, Tuesday, December 24, at 6:30 pm.**

**Reminders:**

- **We offer general confession the first Sunday of each month, and Private Confession after Vespers by appointment on Saturday evenings.** It is important that every Orthodox Christian go to confession.
- Upcoming **bulletins can also be sponsored** by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. If using the signup sheet, please give two weeks' notice.
- **Announcements or Prayer Requests** for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- **Prophora** (bread) is available at the candle stand. Before the Divine Liturgy, while the Hours are being read, the faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of *health and salvation* for the living and for the *repose* of the departed servants of God. (**Bread must be purchased a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.**)
- The **Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The **Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

**Venerable Patapius of Thebes:**

Saint Patapius was born at Thebes into a pious Christian family. Reaching the age of maturity, he scorned the vanities of the world and so went into the Egyptian desert where he became known for his ascetic deeds. Though he wished to dwell in silence, people began to come to him for advice.

He went eventually to Constantinople, where he obtained a cell at the city wall, near the Blachernae church. But here, too, he quickly became known. The sick began to throng about, and he having been vouchsafed the gift of healing, began to help all the needy.

After a life adorned with virtue and miracles, Saint Patapius fell asleep in the Lord and was buried in the church of Saint John the Baptist.

*Your temple is found to be a source of healing,  
and the people flock to it eagerly, O saint.  
They seek the healing of their diseases  
and the forgiveness of their sins,  
for you are a protector for all those in need, venerable Patapius.*

Kontakion – Tone 3

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:  
<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/12/08>

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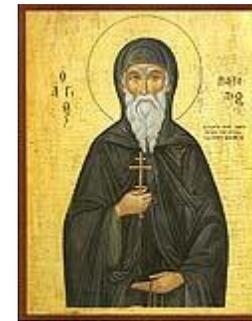
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Glory to Jesus  
Christ

Glory  
Forever

Venerable Patapius of Thebes

*The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father,  
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.  
By so doing you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away  
but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.  
Therefore your spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the angels.*

Troparion – Tone 8

### **Today the Church remembers:**

Ven. Patapius of Thebes (8th c.). Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Chelmogorsk (1378). Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Caesar, and Onesiphorus (1st c.). Holy 362 Martyrs of Africa, martyred by the Arians (477). Martyr Anthusa, at Rome (5th c.).

## December 8, 2019

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Nativity Fast

**Tone 8** of the Octoechos  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke