

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For eternal memory of:**

Maria - 2 years, offered by her daughter Liz Pastore and grandchildren.

For health of:

Holly Dawson, on her birthday, offered by her family.

Richard Dantine Jr. on his birthday, offered by his family.

Alexander Stefy on his birthday, offered by his grandmother Lore Stefy.

Readings:

- Colossians 1:12-18
- Luke 18:35-43

BRETHREN, give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities--all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

At that time, as he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:00 PM**Sunday service:**

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM
 (Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)
 (General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month.)
 (Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School – 9:30 AM

No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **The next meeting of the Parish Council** will be on Sunday, January 27th, after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos** will be on Sunday, February 3rd, after coffee hour.
- The **annual parish meeting of the parishioners** will be Sunday **February 10, 2013** right after coffee hour. The annual meeting of the parishioners is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, reports by the Rector and Council members, and for other business. Please contact Holly Dawson, the Council President, if you have an item that you wish to be included on the agenda or if you plan to nominate someone for a Parish Council position. All members of the parish are invited to attend. (Only parishioners who are "voting members" can be nominated to Parish Council positions.)

Special Announcements:

- **Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2013, Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200.** Partial payments are gladly accepted. (2012 Membership Fee payments can still be made, in order to be a "voting member" this year.)
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org

Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev:

In our church, rests the relics of our father among the saints, the holy **New Martyr Metropolitan Vladimir (Bogoyavlensky) of Kiev and Gallich**, the first bishop to be tortured and slain by the Communists at the time of the Russian Revolution.

Life Saint Vladimir was born on January 1, 1848, in the Little Morshanka, Morshansk district, and province of Tambov. He was named Basil Nikephorovich Bogoyavlensky. Basil's father was a priest, but he was murdered when Basil was young.

In 1874, he graduated from the Theological Academy in Kiev and began teaching in the Tambov Seminary. He was ordained a priest in 1881.

After the death of his matushka and only child in 1886, Fr. Basil entered the Kozlov Monastery in Tambov and was given the name Vladimir. Two years later he was consecrated **bishop of Staraya Rus** and served as a vicar bishop in the diocese of Novgorod.

St. Vladimir became **archbishop of Kartalin and Kahetin** in 1892. He was selected as **Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomna** in 1898 (after Metropolitan Sergei) and was notable for his concern for widows, orphans, the poor, and alcoholics. In 1912, he became **Metropolitan of Petrograd** (after the death of Metropolitan Anthony). In 1915, Metropolitan Vladimir fell out of favor with the czar because he disapproved of Rasputin, and so he was transferred to Kiev (succeeding Metropolitan Flavian) as **Metropolitan of Kiev and Gallich**.

It was Metropolitan Vladimir who announced in 1917 that St. Tikhon had been elected as Patriarch of Moscow.

Martyrdom In January 1918, cannon fire damaged many churches and monasteries as Bolshevik forces vied for control of Kiev. On January 23, the Bolsheviks seized the Kiev Caves Lavra, and the monks were taken out into the courtyard to be stripped and beaten. A few nights later, according to one account, five armed soldiers and a sailor came looking for Metropolitan Vladimir. The hierarch was tortured and choked in his bedroom with the chain of his cross. They tortured the metropolitan and demanded money, and then drove him away to be executed. Another account just states that some anonymous persons proceeded to take him to the commandant for interrogation. On the way, they decided to rid themselves of him.

The body of the hieromartyr was found pierced by two bullet wounds and three stab wounds. He was carried into the lavra's Church of St. Michael, where he had spent his last days at prayer.

The All-Russian Church Council was in session when word came to Moscow of Metropolitan Vladimir's death. Patriarch Tikhon performed a memorial service for the New Martyr Vladimir. An investigatory commission was formed to look into the circumstances of Metropolitan Vladimir's murder, but it was unable to carry out its duties because of the revolution. The council decided that the Sunday nearest to January 25, the day of his martyrdom, would be set aside for the annual commemoration of all of the **New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia**, killed by the Soviets.

Glorification In 1992, the Russia Orthodox Church glorified the holy New Martyr Vladimir. The Synaxis of Russia's New Martyrs and Confessors is also observed on the Sunday closest to January 25, next Sunday this year.

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Ven. Euthymius the Great

Glory to Jesus Christ

Glory Forever

*The wilderness rejoiced at your birth, holy father Euthymius.
In your memory, it brings a harvest of joy through your many miracles.
Pour these wonders on our souls as well and cleanse us from our sins,
That we may sing: Alleluia!*

Kontakion - Euthymius the Great

Today the Church remembers:

Ven. Euthymius the Great (473) • Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius), Schema-Monk (14th c.), and Lavrentii (Lawrence) the Recluse (13th-14th c.), of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves) • Ven. Evfimii (Euthemius) of Syanzhémsk (Vologdá—ca. 1470) • Martyrs Innas, Pinnas, and Rimmas, disciples of the Apostle Andrew, in Scythia (1st-2nd c.) • Martyrs Bassus, Eusebius, Euthychius and Basilides, at Nicomedia (303)

January 20, 2013

Tone 8 of the Octoechos

**Sunday after Theophany
33rd Sunday after Pentecost**



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