

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For Health of:**

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

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

**For eternal memory of:**

**Adam** Danish, father of Linda Jankowski

**Helen** Freisinger, aunt of Linda Jankowski

**Readings:**

- 1 Timothy 1:15-17
- Matthew 15:21-28 (Canaanite)

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**BRETHREN**, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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**At that time**, Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Saturday service: Vespers** – Currently not being served.

**Sunday service:**

**Hours** – 9:40 AM

**Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM

**Private Confession** – Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.

**General Confession** – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

**Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

**Coffee hour** – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room

**Church School** - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

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

**Announcements:**

- **There will be a meeting of the Parish Council** today after coffee hour.
- Reader Charles has accepted the call to serve with an **OCMC Youth Outreach Mission Team** going to Albania June 16 to July 1, 2014. Please remember him in your prayers in his many preparations. The cost of the trip is \$3,500. If your heart is moved to support him financially, please speak to him for information on how to do so.
- **Home Blessings** – There is a sign-up sheet at the candle stand to inform Father that you wish to have your home blessed. Home blessings will be done in February. Father will contact you to arrange a date and time.
- The next **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos** will be **next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, after coffee hour.
- Our **Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioners** will be held on Sunday **February 9, 2014** 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 want included on the agenda or if you plan to nominate someone for a Parish Council position.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2014. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign up 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, rest 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 observed on the Sunday closest to January 25<sup>th</sup> which is today.**



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New Martyr Met. Vladimir

**Glory to  
Jesus Christ!**

**Glory  
Forever!**

*O you holy hierarchs, royal passion-bearers and pastors,  
Monks and laymen, men, women and children,  
You countless new-martyrs, confessors,  
Blossoms of the spiritual meadow of Russia,  
Who blossomed forth wondrously in time of grievous persecutions  
Bearing good fruit for Christ in your endurance:  
Entreat Him, as the One that planted you,  
That He deliver His people from godless and evil men,  
And that the Church of Russia  
Be made steadfast through your blood and suffering,  
Unto the salvation of our souls.*

Kontakion - Tone 4

**Today the Church remembers:**

**New Martyrs of Russia** • Ven. Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople (5th-6th c.) • Translation of the Relics of Ven. Theodore, Abbot of Studion (845) • Ven. Xenophon of Robika (1262) • Martyrs Ananias—Presbyter, Peter, and seven soldiers, in Phœnicia (284-305) • St. Simeon "the Ancient" of Mt. Sinai (ca. 390) • St. Joseph, Bishop of Thessalonica, brother of St. Theodore of Studion (830) • Rt. Blv. David (Dató) III, King of Iberia and Abkhazia (Georgia—1125)

**January 26, 2014**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
(Canaanite - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before pre-lent)

**Tone 6** of the Octoechos