

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:****For the health of:****Holly** on her birthday, offered by the Dawson family**Richard Dantine Jr.** on his birthday, offered by his family with love.**For the memory of:****Michael, Victor, Tamara, Ivan, Alex, and Antonina**, offered by the Bodulow and Inferrera families.**Readings:****I Timothy 1:15-17** (*31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)Romans 8:28-39 (*New Martyrs of Russia*)**Matthew 15:21-28** (*17th Sunday after Pentecost*)Luke 21:8-19 (*New Martyrs of Russia*)

**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.

**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 – 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:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council** today after coffee hour.
- There will be a **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> after coffee hour.
- The **annual meeting of the parishioners will be Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, after coffee hour. The meeting is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

**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)
- Prospora (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.

**New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia:**

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only “crime” was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

*Today the new martyrs of Rus’ stand in white robes before the Lamb of God,  
and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:  
“Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor,  
and power, and strength be to our God  
unto the ages of ages. Amen.”*

Kontakion – Tone 3

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.

**To read more about the saints remembered today, see:**  
<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2020/01/26>

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ****Glory  
Forever****New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia**

*Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus,  
praising her new martyrs and confessors;  
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and  
princesses,  
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.  
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless  
persecution,  
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.  
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy  
till the end of the age.*

Troparion - Tone 4

**Today the Church remembers:**

**New Martyrs and Confessors 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 Robeika (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, 2020**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**Tone 7** of the Octoechos