

**Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb:**

Today, July 24, the **Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb** are Commemorated by the Orthodox Church.

Saint Boris was one of the sons of St Vladimir and was named Romanus at his Baptism. After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Boris, Gleb, and Yaroslav in order to seize power. He sent a message to Boris, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Boris's land holdings inherited from their father.

Some of Vladimir's advisers told Boris that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kiev. St Boris, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Unfortunately, Sviatopolk was not so scrupulous. He came to the town of Vyshegorod to ask its leaders if they were loyal to him. They assured him that they were ready to die for him.

Sviatopolk sent assassins to the Alta to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin.

Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Boris's servants. Wrapping Boris in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords.

St Boris received the crown of martyrdom in 1015. He and his brother Gleb became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence.

**Troparian:**

*Righteous passion-bearers and true fulfillers of the Gospel of Christ,  
chaste Boris and guileless Gleb,  
you did not resist the attacks of your brother, the enemy,  
when he killed your bodies but could not touch your souls.  
Therefore, let the evil lover of power mourn  
while you rejoice with the angels standing before the Holy Trinity.  
Pray that those who honor your memory may be pleasing to God,  
and that all Orthodox Christians may be saved.*

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Passionbearers Boris  
and Gleb

Glory to Jesus  
Christ

Glory Forever

*Today your most glorious memory shines forth,  
noble participants in the passion of Christ, holy Boris and Gleb,  
for you call us together to sing praises to Christ our God!  
Praying to Him before your sacred images,  
we receive the gift of healing by your prayers,  
for you are indeed divine healers.*

Kontakion - Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb

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**On this day the Church remembers:**

**Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb, in Baptism Roman and David (1015) • Martyr Christina of Tyre (ca. 300) • Ven. Polycarp, Archimandrite of the Kiev Caves (1182).**

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July 24, 2011

Tone 5 of the Octoechos.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

Our Mother **Ann**, offered by Linda and Richard

**For the health of:**

**Erika** Freed on her birthday, offered by her Grandmother Lore Stefy

**Elizabeth** Zimmerman on her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, offered by her family.

**Maribeth & Andy** Romanofsky, 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Readings:**

- Romans 8:28-39 (Passionbearers)
- John 15:17-16:2 (Passionbearers)
  - **Romans 12:6-14**
  - **Matthew 9:1-8**

**BRETHREN**, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

**At that time**, he crossed over in a boat, and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" --he then said to the Paralytic--"rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**Summer Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:10 AM**

**Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM**

(General Confession 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:**

- Summer Schedule: Hours 9:10 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am  
Regular service schedule returns September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Announcements:**

- 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](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be July 31**, after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be August 7**, after coffee hour.