

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church  
(Dormition of the Mother of God)**

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*Sunday February 18, 2018*

Martyrs Leo and Parigorius of Patara in Lycia (c. 258); Venerable Agapitus the Confessor and Wonderworker, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia (c. 308-324); Martyrs Victor, Dorotheus, Theodoulos, and Agrippa, at Synnada in Phrygia Salutaris, who suffered under Licinius (c. 308-324); Martyr Piulius (*Publius*), by the sword; Saint Flavian the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (c. 449) (*see also February 16*); Saint Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461) (*see also November 10 - West*); Saint Blaise of Amorion and Mt. Athos (c. 908); Saints Maximus, Claudius, Praepedigna, Alexander and Cutias, martyrs in Rome who suffered under Diocletian (295) (*see also August 11*); Saints Lucius, Silvanus, Rutulus, Classicus, Secundinus, Fructulus and Maximus, martyrs in North Africa; Saint Helladius of Toledo, Archbishop of Toledo and Confessor (632); Venerable Colman of Lindisfarne, Bishop of Lindisfarne and Confessor (676); Saint Ethelina (Eudelme), the patroness of Little Sodbury, now in Gloucestershire in England; Saint Angilbert, Abbot of St. Riquier in the north of France where there were some 300 monks (c. 740-814); Venerable Cosmas, founder of Yakhromsk Monastery, Vladimir (1492); Saint Nicholas V of Georgia, Catholicos of Georgia (1591); New Hieromartyr Alexander Medvedsky, Priest (1932); New Hieromartyr Vladimir Terentiev, Priest (1933); New Hieromartyr Benjamin, Hieromonk (1938); Virgin-martyr Anna (1940); **Other Commemorations:** Yakhromsk Icon of the Mother of God; Finding of the relics (1961) of New Martyr Irene of Mytilene (1463) (*see also May 12 - Greek*); Commemoration of the New Martyrs who suffered during the "Holy Night" in St. Petersburg (1932); Repose of Schemamonk Constantine (Cavarnos), spiritual writer (2011).

*Services for the week of February 18*

Sunday, February 18: 1:30 pm Vespers of Forgiveness

Monday, February 19: 7:00 pm Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, February 20: 7:00 pm Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, February 21: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; 7:00 pm Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Thursday, February 22: 7:00 pm Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, February 23: 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, February 24: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of St. Theodore

6:00 pm Great Vespers

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## Parish News

**WELCOME:** to all of our guests today. We are so glad that you have come to enjoy our Orthodox worship. We invite you to come for coffee and sweets in our church hall and to enjoy fellowship with us. May God bless you!

**A BLESSED GREAT FAST** to all of our parishioners, catechumens, inquirers and friends of the parish. May God grant us the ability to "see our own sins and not to judge our brother" during this sacred season and always!

**FASTING IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH:** The Holy Orthodox Church calls upon us to live a "vegan" lifestyle during the fast; avoiding animal products such as meat, dairy products, eggs and even fish (with the exception of the Feasts of the Annunciation-March 25 and Palm Sunday-April 1). We should struggle to attain to that measure...after all, how many embrace a vegan "lifestyle" because it is trendy? However, fasting is both corporate and *personal*. If we cannot entirely embrace the rule of the Church, we should at least aim to do *more than we did last year*. Let us also embrace the fast beyond food, by fasting with our eyes, ears, lips, feet and hands from ALL EVIL. May God assist us!

**CLEAN WEEK SERVICES** are not offered for the benefit of the pews. They help us to "get into the Lenten spirit." PLEASE, as you value your soul and relationship with God, ATTEND at least SOME of these services. You will not regret one second of the time you spent praying in a quiet dark church during the first week of the Fast.

**HOLY CONFESSION** during the Great Fast is a REQUIREMENT in our diocese. If you wish to be considered an Orthodox Christian of our diocese, you MUST make arrangements to confess at least ONCE during this sacred season.

**OFFERINGS:** February 11: \$2452.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER** Janet Mikel and Martha Smith as well as Marin Sandu (Dr. Alina's stepfather) who are suffering from serious illness. Fr. John Zboyovski who serves in North Carolina and is known by many in our parish is still recovering from a stroke. Please remember him as well. May God continue to bless and strengthen them!

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, February 25 (Sunday of Orthodoxy). Please plan on attending the meeting so as to have an "update" on what is going on in the parish.