

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

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Sunday March 4, 2018

Saint Julian of Alexandria, Bishop of Alexandria (189); Martyrs Paul and his sister Juliana, and Quadratus, Acacius, and Stratonicus, at Ptolemais in Egypt (273) Venerable Gerasimos of the Jordan (475); Saint Gregory of Constantius in Cyprus, Bishop; Saint James the Faster, of Phoenicia, Syria (6th century); Saint Lucius I, succeeded St Cornelius as Pope of Rome in 253, and was at once sent into exile; Martyrs of Rome, a group of 900 martyrs buried in the Catacombs of Callistus on the Appian Way in Rome (260); Saint Leonard of Avranches, Bishop of Avranches (c. 614); Saint Owen of Lastingham (*Owin*), monk of Lichfield, Disciple of Saint Etheldreda (c. 680); Saint Basinus, monk and Abbot of St Maximin in Trier in Germany, succeeded St Numerian as bishop of the city (c. 705); Saint Appian, a monk at the monastery of St Peter of Ciel d'Oro in Pavia, became a hermit in Comacchio and brought Christ to that region (c. 800); Saint Adrian of May and Companions, a bishop on the Isle of May in the Firth of Forth in Scotland, martyred by the Danes together with other monks including Stalbrand, Geodianus, Caius, and Clodian (c. 875); Saint Felix of Rhuys, a monk at Fleury Abbey (Saint-Benoit-sur-Loire) in France (1038); Saint Gregory, Bishop of Assos near Ephesus (1150); Venerable Gerasimus, monk of Vologda (1178); Blessed Basil (*Basilko*), Prince of Rostov (1238); Saints of Pskov martyred by the Latins (1299); Saint Ioasaph of Snetogorsk Monastery, and St. Basil of Mirozh Monastery; Saint Daniel of Moscow, Great Prince, Wonder-worker (1303); Saint Peter (Michurin), youth of Tobolsk (*Peter of Tomsk*) (1820); New Hieromartyr Michael Kargopolov, Priest of Krasnoyarsk (1919); New Hieromartyr Dimitry Ivanov of Kiev, Archpriest (1933); New Hieromartyr Vyacheslav Leontiev of Nizhegorod, Priest (1937); New Martyr John of Al-Sindiya (Palestine) (1937); New Hieromartyr Alexander, Priest (1938); **Other Commemorations:** Translation of the relics (938) of Martyr Wenceslaus (*Vyacheslav*), Prince of the Czechs (935); Repose of Schemamonk Mark of Glinsk Hermitage (1893); Commemoration of Staretz Theodosius of Pochaev (*Feodosiy Pochayivsky*) (1906); Repose of Schemanon Agnia, Eldress of Karaganda (1976).

Services for the week of March 4

Tuesday, March 6: 7:00 pm Instructions in Orthodoxy

Wednesday, March 7: **9:00 am Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Friday, March 9: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 10: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Third Saturday of Souls

6:00 pm Great Vespers

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!

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 25: \$663.00

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...

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER Randy (John) Bailey, 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!

REFLECTION

If the philosophies of men were able to satisfy man, why did the philosophers Justin and Origen become Christians? Why did Basil, Chrysostom and Gregory, who in Athens studying all the philosophy of the Greeks, receive baptism? And why did Blessed Augustine, who knew the wisdom of both the Greeks and the Romans, throw away all and seek salvation and illumination in the Faith of Christ? And St. Clement of Rome, who was very wealthy and very learned? And St. Catherine, who was from the royal house and knew all the worldly wisdom of the Egyptians? And the young Crown Prince Joasaph in India, to whom was known all the Indian philosophies? And many, many more who primarily sought explanations to the puzzles of the world and illumination for their souls in philosophy and, after that, entered the Church and worshipped the Lord Christ?