

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – APODOSIS OF THE ENTRY – HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT OF ROME

Resurrection Troparion – TONE 7:

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross, / Thou didst open Paradise to the Thief, / Thou didst transform the Myrrh-bearers' lament / and ordered Thy Apostles to proclaim: / that Thou had arisen, O Christ God, / granting the world Thy great mercy.

Resurrection Kondakion – TONE 7:

No longer does the might of death / have power to keep mortals' captive; / for Christ hath come down, smashing it and destroying its power. / Now that Hades is bound, the Prophets with one voice joyously declare, / 'The Saviour hath appeared to those with faith. / Come out O ye faithful, to adore the Resurrection!'

From the Book "Three-Hundred Sayings of the Ascetics of the Church"
Temptations come on some people for the cleansing of previous sins, on other for the beautification of their current perfection, and on yet others, as preparation for things to come, except temptations, which are for the increase of a man's faith and virtue, as it was with Job.
(St. Maximos the Confessor, Chapters on Love, 2.45)

Schedule of services for the following week:

- + **Tuesday – Dec. 10 – Small Compline and Catechism from 6:30 pm.**
- + **Thursday – Dec. 12 – Liturgy from 9 am – St. Mardarije**
- + **Friday – Dec 13 – Liturgy from 9 am. – Holy Ap. Andrew**
- + **Friday – Dec. 13 – Paraklisis 6:30 pm.**
- + **Saturday – Dec. 14 – Vespers from 6 pm.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

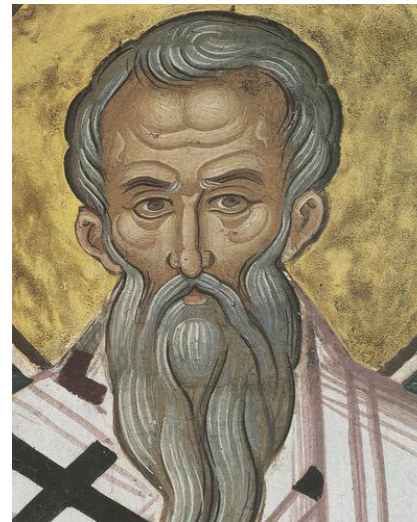
Epistle: *Eph. 2:14-22. & Heb. 9:1-7*
Gospel: *Luke 8: 41-56 & 10:38-42; 11:27-28.*

In Our Prayers: Anna Marie Slovesko, Peter and Monica Mikheil, Noah Martinez, Helen Gingrich, Ruth Yovanovich, Joan Babinski, Amanda Rahalewich, Alejandro Gonzalez, Jared Worley, Aida Aguirre, Nicholas, Constantine Lentz, Linwood Spruill.

May God remember the souls of the departed servants: Miroslav Pantelich, Gregory Anstine, Jan Zaprudnik, William Yovanovich, Dorothy Kerestter, Dragoljub (Donald) Maransky, John Gingrich, Eleonore Clay, Bob Sentz, Nicholas Dudtko, Jovanka Ebling Anthony Raymond.

Those that need special care: Lillian Sentz.

THE HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME



Clement was born in Rome of royal lineage and was a contemporary of the holy apostles. His mother and two brothers, traveling on the sea, were carried by a storm to different places. His father then went to find his wife and two sons and he, too, became lost. Clement, being twenty-four years old, then set out for the east to seek his parents and brothers. In Alexandria, he made the acquaintance of the Apostle Barnabas and, afterward, joined the Apostle Peter whom his two brothers, Faustinus and Faustinian, were already following. By God's providence, the Apostle Peter came upon Clement's mother as an aged beggar woman, and then found his father as well. Thus, the whole family was united, and all returned to Rome as Christians. Clement did not separate himself from the great apostle, who appointed him as bishop before his death. After Peter's martyrdom, Linus was Bishop of Rome, then Cletus--both of them for a short time--and then Clement. Clement governed the Church of God with flaming zeal, and from day to day brought a great number of unbelievers to the Christian Faith. In addition, he ordered seven scribes to write the lives of the Christian martyrs who were suffering at that time for their Lord. The Emperor Trajan banished him to Cherson, where Clement found about

two thousand exiled Christians. All were occupied with the difficult job of hewing stones in a waterless land. The Christians received Clement with great joy and he was a living source of comfort to them. By his prayer, he brought forth water from the ground and converted so many of the unbelieving natives to Christianity that, in one year, seventy-five churches were built there. To prevent his spreading the Christian Faith even more, the authorities condemned Clement to death, and drowned him in the sea with a stone around his neck in the year 101 A.D. His miracle-working relics were removed from the sea only in the time of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

THE HIEROMARTYR PETER, ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA



Peter was a disciple and successor of St. Theonas, Archbishop of Alexandria, and was for a time a teacher at Origen's famous school of philosophy. He ascended the archiepiscopal throne in the year 299 A.D., and died a martyr's death in 311 A.D., beside the grave of the Holy Apostle Mark. He governed the Church in a most difficult era, when assaults were being made against the faithful by unbelievers from without, and by heretics from within. During his time, 670 Christians suffered in Alexandria. Often, whole families were led to the scaffold and executed. At the same time, the ungodly Arius was confusing the faithful with his false teaching. St. Peter cut him off from the Church and anathematized him, both in this world and in the next. The Lord Himself visited this great and wonderful saint in prison.

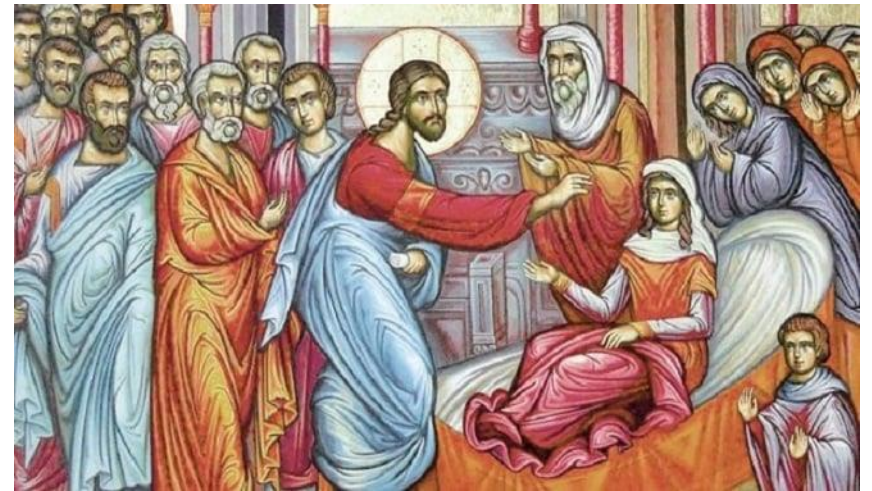
THE VENERABLE PAPHNUTIUS

Paphnutius never drank wine. Once, bandits seized him, and their leader forced him to drink a cup of wine. Seeing Paphnutius's kind nature, the chief of the bandits repented, and abandoned his brigandage.

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