

February 12, 2017

PRODIGAL SON

Saint Mary and her father Eugene

Saint Mary and her father Eugene lived at the beginning of the sixth century in Bithynia (northwestern Asia Minor). After the death of his wife, Eugene decided to withdraw to a monastery, but his daughter did not want to be separated from him, and so she accompanied him, dressed as a man. Together they entered a monastery not far from Alexandria, and the daughter received the name Marinus.

Marinus became accomplished in virtue, and distinguished by humility and obedience. After several years, when her father died, she intensified her ascetical efforts and received from the Lord the gift to heal those afflicted by unclean spirits.

One time the “monk” Marinus was sent with other monks to the monastery gardens, and along the way they had to spend the night at an inn. The inn-keeper’s daughter, having sinned with one of the lodgers, denounced the Marinus and named “him” as the father of her child. The girl’s father complained to the igumen of the monastery, who expelled the “sinful brother.” The saint spoke not a word in her defense and began to live outside the monastery wall. When the hapless girl gave birth to a boy, the inn-keeper brought it to Marinus. Without a word he put his grandson down before her and left. The saint took the infant and began to raise him.

After three years the brethren begged the igumen to take back the “monk” Marinus into the monastery. The igumen, who very reluctantly gave in to their requests, began to assign Marinus very difficult obediences, which she fulfilled with the greatest of zeal, while also raising her foster child.

Three years later the saint peacefully reposed in her cell. The brethren saw the deceased “monk” and the boy crying over “him”. As they began to dress the saint for burial, her secret was revealed. The igumen of the monastery tearfully asked forgiveness of the departed, and the inn-keeper followed his example.

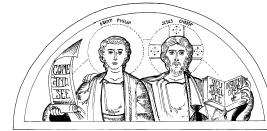
The body of Saint Mary was reverently buried in the monastery. The inn-keeper’s daughter came to the grave of the saint and openly confessed her sin. Immediately, she was freed from the evil spirit which had been tormenting her. The boy whom the saint was raising later became a monk.

Text & Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/02/12/100508-venerable-mary-who-was-called-marinus-and-her-father-at-alexandr>

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WISDOM FROM FATHER B: A Holy Task for you ...

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

MELETIOS, ARCHBISHOP OF ANTIOCH (381)

ST. GERTRUDE OF NIJVEL, ABBESS (NETH, 659)

ST. ETHILWALD OF LINDISFARNE (BRITAIN, 740)

ST. PROCHORUS OF GEORGIA (11TH C.)

NEW MONK-MARTYR LUKE (MUKHAIDZE) OF
JERUSALEM (1277)

NEW MONK-MARTYR NICHOLAS DVALI OF
JERUSALEM (1314)

ALEXIS, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW (1378)

ST. KRISTO THE GARDENER (ALBANIA, 1752)

ST. MARY, NUN (WHO WAS CALLED MARINUS), AND
HER FATHER, ST. EUGENE, MONK, AT ALEXANDRIA
(6TH C.)

Tone 1

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Matins Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Liturgy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

TODAY: Coffee Hour, Sunday School, & Teens after Liturgy.

SAINT PHILIP'S is a “Pan-Orthodox” parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, and who are dressed modestly and arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today by the Tillger family in memory of Mikki's father, Edward Antosz (MEMORY ETERNAL!).

MANY THANKS to Tadesse, Hirut, Alem, and Kassa for sponsoring today's coffee hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Martha Korbin, Jim Ryan, Angie Drăghici

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Kim Berman; Todd & Kristi Moore

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Become a creature of habit. Frequent the same coffee shop, gas station, restaurant, and so on, and build relationships with people there.

Mark Your Calendar:

Forgiveness Sunday, February 26 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 p.m.

Bp Thomas visit - March 3-5

Youth Choir

Rehearsals: *Saturdays* at 5 pm, March 4-18

Singing 2nd Akathist (Mar 10) and 4th Presanctified (Mar 22)

Missionary Visit

Jesse Brandow, home from Guatemala on Furlough.

Saturday, March 18, following Vespers.

Services for Annunciation

Friday, March 24 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Matins 7 pm

Saturday, March 25 - Liturgy 9 am, potluck (fish, wine, oil)

Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 25

Dr Christopher Veniamin - St Silouan of Mt Athos

PASCHA - April 16, 2017

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital and would like a visit, please call the church office.

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Naomi C. - Ken H. - Victor - Jim R.

Newly-departed Helen S. - Chris H. - Steve B.

This Week:

Monday, Feb 13: MORNING PRAYERS & Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb 14: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 noon

Wednesday, Feb 15: COMPLINE & Adult Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 16: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb 17: PARAKLESIS, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb 18: SOUL SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Intro to Orthodoxy 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS 6 p.m.
Bible Bowl Study 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 19: *Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare)*
MATINS 8:50 a.m., DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Teens
Donation Luncheon benefits Antiochian Women's Project, *Strengthening the Ministries of our Church*

HOME BLESSING SCHEDULES available in the Narthex.
Or email or call Fr Noah, Fr James, or Fr Herman.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers for Meeting: 50 Matins for Meeting: 23 Vespers on Feb 4: 38 Liturgy on Feb 5: 180 OFFERINGS: Candles, \$460. Collections, \$154. Youth, \$4. Bookshelf, \$66. Camp, \$215. Needy, \$78. Pastoral Discr, \$50. Women, \$9. Stewardship, \$6,834. Total received: \$8,082.
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY