

June 18, 2017

SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

**Holy Martyrs Hypatius, Leontius,
and Theodulus**



The Holy Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodulus were Roman soldiers. The holy Martyr Leontius, a Greek by origin, served as a military-chief in the imperial army in the Phoenician city of Tripoli during the reign of Vespasian (70-79). Leontius was distinguished for his bravery and good sense, and the people of Tripoli held him in deep respect because of his virtue.

The emperor appointed the Roman senator Adrian as governor of the Phoenician district, with full powers to hunt out Christians, and in case of their refusal to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, to give them over to torture and death. And on his way to Phoenicia Adrian received a report that Saint Leontius had turned many away from worshipping the pagan gods. The governor sent the tribune Hypatius with a detachment of soldiers to Tripoli so as to find and arrest the Christian Leontius. Along the way the tribune Hypatius fell seriously ill, and being near death, he saw in a dream an angel, which said: "If you wish to be healed, you and your soldiers should say three times: 'God of Leontius, help me.'"

Opening his eyes Hypatius beheld the angel and said: "I was sent to arrest Leontius, how is it that I should appeal to his God?" At this moment the angel became invisible. Hypatius told his dream to the soldiers, among whom was his friend Theodulus, and all of them together asked for help from the God Whom Saint Leontius confessed. Hypatius was immediately healed to the great joy of his soldiers, but only Theodulus sat aside, pondering the miracle. His soul was filled with love for God, and he told Hypatius to proceed twice as quickly to the city in search of Saint Leontius.

Upon their arrival in the city, a stranger met them and invited them to his house, where he lavishly hosted the travelers. Learning that their hospitable host was Saint Leontius, they fell on their knees and asked him to enlighten them with faith in the True God. They were baptized here, and when Saint Leontius prayed over them calling on the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, a luminous cloud overshadowed the newly-baptized and poured forth rain. The remaining soldiers in search of their commander arrived in Tripoli, where the governor Adrian had also arrived. Learning what had happened, he ordered Saints Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodulus to be brought to him. After threatening them with torture and death, he demanded that they renounce Christ and offer sacrifice to the Roman gods.

All the martyrs firmly confessed their faith in Christ. Saint Hypatius was put under a column and raked with iron claws, and Saint Theodulus was mercilessly beaten with rods. Seeing the steadfastness of the saints, they beheaded them. And after torture, they sent Saint Leontius to prison. In the morning he came before the governor. Adrian tried to entice the holy martyr with honors and rewards, and accomplishing nothing, he gave him over to new tortures. The holy martyr was suspended head downwards from a pillar with a heavy stone about his neck, but nothing could make him renounce Christ. The governor gave orders to beat the sufferer with rods until he died. They then threw the body of the holy Martyr Leontius outside the city, but Christians reverently gave it burial near Tripoli. The death of the holy martyrs occurred between 70-79.

The accusation against Saint Leontius, and his sufferings and death are recorded on tin tablets prepared by the court scribe [commentarius]. These tablets were placed at the grave of the holy martyr.

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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS LEONTIOS, HYPATIOS AND THEODOULOS
AT TRIPOLI IN PHOENICIA (73)

MARTYR AETHERUS OF NICOMEDIA (305)

ST. MARINA THE VIRGIN OF BITHYNIA (8TH C.)

VENERABLE BARLAAM KHUTINSKY (1192)

ST. LEONTIUS, CANONARCH OF THE KIEV CAVES
(14TH C.)

VENERABLE LEONTIOS THE HAGIORITE OF
DIONYSIOU MONASTERY ON ATHOS (1605)

NEW HIEROMARTYRS BASIL, ALEXANDER, BASIL
AND SERGIUS PRIESTS (1938)

FINDING OF THE RELICS (1997) OF NEW
HIEROMARTYR VICTOR, BISHOP OF GLAZOV (1934)

Tone 1

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Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

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 & Teens after Liturgy.
Campers travel to camp.

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 to the Glory of God.

MANY THANKS to the Women of St Philip's for sponsoring today's coffee hour in honor of Father's Day. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Colin & Sandy Miller

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)
Join a friend in an activity or hobby.

Mark Your Calendar:

Akathist

Wednesdays 7 pm, June 21 - July 26

Parish Life Conference

June 28 - July 2, Morristown, NJ
(Hosted by St George, Little Falls)
www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#

Sacred Music Institute

July 12-16
At the Antiochian Village

Vacation Church School

August 7-11 - The Parables of Christ

Fr Boniface Memorial & Retreat

August 12-13

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 17, 2-7 pm
See Beth McClintock or Jerry Burke to sign up.

International Food Festival

Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

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.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1John 1:5-9

This Week: APOSTLES' FAST JUN 12-28

Tuesday, Jun 20: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Wednesday, Jun 21: AKATHIST & BIBLE STUDY, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jun 24 : VESPERS, 6 p.m. - Confessions

Sunday, Jun 25: MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Bath & Shower Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Don't say "boo, boo" when you only have to say "boo".

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Jun 10: 27 Liturgy on Jun 11: 171
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$326. Collections, \$139. Youth, \$4. Needy, \$70. Camp, \$70. Smerkanich Schol, \$110. Stewardship, \$8,776.
Total received: \$9,495.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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