

September 3, 2017
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessed John "the Hairy" and Fool-For-Christ at Rostov

Blessed John the Merciful of Rostov (also known as "the Hairy") struggled at Rostov in the exploit of holy foolishness, enduring much deprivation and sorrow. He did not have a permanent shelter, and at times took his rest at the house of his spiritual Father, a priest at the church of the All-Holy, or with one of the aged widows.



Living in humility, patience and unceasing prayer, he spiritually nourished many people, among them Saint Irenarchus, Hermit of Rostov (January 13). After a long life of pursuing asceticism, he died on September 3, 1580 and was buried, according to his final wishes, beside the church of Saint Blaise beyond the altar.

He had "hair upon his head abundantly," therefore he was called "Hairy." The title "Merciful" was given to Blessed John because of the many healings that occurred at his grave, and also in connection with the memory of the holy Patriarch John the Merciful (November 12), whose name he shared.

Text & Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/09/03/102480-blessed-john-the-hairy-and-fool-for-christ-at-rostov>

Have you posted a Festival flyer in a local business?

Take one from the narthex today to post where you get your hair done, where you get your morning coffee, or wherever you can!

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
 Teach English as a Second Language classes.

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



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Office Hours:
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COMMEMORATIONS:

PHOEBE THE DEACONESS OF CENCHREA (1ST C.)
 HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMOS OF NICOMEDIA (302)
 RIGHTEOUS BASILISSA OF NICOMEDIA (309)
 VENERABLE THEOKTISTOS (451), FELLOW ASCETIC
 WITH EUTHYMIOS THE GREAT
 ST. AIGULPHUS OF PROVENCE (GAUL, 676)
 ST. REMACLUS, BISHOP OF MAASTRICHT (NETH,
 677)
 ST. EDWARD, MARTYR & KING OF ENGLAND (978)
 IOANIKIOS I, PATRIARCH OF SERBIA (1349)
 BLESSED JOHN "THE HAIRY," FOOL-FOR-CHRIST AT
 ROSTOV (1580)
 NEW-MARTYR POLYDOROS OF CYPRUS (1794)

Tone 4
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Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24
Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

TODAY: POTLUCK Coffee Hour
 Hurricane Harvey relief collection
 Teens meet

SAINT PHILIP'S is a place of prayer and repentance and 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 are following the commandments and 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.

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.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today by Alex & Sarah Kaminsky, in thanksgiving for blessings received (anniversary - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to all who participated in today's potluck Coffee Hour. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS are needed for next week and most of the rest of the year. Please take a turn.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Jim & Doris Eggers

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Teens

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE in support of Hurricane Harvey relief! A basket will be placed during coffee hour to collect your donations to IOCC.

Mark Your Calendar:

Elevation of the Cross

Wednesday, September 13 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Matins 7 pm

Thurs, September 14 - **STRICT FAST DAY** - Divine Liturgy 10 am

Sunday School begins Sept 10

International Food Festival

Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

Pray, work, invite, & rejoice!

Intro to Orthodoxy - Fall Series

Saturdays at 4:30, Sept 23 - Nov 18 (exc. Nov 4)

Village at Home

Saturday, November 11

Flyer and registration form on the bulletin board.

Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 9

Drs. David & Mary Ford: *When the Foundations Are Shaken: Biblical & Patristic Wisdom for Living through Spiritual Upheaval*

Bp Thomas visit

December 15-17

This Week:

- Monday, Sep 4:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Labor Day Family Picnic, 4 - 12-7 p.m.
At Spring Hollow, home of Jonathan & Mary Lynne Black; find directions in the great room.
Please bring a side dish to share.
- Tuesday, Sep 5:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sep 6:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
COMPLINE, 7 p.m.
Chanting workshop, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sep 7:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
VESPERS & ARTOKLASIA 6 p.m., MATINS 7 p.m.
for Nativity of the Theotokos
- Friday, Sep 8:** *Nativity of the Theotokos*
DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.; potluck luncheon
- Saturday, Sep 9:** Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m. - Confessions
- Sunday, Sep 10:** MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Cleaning Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: I guess you didn't want a blessing.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Aug 26: 30 Divine Services on Aug 27: 169
Vespers for Beheading: 11 Liturgy for Beheading: 37 **OFFERINGS:**
Candles, \$258. Collections, \$104.20 Youth, \$1. Ukr. Orphans, \$40.
Cemetery bench, \$25. Stewardship, \$3,433. Total received: \$3,861.20
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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