

Venerable Isidore the Fool-For-Christ and Wonderworker of Rostov

Saint Isidore Tverdislov (“Constant of Word”), Fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Rostov. He was born in Germany of rich parents. From his youth, he led “an unsullied life and had a compassionate understanding.” Leaving his parental home and “desiring the Kingdom of God,” Saint Isidore distributed his wealth to the poor. Taking up the staff of a wanderer, he visited many lands and cities.

He was raised in Catholicism, and it is not known where he accepted the holy Orthodox Faith. Finally, he arrived in Russia and decided to live in Rostov. Here Saint Isidore, “in filth and snow and rain and cold” and “enduring every outrage,” settled in a rickety wooden hut that he himself had made. He chose a foolish manner of life for the sake of Christ, which Saint Paul describes in his Epistle (1 Cor.4:10-13).

Saint Isidore spent all his time at unceasing prayer, not allowing himself much sleep or rest. “He stood at all night vigil and praise” to dedicate his body “everlastingly to God.”

By day the blessed one made the rounds of the city, acting like a fool. “Like Job of old in his patience,” Blessed Isidore, while still alive, was “an earthly angel and a heavenly man,” “a compassionate soul, and pure of thought, and vigilant heart and faith unassailed, and true love without pretense.” During his life he received the grace to work miracles.

Saint Isidore reposed in the year 1474. They learned of his death only when, passing by his hut, they noticed a special fragrance. At the place of his burial in the city of Rostov the church of the Ascension of the Lord was built, in which his relics rest in a crypt as a source of miracles to the present day.

Blessed Isidore is termed “Tverdislov” [“Constant of Word”] since he spoke constantly. [The title “Tverdislov” seems unique to Saint Isidore. This supplemental account of him is from Bulgakov’s *Nastolnaya Kniga* (1900).].

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May 14, 2023
SUNDAY OF THE
SAMARITAN WOMAN



CHRIST IS
RISEN!

Tone 4

Eothinon 7: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel: St. John 4:5-42

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.

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 Apostles, saying, “Death hath been spoiled! Christ-God is risen, granting to the world the great mercy!”

TROPARION FOR MID-PENTECOST - Tone 8 - In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

TODAY: Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am
Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
A blessed Mother’s Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers!

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Fr Noah & Fr James 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.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

This Week:

Next Week (May 21):

COFFEE HOUR The Men of St Philip
PROSPHORA BREAD: Gabriela P.; Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES: Tinjala — Gabriela's Birthday

St. Justin Academy Donation
 Gabi & Catalin T.
 Bushelli — Julian 23rd bday /
 Laura 23rd bday; Miriam 5th bday
 Bill H. & Sdn. John N.
 Hertzlers; Nick; Zach H.
 Kendra; Felicia; Christian

USHERS: Todd M. & Steve K.
CLEANING TEAM: Jekels & Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Calvin; Angie; Dale

* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

Mark Your Calendar:

Ascension
Thursday, May 25

Pentecost
Sunday, June 4

All Saints
Sunday, June 11

Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul
June 12-29

PLC Conference 2023:
"A Vision for an Orthodox America"
June 28-July 2

VCS 2023
July 31-Aug 4

Pray For:	
Living	Departed
N.I. Peter, Sarah, William N.I. Timothy	+Lucy
Our Metropolitan-Elect Saba Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(May Parish Diptychs)
Faithful in Ethiopia and Eritrea	+Paul +Bahia
Archpriest Mark Kh. Joyce	+Kh. Jane +LuAnn
Pr. Andrew & Mat. Taisia, family, & parishioners	+Lida +Donna
George Linda Tadessa Nicole Raymond Patrick Doris John John James James Lasha B Otari B Helen Wadieh Anesia Mary Mary Sophia Elias Victoria Alexandra	<u>Catechumens</u> Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto, Taylor & Bethany Denis Lucretia Ryan Christina Alina & Elsa Kate Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, & Leo Michael Evan Tiffany Caden
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries New & Expectant Mothers & their children For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends —George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	

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

SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

This Week:

Monday, May 15: Church open

Tuesday, May 16: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

Wed, May 17: Church open
 Little COMPLINE & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18: ----

Friday, May 19: Church open
 Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20: Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
 VESPERS at 6:30 p.m.
 Confession 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 21: SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN
 ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
 Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
 Sunday School & Coffee Hour
 Parish Council
 SJA Play: "I-Ville to You-Ville" 1:30 p.m.

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Skin Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for May 6: 71 Divine Services May 7: 232
 Mid-Pentecost May 10: 90

OFFERINGS 5/7: Candles, \$267. Collections, \$1,304.12. Youth, \$1.
 Book Shelf Ministry, \$50. Classical School Fund, \$200. Food for
 Hungry, \$100. Hospitality, \$100. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52.
 Women's Fund, \$84. Stewardship, \$8,845. Total received:
 \$11,048.64. Cemetery Donation: \$250.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!