

Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodulus at Tripoli in Syria (June 18)

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).

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 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 travellers. 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.

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June 18, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
— ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS LEONTIOS, HYPATIOS AND THEODOULOS AT
TRIPOLI IN PHOENICIA
LEONTIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMER OF ARGOS
AITHERIOS THE MARTYR OF NICOMEDIA
ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA, ST. TIKHON OF MOSCOW, ST.
INNOCENT OF ALASKA, ST. RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN, ST.
ALEXIS TOTH, ST. JACOB OF ALASKA, ST. JOHN KOCHUROV,
ST. ALEXANDER HOTOVITZKY, ST. JUVENALY, ST. PETER, ST.
BASIL MARTYSZ, ST. JOHN MAXIMOVITCH, ST. NIKOLAI OF
ZHICHA, ST. ALEXEI (KABALYUK), ST. MARDARIJE
(USKOKOVIC), ST. SEBASTIAN (DABOVICH), ST. SERAPHIM
(SAMOILOVICH), ST. VARNAVA (NASTIC)

Tone 1 - Eothinon 2

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:18-23

RESURRECTIONAL 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: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour
Parish Council

A blessed Father's Day to all our Fathers, fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers!

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (June 25):
COFFEE HOUR	Women of St. Philip	Donation for Ukraine – victims of explosion in Kherson
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Rachel C.; Gabi & Catalin	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	The Sawickis – 15th anniv.	Hirut – Birthday
USHERS:	Sdn John & Radu C.	Dan M. & Rdr. Nick
CLEANING TEAM:	Moore; Kim B.; Monica C.	Gohls; Olena; Midena
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Dale; Childs; Daniel	Kendra; Felicia; Christian L.

Mark Your Calendar:

Sts. Peter & Paul
June 29

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

VCS 2023
July 31-Aug 4

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis

Transfiguration
August 5-6

Dormition
August 15

International Food Festival
September 15-16

JUNE OUTREACH COLLECTION:
Bath & Shower Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:
"You are the Salt of the Earth"

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N. I. Nectarios, Susanna, Dorothy, Christopher, Matrona, & Constantine	+Lucy +George
N. I. John & Mary	(June Parish Diptychs)
N. I. Patrick	+Nicholas
Infant Timothy	+Maria
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Marion Betty
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Victoria
Archpriest Mark	+Anna
Kh. Joyce	+Gail
George	+Sophia
Jonathan	+Mat. Linda
Ephrem	
Nicole	
Raymond	<u>Catechumens</u>
Patrick	Lucretia
Doris	Ryan
John	Christina
John	Alina & Elsa
James	Kate
James	Nicholas,
Lasha B	Rachel, Luka,
Otari B	& Leo
Helen	Michael
Wadieh	Evan
Anesia	Tiffany
Mary	Caden
Mary	Keith, Maggie,
Sophia	& Eli
Elias	Andrew
Victoria	Daniel
Alexandra	Kassandra
Steve	Michael

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

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:

APOSTLES' FAST JUNE 12-28

Prayer – Fasting – Almsgiving

- Monday, June 19:** Office open
Confessions 6 p.m.
Akathist to All Saints of North America 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, June 20:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, June 21:** Office open
Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, June 22:** ----
- Friday, June 23:** Office open
Confessions 6 p.m.
Holy Unction (fast) 6:30 p.m.
Fasting Refreshments to follow
- Sat, June 24:** **Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 25:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
40-Day Memorial (Lucy Coe)
Donation Coffee Hour – for Ukraine relief, those affected by explosion in Kherson

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for June 10: 94 Divine Services June 11: 170
OFFERINGS 6/11: Candles, \$206. Collections, \$693.72. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$99. Building Fund, \$10. Mission Chapel, \$141. Women's Fund, \$40. Stewardship, \$4,320. Total received: \$5,510.72.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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