

St. Nicholai of South Canaan Prayer for Enemies

Bless my enemies, O Lord. Even I bless them and do not curse them. Enemies have driven me into Thy embrace more than friends have. Friends have bound me to earth, enemies have loosed me from earth and have demolished all my aspirations in the world. Enemies have made me a stranger in worldly realms and an extraneous inhabitant of the world. Just as a hunted animal finds safer shelter than an unhunted animal does, so have I, persecuted by enemies, found the safest sanctuary, having ensconced myself beneath Thy tabernacle, where neither friends nor enemies can slay my soul. *Bless my enemies, O Lord. Even I bless them and do not curse them.* They, rather than I, have confessed my sins before the world. They have punished me, whenever I have hesitated to punish myself. They have tormented me, whenever I have tried to flee torments. They have scolded me, whenever I have flattered myself. They have spat upon me, whenever I have filled myself with arrogance. *Bless my enemies, O Lord. Even I bless them and do not curse them.*

Whenever I have made myself wise, they have called me foolish. Whenever I have made myself mighty, they have mocked me as though I were a dwarf. Whenever I have wanted to lead people, they have shoved me into the background. Whenever I have rushed to enrich myself, they have prevented me with an iron hand. Truly, enemies have cut me loose from the world and have stretched out my hands to the hem of Thy garment.

“Let us Attend!”



“Love your enemies, do good to those that hate you, bless them that persecute you...”

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14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Ven. Kyriakos the Anchorite (556). Martyrs Dadas, Gabdelas, and Casdoë (Casdoa) of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21–2:4; **Gospel:** Luke 6:31–36

Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.

Schedule

- **Monday, 30 September 2024. 6:30PM Great Vespers with Lityia for the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.**
- **Tuesday 1 October 2024. 9:30AM Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.**
- **Wednesday, 2 October 2024: 9AM. Akathist to the Protection of the Mother of God.**
- **Saturday, 5 October 2024. 5:00–5:45PM. Fr. Paul available for Confession ; 6PM Great Vespers.**
- **Sunday 6 October 2024, 15th Sunday After Pentecost. Feast of St. Innocent of Alaska. 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, Honoring of Church Singers. Followed by Agape Coffee Hour Fellowship.**

Announcements

~ A warm welcome to all our visitors. Please join us downstairs for Agape Coffee Hour Fellowship.

~ Early this week we will celebrate the feast of the Protection of the Theotokos. Let us gather together and honor the Virgin Mother for her constant protection over us.

~ A Calendar of events for the month of October is enclosed in the bulletin. Please take note of the schedule of services. **As you can see in the schedule, during October, Fr. Paul will be serving the daily cycle of services at St. Tikhon's Monastery Church at three separate times (October 3–4; October 10–11; and October 24–25). Please consider making a personal pilgrimage to the Monastery grounds for one of these days. Attend the services, walk the beautiful grounds, and partake of some spiritual peace.**

~ Our parish will be holding an ethnic food sale on Friday, 18 October 2024 from 11–4. Please tell your family and friends. Preorders can be placed with Anne Naughton or Ann Schlasta. For information on sale help, please see Ann Schlasta.

~ As tensions continue throughout the world, we offer up our prayers this week for all those serving in the armed forces of our country. We especially pray for all Orthodox Chaplains who are presently ministering to those in active service.

SATURDAY

St. Chariton the Confessor
Fast-free

SEPTEMBER 28

2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Luke 6:17-23

Strive to remember God at least every hour. Purchase a watch which beeps every hour, or a clock with chimes. Decide upon a short prayer or prayers to say every hour when you are "called to prayer." ... You may merely cross yourself and call God to mind. The content or variety of prayers is not so important and is a matter of personal preference. The important idea here is to somehow shake ourselves out of our lethargy at least every hour so that we do not forget God. If you observe this practice faithfully, you will begin to see almost immediate results.

St. Dimitri Rostov

VENERABLE HERODION OF ILOEZERSK. Herodion was a disciple of St. Cornelius of Komel during the sixteenth century. After the death of his elder, Herodion settled at Elias Lake, where he built a cell and established a church, which became the beginning of a monastery. Herodion fasted strictly, spent his nights in prayer, and received Holy Communion every Saturday. An angel of the Lord later foretold Herodion's approaching end, and he was buried in the chapel he had built. Afterward, a certain Sophonios impiously thrust his staff into the grave of St. Herodion and was struck blind, but after praying to the saint, he again received his sight. After this, an icon of St. Herodion was written. Later, another miracle was worked from the relics of St. Herodion that Metropolitan Nikon witnessed, so an annual commemoration of the saint was established.



COMMEMORATIONS: Prophet Baruch; Chariton the Confessor; Mark the Shepherd and Alexander, Zosimas, and many others; Eustathios the Roman and Kallinikos; Cyril and Maria, parents of Sergius of Radonezh; Chariton of Vologda; Herodion of Iloezerisk; Faustus of Riez; Hilarion of Petushki and Michaela; Juliana of Olshansk; Alkison of Nicopolis; Annemund of Lyons; Martyr Alexander; Wenceslaus, prince of the Czechs; Wenceslaus of Zenkovka; Auxentius the Alaman; Leoba of Tauberbischofsheim; Eustochium, daughter of St. Paula; Finding of the relics of St. Neophytus the Recluse of Cyprus.

SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Luke
Fast-free

SEPTEMBER 29

2 Corinthians 1:21-24
Luke 6:31-36

As we take the first step of repentance, the Good Lord hurries to take ten steps to pull us close to Him, these are the steps of mercy and forgiveness.

Elder Ephraim of Arizona †

ST. LUDWIN, BISHOP OF TRIER. Ludwin was a French nobleman and a member of one of the most powerful clans of Austrasia. He was the son of St. Warinus, the grandson of St. Sigrada, and nephew of St. Basinus of Trier, from whom he received his education. Ludwin married, and their sons became counts and his daughter a duchess. When Ludwin's wife died, he joined one of the monasteries he had established. After the death of Archbishop Basinus, Ludwin succeeded him, and this made him one of the most important church figures of his time in the Frankish kingdom. When Ludwin died, his family decided he should choose his burial place. His coffin was placed on a ship without a crew, and it sailed by itself and finally docked at Mettlach, where the church bells began to ring. St. Ludwin was buried at Mettlach Monastery. Reports of miracles at St. Ludwin's grave made it a popular place of pilgrimage.



COMMEMORATIONS: Dada, Gabelas, and Casdoa of Persia; Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza; Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine; Gudelia of Persia; Mary of Palestine; 80 martyrs of Byzantium; Tryphon, Trophimus, and Dorymedon, and 150 martyrs in Palestine; Onuphrius of Gareji; John of Riga in Latvia; Cyprian of Ustiug; Malachias of Rhodes; Ludwin, Bishop of Trier; Martyrs massacred at Strofades Monastery; Uncovering of the relics of St. John Maximovitch, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco; Translation of the relics of St. Donatos of Euroea; Synaxis of the Saints of Poltava.



It avails us not a little to serve the saints,
but very much. For it makes us sharers in
the rewards that are laid up for them.

St. John Chrysostom



TUESDAY

Holy Protection of the Mother of God
Fast from

Acts 9:10-19; Luke 6:37-42

OCTOBER I

The man who renounces the world from fear is like burning incense, that begins with fragrance but ends in smoke. He who leaves the world through hope of reward is like a millstone, that always moves in the same way. But he who withdraws from the world out of love for God has obtained fire at the very outset; and, like fire set to fuel, it soon kindles a larger fire.

St. John Climacus

HIEROMARTYR MICHAEL OF ZOVIA MONASTERY AND 36 MONK-MARTYRS WITH HIM. Michael was the abbot of Zovia Monastery, near Sebaste in Armenia. At the end of the eighth century, he labored in asceticism with thirty-six other monks. When the Hagarenes invaded this area, Emir Alim took all the Holy Fathers captive at their monastery. He tried to force them to deny Christ, but Michael encouraged those in his charge to bravely endure death for the sake of Christ. First, the thirty-six monks were beheaded, and then St. Michael was tortured and beheaded.



COMMEMORATIONS: The Protection of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos (Slavic Calendar); Apostle Ananias of the Seventy; Roman Martyr the Melodist; John Kukuzelis the Singer; Gregory the Singer of Mt. Athos; Savas of Vishera; Bavo of Haarlem; Domninus of Thessalonica; King Miriamian and Queen Nana, and Abiathar of Mtskheta, and Sidonia; Michael of Zovia Monastery, and 36 Monk-martyrs; Remigius of Rheims; Bavo of Ghent; Mylor of Brittany; Melchizedek I of Georgia; Alexis of Petrograd; Ismael of Strelna; Joseph and Kyriakos of Bisericani; Miracle of the Pillar with the Robe of the Lord under it at Mtskheta, Georgia; *Quick to Help* and *Pokrov* (Pskov) Icons of the Mother of God.