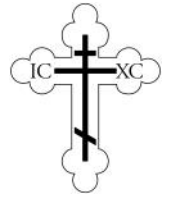




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NEWSLETTER, SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION, JUNE 12, 2005

civil date / church date



WEEKLY CALENDAR

June 12 / May 30	SUN OF THE HOLY FATHERS.	6th Sun. after Pascha. Tone 6.	Hours/Typika 10 am
June 13 / May 31	Monday	St. Walstan the Generous, of Taverham	St. Isaac of Constantinople.
June 14 / June 1	Tuesday	Icon of the Theotokos "Unshakeable Rampart"	
June 15 / June 2	Wednesday	<i>Fast, OW*</i>	St. Juliana, princess of Vyazemsk.
June 16 / June 3	Thursday	Icon of the Theotokos "Southerner."	
June 17 / June 4	Friday	<i>Fast, OW*</i>	St. Metrophanes, patriarch of Constantinople. Apodosis of Ascension.
June 18 / June 5	Saturday	St. Abba Dorotheus.	Vespers 6:30 pm

** Fast, OW means that oil and wine are allowed that day.*

FR. AIDAN TO BE ORDAINED

Following the Synod meeting in Europe at the end of this May past, Metropolitan Laurus and Bishop Peter have finalized arrangements for our Austin mission. Fr. Aidan will travel to Jordanville, New York, site of the large Russian Orthodox Monastery of the Holy Trinity, to be ordained to the Priesthood. Then he will celebrate the Liturgy there at the monastery for the traditional 40 days, receiving all necessary training. On his return to Austin the Holy Mysteries will be available to the faithful here. Please congratulate Fr. Aidan and pray for the success of our Austin mission! Also pray for Michael Widener, who will be conducting services on Sundays, in Fr. Aidan's absence.

WORKS OF MERCY (REPEATED FROM LAST FOUR SUNDAYS)

Corporal:

- Feed the hungry,
- give drink to the thirsty,
- give clothing to the naked,
- shelter the homeless,
- visit the sick,
- visit the imprisoned, and
- bury the dead.

Spiritual:

- Turn back sinners,
- teach the ignorant,
- counsel the wavering,
- comfort the grieving,
- bear wrongs patiently,
- forgive injuries, and
- pray for the living and the dead.

WISH LIST

Our new mission church has a need for:

- a permanent location for a temple and rectory
- four 2-foot by 2-foot tables, 3.5 feet high, on which to place candle boxes (until we can get proper Russian style candlestands)
- a guest book for visitors to sign
- three icon stands (3.25 feet high in front, 4 to 4.5 feet high in back)
- a matching set of icons for placing on the walls
- additional monthly-rent pledges
- shelves for our little bookstore

SCRIPTURES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36;
John 17:1-13

Mon. Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-15:7

Tue. Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13

Wed. Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23

Thu. Acts 25:13-19; John 16:23-33

Fri. Acts 19:1-8; John 14:1-11

Sat. Acts 28:1-31; John 21:15-25

HOLY TABLE & ICONOSTASIS?

There is no word yet on whether the Holy Table and iconostasis Icons from a closing ROCOR mission may become available to All-Merciful Savior Mission. Apparently a Greek elder (geronda) must bless this decision. There is not a complete iconostasis under consideration, but icons which were placed along the wall of the small mission in lieu of an iconostasis. (Meanwhile, please note the work which has been done on our own fledgling iconostasis. Many thanks to Mary-Martha Cary for her efforts. Her staining work was truly unstained.)

IMPROVEMENTS TO CHAPEL

Please note that improvements have been made to our All-Merciful Savior chapel, including the cleaning of the wax stains on the floor and improvements to the slowly-developing iconostasis.

TROPARION & KONTAKION

OF THE ALL-MERCIFUL SAVIOR.

Troparion, tone 8. O All-Merciful Saviour, Thou Luminary like the sun: | Through the light of Thy radiance grant us eloquence, | that with pure conscience we may sing praises on Thy feast all-divine, | glorifying Thee the only-begotten Son, and the consubstantial Spirit; | for Thou givest us peace and great mercy.

Kontakion, tone 4. I committed every abomination, O most merciful Saviour, | and fell into the pit of despair. | Yet I groan from the depths of my heart | and cry to Thee, O Word: | Hasten, O Merciful One, | and quickly help us, | for merciful art Thou!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all the benefactors of our sacred Mission. Please pray for John Aguirre's cat, who is quite ill. We rejoice for the safe return to us of the Eastburn family, who were out of town last Sunday. Finally, don't forget to pray for Fr. Aidan as he journeys to Jordanville, New York, possibly as early as this coming week. In Fr. Aidan's absence, Michael Widener will lead Typika on Sundays so that prayers may continue.

ON THE WEB & ON THE STREET

Russian Orthodox Church Abroad: www.rocor.org

Diocese of Chicago & Detroit: www.chicagodioocese.org

Holy Protection Orthodox Church, 5309 Burnet Rd., Austin, TX 78756 (this church has no priest at the moment)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 3617 Abrams Rd., Dallas, TX: www.orthodox.net (priest is Fr. Seraphim Holland)

Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring Orthodox Mission, Bryan/College Station, Texas (priest is Fr. Cassian Sibley)

St. Jonah Church, 2530 Old Louetta Loop, Ste 113, Spring, TX (Houston): www.saintjonah.org (priest is Fr. John Whiteford)

St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 24 Tidwell Rd., Houston, TX: pictures at www.saintjonah.org. (priest is Fr. Ljubomir Kupec)

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power and of love and of sobriety. [8] Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but labour with the gospel, according to the power of God. [9] Who hath delivered us and called us by his holy calling, not according to our own works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the times of the world: [10] But is now made manifest by the illumination of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath destroyed death and hath brought to light life and incorruption by the gospel.”
– 2nd Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy 1:7-10