



ALL-MERCIFUL SAVIOR MISSION NEWSLETTER

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32TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST, JAN. 29, 2006

civil date / church date



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Jan. 29 / Jan. 16	SUNDAY 32th of Pentecost.	Tone 7. Veneration of Chains of Holy Apostle Peter. Service 10 a.m.
Jan. 30 / Jan. 17	Monday	St. Anthony the Great, a founder of monastic life.
Jan. 31 / Jan. 18	Tuesday	Sts. Cyril and Mary, the parents of abbot St. Sergius of Radonezh.
Feb. 1 / Jan. 19	Wednesday <i>Fast</i>	St. Macarius the Great of Egypt, a monastic father.
Feb. 2 / Jan. 20	Thursday	St. Euthymius the Great, a monastic father.
Feb. 3 / Jan. 21	Friday <i>Fast</i>	St. Maximus the Confessor, a theologian of the Church.
Feb. 4 / Jan. 22	Saturday	Holy Apostle Timothy of the 70. St. Anastasius the Persian, martyr.

* *Fast, OW* means that oil and wine are allowed that day. **Fast, FOW* means fish is also allowed that day.

TODAY IN THE CHURCH

Saint Peter is commemorated on this day because of the chains by which he was shackled by the lawless Herod and which during the appearance of an angel in prison fell from him, "Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' The chains fell from his wrists" (Acts of the Apostles 12:7). The chains were preserved by Christians as much for the memory of this great apostle as well as for their healing power, for many of the sick were healed by touching them as well as with the towel of the Apostle Paul,

"then when the face cloths or aprons that touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them" (Acts of the Apostles 19:12). St. Juvenal, the Patriarch of Jerusalem gave these chains as a gift to the Empress Eudocia, the exiled wife of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. She divided them into two and sent one half to the Church of the Holy Apostle in Constantinople and the other half to her daughter Empress Eudoxia in Rome, the wife of Valentian. Eudoxia built the Church of St. Peter and deposited these chains in it, together with those chains with which Peter was shackled before his death under Emperor Nero. *from the Prologue from Ochrid, St. Nikolai.*

NEWS

- We can no longer afford to rent the space for our chapel, so today after service and trapeza we will dismantle the chapel. On Wed., Feb. 1, 2006, our chapel will close. Fr. Aidan will ask Bp. Peter what he blesses the people of the mission to do for sacraments and church life.
- Fr. Aidan would like to bless and thank each person who has contributed so greatly to the life of our All-Merciful Savior Mission. Truly, great works of love and faith have been shown in the time we have met and prayed together. God will reward and bless each of you, His faithful servants, for all you've done to glorify His name.

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, t. 4. I committed every abomination, O All-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 hep us, | for merciful art Thou!

