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16th Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 7

Martyr Callistratus and his Company

Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenus of the Seventy



From the Fathers...

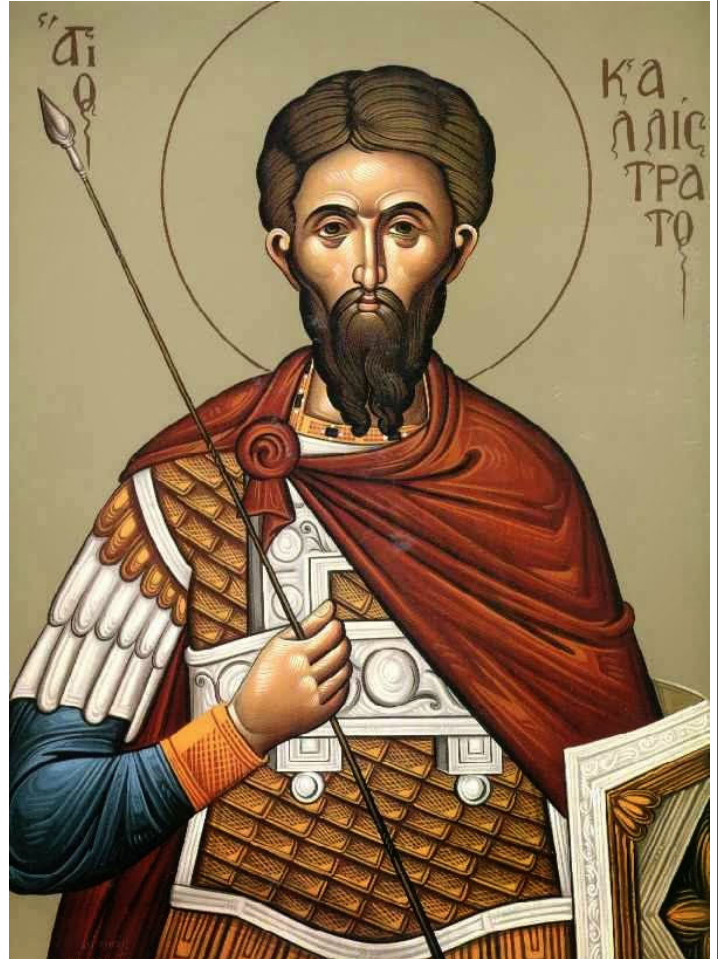
"A Christian's ... duty is to "take up his cross." The word "cross" means sufferings, sorrows, and adversities. To take up one's cross means to bear without grumblings everything unpleasant, painful, sad, difficult and with love, with joy and with courageous strength."

- St. Innocent of Alaska



Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service, as well as join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the Liturgy.



O suffering martyr Callistratus,/ with thy mind illumined by the light of piety,/ without wavering thou didst trod the path to heavenly blessedness,/ conquering all the snares of the Enemy./ Therefore we praise thee, honoring thy sacred memory,// O most blessed one.

O divinely-wise martyr Callistratus,/ enriched by the Word of Life, / thou didst guide to life those who once were dead in the curse through ignorance./ They died with zeal, O glorious one, for the Resurrection of us all,/ and truly we believe they dwell with Christ.// Together with them, remember us to the Lord, transcendent in goodness!
(Stichera of Lord, I Call)

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TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Resurrection Troparion in Tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death./ To the thief Thou didst open Paradise./ For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,/ and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,/ to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Greatmartyr George Troparion in Tone 4

As deliverer of captives/ and defender of the poor;/ healer of the infirm,/ champion of kings;/ victorious Great Martyr George,/ intercede with Christ our God;// for our souls' salvation.

Martyr Callistratus Troparion in Tone 3

In contest thou wast strengthened by the Holy Spirit, O Martyr Callistratus,/ and wast glorious in casting down the Enemy./ Thou didst offer a noble army of athletes/ as sweet-smelling incense to Christ.// With them pray for us who praise thee with hymns!

Resurrection Kontakion in Tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,/ for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers./ Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:/ "The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Great Martyr George Kontakion in Tone 4

As we the faithful flee to thee for refuge and seek thy protection and speedy help,/ We entreat thee, O Champion of Christ, that we who sing thy praises may be delivered from the snares of the enemy/ and from every peril and adversary,// that we may cry: "Rejoice, O martyr George!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Martyr Callistratus Kontakion in Tone 4

Like stars you have shone upon the world,/ shedding the light of your contests and miracles upon all who cry to you:// "Rejoice, Martyr Callistratus and fellow company of martyrs!"

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,/ constant advocate before the Creator;/ despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,/ but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith./ Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,/ for you always protect those who honor you!

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got

into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Sunday, September 27th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Livestream and In Person)

7:00 PM Church School (Online)

Martyr Callistratus and his company

Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenas of the Seventy

2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Luke 5:1-11

Monday, September 28th

7:30 PM Adult Education (Online)

Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine

Prophet Baruch

Martyrdom of St. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs

Ephesians 1:22-2:3, 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Luke 4:37-44, Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday, September 29th

Ven. Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine

Ven. Theophan the Merciful of Gaza

Ephesians 2:19-3:7, Luke 5:12-16

Wednesday, September 30th

Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia

St. Michael, First Metropolitan of Kiev

Ephesians 3:8-21, Ephesians 4:14-19

Luke 5:33-39, Luke 6:12-19

Thursday, October 1st

Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos

Apostle of the Seventy Ananias

Ven. Romanus the Melodist

Hebrews 9:1-7, Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Friday, October 2nd

Hieromartyr Cyprian, Justina, Theoctist of Nicomedia

Martyrs David and Constantine, Princes of Georgia

Repose of Rt. Blv. Princess Anna of Kashin

Ephesians 4:17-25, Luke 6:17-23

Saturday, October 3rd

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite

St. John the Chozebite, Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine

1 Corinthians 14:20-25, Luke 5:17-26

Sunday, October 4th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM Church School (Online)

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chaeremon

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1, Luke 6:31-36

A Prophet in the Shadows



We remember the Prophet Baruch. He was the stalwart friend and secretary of the much more prominent and often-quoted prophet Jeremiah.

It was no small thing to be Jeremiah's companion and scribe. Not only did Baruch laboriously write thousands of words of prophecy dictated by his master, he also read the words that Jeremiah had "spoken against Israel and Judah and all the nations" to the very people against whom he had spoken them.

The 36th chapter of the Book of Jeremiah says that Baruch wrote on a papyrus scroll the warnings Jeremiah heard from God, telling the people of Jerusalem and Judah to turn from their evil ways. Then, at Jeremiah's direction, he read the scroll publicly in the Temple at Jerusalem, facing the very people who were accused by God of wrongdoing.

A group of royal officials asked Baruch to read the scroll again, privately, to them. They asked him how he had come to write the words, and he replied that Jeremiah had dictated them. The danger Baruch and his master faced is made clear by the officials' instructions to Baruch: "Go and hide, you and Jeremiah, and let no one know where you are" (36:19).

The king, Jehoiakim, also wanted to hear what was in the scroll. Sitting by a fire, he had a courtier named Jehudi read it, column by column. As Jehudi finished reading a column, the king would cut it off with a penknife and throw it into the fire. Not only did Jehoiakim refuse to heed God's warnings, but Baruch had to write the whole scroll, with more words added, all over again.

The disobedience of the kings and people finally led to the fall of Jerusalem. In Jeremiah 39: 6-8 we read the grim results: "The king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah [the king of Judah at that time]at Riblah before his eyes; and the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. He put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in fetters to take him to Babylon. The Chaldeans burned the king's house and the house of the people, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem."

Baruch stood loyally by Jeremiah as the great prophet was imprisoned and persecuted. With Jeremiah, he grieved at the fall of Jerusalem. But we don't remember Baruch only as a witness to disheartening events. He also is a prophet, and in his writings we read: "This is our God; no other can be compared to him! He found the way to knowledge, and gave her to Jacob his servant and to Israel whom he loved. Afterward she appeared upon earth and lived among men" (Baruch 3:35-37). The Church Fathers saw in this a prophecy of the coming of Christ.

Updated Guidance for COVID-19

Reopening Guidelines

The Cathedral remains in Stage 4 of the reopening process for the time being. We are now allowed to have 100% of social distancing capacity. Sign-up for church services is available online.

Face masks are now required to be worn during all services.

Exceptions to the face mask requirement set forth in the Public Health Order pertinent to St. George are as follows:

- individuals are under 10 years of age (and cannot reasonably keep from handling the mask),
- those with respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or disability that contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering,
- officiants of religious services (altar servers will wear face masks).

Those who fall in the vulnerable populations should remain at home.

Thank You

A warm thank you to all parishioners of St. George for the time we were able to spend with you. We will miss you and will continue to keep you all in our prayers.
- Fr. Gregory, Mat. Ksenia, Matthias, Thaddeus, and Ileana.

Online Adult Education

Please join us for an Adult Education series “Mothers and Martyrs: An Examination of Women Saints in the Orthodox Church”. The final class will be held on **Monday, September 28th at 7:30pm**. The Zoom link is sent through our email list.

Church School

Church School continues **Sundays at 7pm ONLINE**. Please email Vicki Ghareeb at vickighareeb@yahoo.com to register your children. Upon registration, you will receive the link to the classes. We are looking forward to growing in Faith and fellowship as creatively as possible!

Diaper Collection

As we were unable to serve the St. Peter and Paul community with meals during COVID, The Outreach Ministry will be taking a diaper collection in September and October. The diapers will be delivered to St. Peter and Paul in November to be dispersed to the community. Thank you for your support.

Outreach Ministry Card Ministry

St. George's card ministry would love to send you e-cards to help celebrate your birthday, Names Day, and anniversaries. Please help the card ministry by emailing St. George's Outreach Ministry at outreachministry@stgeorgerosford.org with your email, birthday, Name's Day with your patron saint, and anniversary to help build our database! We need everyone's individual email addresses so cards can be sent directly to you! We cannot wait to celebrate with you!

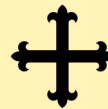
We are praying for...

Health and Well-Being:

Gordon (Nicholas), Susan (Susanna), Soteria, Maria, Tanya, Lawrence, Kathleen, Karen, Panka, Barb, and the kidnapped hierarchs Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Yohanna of Aleppo; and those being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East.

Catechumens:

Simon, Beth, Andromeda, and Lazarus



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit today by the St. George Choir for the Bruner Family. May God grant you all many years!



Celebrations

Birthdays:

Svetlana Bulgakova (9/30)
Mary Gresko (10/2)

Name's Days:

Mila Edelman (9/29)

