



## St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

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### Venerable Patapius of Thebes December 8, 2019

#### **Troparion – Tone 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

#### **Troparion – Tone 8**

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the Angels.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

#### **Kontakion – Tone 3**

Thy temple is found to be a source of healing, and the people flock to it eagerly, O saint. They seek the healing of their diseases and the forgiveness of their sins, for thou art a protector for all those in need, ven'erable Patápius.

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 8**

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

*v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.*

#### **Venerable Patapius of Thebes**

Saint Patapius was born at Thebes into a pious Christian family. Reaching the age of maturity, he scorned the vanities of the world and so went into the Egyptian desert where he became known for his ascetic deeds. Though he wished to dwell in silence, people began to come to him for advice.

He went eventually to Constantinople, where he obtained a cell at the city wall, near the Blachernae church. But here, too, he quickly became known. The sick began to throng about, and he having been vouchsafed the gift of healing, began to help all the needy.

After a life adorned with virtue and miracles, Saint Patapius fell asleep in the Lord and was buried in the church of Saint John the Baptist.

### **Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **Gospel: Luke 17:12-19**

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

### **Service Schedule for the week of December 8**

**Today** – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

**Saturday, December 14** – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday, December 15** – 9:00 Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by the Sunday School children's Yolka in Daria Hall

### **Weekly Giving**

December 1 – 45 adults, 10 youth, \$1,707

### **Parish Announcements**

A sign-up sheet for Christmas Eve Supper is on the table in the back of the church.

Please remember to participate in the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion prior to our Lord's Nativity.

Bible Study classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. The next class will be held on December 11. Future dates will be announced after the holidays.

### **Upcoming events:**

- \* Sunday School Christmas Yolka - Sunday December 15
- \* Christmas Cookie Bake Sale - Sunday December 22 after Divine Liturgy. Cookie trays will be assembled on Saturday December 21.
- \* Senior R Club Fundraiser January 12 – Chicken Parm Sandwich Sale
- \* Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday January 26; Senior R Club fundraiser soup and hot dog sale

There are five openings on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being nominated, please see Father Volodymyr before December 31. Qualifications for nomination: Minimum of two years in the parish and you must be a Voting Parishioner (see Father, Nina Laushell, or Herman Meyer for clarification).

Donations of homemade cookies will be needed for our Christmas Bake Sale on December 22. Please start baking and freezing cookies! Cookies may be dropped off on Friday December 20 at Daria Hall, and containers should be marked with the type of cookie and if it contains nuts or peanuts. We would like to limit the number of chocolate chip cookies please!

### **Upcoming Service Schedule:**

Tuesday, December 24 – 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Supper in Daria Hall

7:00 PM Great Compline with Litya

Wednesday, December 25 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy **NATIVITY**

Thursday, December 26 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy **SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS**

Wednesday, January 1 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy **FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION**