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Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John June 28, 2020

Troparion – Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion – Tone 5

Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs, Cyrus and John, as an invincible rampart, O Christ God; through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens, and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians,// for Thou alone art good and the lover of man.

Kontakion – Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,// and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion – Tone 3

Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints, ye work wonders in the world unceasingly. Ye remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery, divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John,// for ye are truly divine physicians.

Prokeimenon – Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs, Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cyrus and John from the city of Konopa, near Alexandria (where they suffered in the year 311) to the nearby village of Manuphin, took place in the year 412. This Egyptian village prompted fear in everyone, since in a former time there was a pagan temple inhabited by evil spirits. Patriarch Theophilus (385-412) wanted to cleanse this place of demons, but he died. His wish was fulfilled by his successor in the See of Alexandria, the holy Patriarch Cyril (412-444). He prayed fervently in carrying out this project. An angel of the Lord appeared in a vision to the hierarch and commanded the venerable relics of Saints Cyrus and John be transferred to Manuphin. His Holiness Patriarch Cyril did the angel’s bidding and built a church at Manuphin in the name of the holy martyrs.

From that time this place was purified of the Enemy’s influence, and by the prayers of the holy Martyrs Cyrus and John there began to occur many miracles, healings of the sick and infirm.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Service Schedule for the week of June 28 – services will be streamed live

Today – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday June 29 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy **SAINTS PETER & PAUL**

Saturday July 4 - 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday July 5 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Giving

June 21 – 33 adults, 11 youth, \$2,937

Parish Announcements

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday June 30 at 7:00 PM in Daria Hall.

St. Vladimir Rummage Sale

We are planning a Rummage Sale in the near future – it's been a while! Cleaning out your closet, garage, shed? Think of us! Saleable items are welcome to be dropped off in Daria Hall and put in the coat room or on the stage. Please see Melody Stavisky or Father Volodymyr.

When venerating the icons, please only bow your head and refrain from kissing the icons in order to avoid the spreading of germs, which may transmit to a fellow parishioner and cause illness.

The church has been set up for appropriate social distance seating. However, if you are feeling ill, please stay home. Also, those age 65 and over are still considered high risk and should make careful decisions about attending services. Father Volodymyr will continue to stream live all services.

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing donations – please continue to send them to Father Volodymyr on a regular basis if you will not be attending services.

We pray for everyone's continued health and well-being.