



St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

812 Grand Street, Trenton, NJ 08610

(609) 393-1234

Website: saintvladimir.org

Facebook: [facebook.com/St-Vladimir-Orthodox-Church-Trenton-NJ-454092552035666](https://www.facebook.com/St-Vladimir-Orthodox-Church-Trenton-NJ-454092552035666)

33 Holy Martyrs of Melitene / Venerable Lazarus, Wonderworker of Mount Galesius near Ephesus November 7, 2021

Troparion – Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 4

Thy thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Troparion – Tone 8

Thou didst water thy pillar with prayerful vigils and flowing tears; Thou broughtest forth fruit a hundredfold with sighs from the depths of thy soul. Thou wast a shepherd, granting the requests of all.// Entreat Christ God, venerable Lazarus our father, that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion – Tone 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion – Tone 8

The radiant choir of martyrs, the light-bearing company, spiritually descends to us, enlightening the Church with brilliant rays. Therefore as we celebrate their honored memory, we ask Thee, our Savior,// through their prayers, deliver us from misfortunes so that we may sing to Thee, “Alleluia!”

Kontakion – Tone 4

With joy the Church of Christ glorifies thee with psalms as a most brilliant light, venerable Lazarus.// Therefore, always pray to Christ that He may grant forgiveness of transgressions to all!

Prokeimenon – Tone 3

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

33 Holy Martyrs of Melitene

The holy martyr Hieron was born in the city of Tiana in great Cappadocia. Raised by a pious mother, he was a kindly and good Christian.

The co-ruling emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (284-305) sent a large military detachment headed by Lysias to Cappadocia to eradicate Christianity there, and also to conscript healthy and strong men into the imperial army. Among those pressed into service, Lysias also ordered his men to draft Hieron, who was distinguished by his great physical strength and dexterity. But Hieron refused to serve emperors who persecuted Christians. When they attempted to seize him by force and bring him to Lysias, he took a stick and started beating the soldiers who had been sent to bring him. The soldiers scattered, ashamed of being defeated by a single man. Hieron then hid himself in a cave with eighteen other Christians. Lysias would not risk losing his soldiers by storming the cave.

Upon the advice of Cyriacus, one of Hieron's friends, Lysias lifted the siege of the cave and withdrew his detachment. Then Cyriacus persuaded Hieron not to offer resistance to the authorities. He and the other new conscripts and accompanying soldiers were sent to the nearby city of Melitene.

Soon Hieron had a vision in his sleep, in which his impending martyrdom was foretold. Lysias told the soldiers gathered at Melitene to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Hieron and another thirty-two soldiers refused to do this, and openly confessed their faith in Christ. Then the persecutor gave orders to beat the martyrs, and to cut off Hieron's arm at the elbow. After cruel tortures they threw the martyrs into prison barely alive, and they beheaded them four days later.

A certain rich and illustrious Christian by the name of Chrysanthus ransomed Hieron's head from Lysias. When the persecutions finally ceased, he built a church on the place where they executed the holy martyrs, and he placed the venerable head in it. The bodies of all the executed saints were secretly buried by Christians. In reign of the emperor Justinian, during the construction of the church of Hagia Eirene (Holy Peace), the venerable relics were uncovered and found incorrupt.

The other martyrs are: Hesychius, Nicander, Athanasius, Mamas, Barachius, Callinicus, Theogenes, Nikon, Longinus, Theodore, Valerius, Xanthius, Theodoulos, Callimachus, Eugene, Theodochus, Ostrychius, Epiphanius, Maximian, Ducitius, Claudian, Theophilus, Gigantius, Dorotheus, Theodotus, Castrichius, Anicletus, Themelius, Eutychius, Hilarion, Diodotus and Amonitus.

Venerable Lazarus, Wonderworker of Mount Galesius near Ephesus

Saint Lazarus the Wonderworker of Mt Galesius near Ephesus was born in Lydia, in the city of Magnesium. An educated young man who loved God, Lazarus became a monk at the monastery of Saint Savva, the founder of great ascetic piety in Palestine. He spent ten years within the walls of the monastery, winning the love and respect of the brethren for his intense monastic struggles.

Ordained to the holy priesthood by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Saint Lazarus returned to his native country and settled near Ephesus, on desolate Mount Galesius. Here he saw a wondrous vision: a fiery pillar, rising up to the heavens, was encircled by angels singing, "Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered."

On the place where the saint beheld this vision, he built a church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ and took upon himself the feat of pillar-dwelling. Monks soon began to flock to the great ascetic, thirsting for spiritual nourishment by the divinely-inspired words and blessed example of the saint, and a monastery was established there.

Having received a revelation about the day of his death, the saint told the brethren. Through the tearful prayers of all the monks, the Lord prolonged the earthly life of Saint Lazarus for another fifteen years.

Saint Lazarus died at 72 years of age, in the year 1053. The brethren buried the body of the saint at the pillar upon which he had struggled in asceticism. He was glorified by many miracles after his death.

Saint Lazarus is also commemorated on July 17.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Service Schedule for the week of November 7

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

Saturday November 13 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday November 14 – 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Turkey Social (Bingo) in Daria Hall. No Coffee Hour today.

Weekly Giving

October 31 – 58 adults, 18 youth, \$3,742

Parish Announcements

Visitors and parishioners – please join us for Coffee Hour next door in Daria Hall.

The FOCA Club will have a to-go soup sale today. Containers will be \$4 each, or 3 for \$10. Weather permitting the soup will be sold outside of the church after Divine Liturgy. Otherwise the soup will be sold in Daria Hall during Coffee Hour.

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

TURKEY SOCIAL (BINGO): This annual church fundraiser will be held in Daria Hall next Sunday November 14 after Divine Liturgy. Packets of paper cards for all games and specials will be sold for \$10, as we did in the summer at the picnic grounds. Bring dabbers or crayons to mark your cards each game. Food will be served – volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen. ***Donations of \$25 gift cards for Target, Walmart, and Amazon, or monetary donations are needed for the game prizes. Please let Nina Laushell know if you will donate a gift card or if you are able to help that day.***

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Nicholas Chaikivskyi – November 5

Kinfe Manna – November 11

Have a blessed birthday and God grant you many years!

FOCA ST. NICHOLAS GIFT WISH PROJECT: As we have done for many years, the FOCA Club will participate in this project. We once again ask for parish participation in helping a Seminarian family with their Nativity celebration. We will be collecting gift cards in any denomination for **Target, Kohls, Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Old Navy, Amazon, Shop Rite, Wegmans, Amazon – or cash.** Please put your donation in the basket behind the last pew in church, or give your donation to Francine or Nina. The last day to donate will be Sunday November 28. Thank you for your generosity!

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen

Nov. 7 Alex & Brittani Brasowski
Nov. 14 *TURKEY SOCIAL – NO COFFEE HOUR*
Nov. 21 **FAST DAY** Germain & Tahara Ortiz
Nov. 28 **FAST DAY** Darice Keyes
Dec. 5 **FAST DAY** Lynne Sheedy
Dec. 12 **FAST DAY** Blake & Jessica Kilgore
Dec. 19 **FAST DAY** Sunday School Children
Dec. 26 Phyllis Eck
Jan. 2 Sophie Dumas
Jan. 9 Aftan Chowansky
Jan. 16 Dottie Kish & Philip Moldovan
Jan. 23 Walter & Marie Pyl
Jan. 30 Francine Brady & Herman Meyer
Feb. 6 Anna & Leon Brasowski
Feb. 13 Guy Radcliffe
Feb. 20 Dave & Natalie Sichik
Feb. 27 Valeria & Timothy Srock
Mar. 6 Walter & Tanya Tribbey
Mar. 13 **FAST DAY** Betty Kavchok
Mar. 20 **FAST DAY** Awet Tesfa
Mar. 27 **FAST DAY** Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt