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**Martyrs Terence, Neonilla, Sarbelus, Photius, Theodulus,
Hierax, Nitus, Vele, and Eunice /
Venerable Stephen the Hymnographer of St. Sabbas Monastery
October 28, 2018**

Troparion – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion – Tone 4

Thy holy martyrs Terence, Neonilla, and their children, O Lord, through their suffering 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

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs: all-wise Father Stephen, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things// Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion – Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion – Tone 4

Thou didst plant a garden of the virtues, most glorious one, and didst water it with the streams of thy tears. Since thou hast received the tree of life, O Stephen, save thy flock from corruption by thy prayers! Deliver from all evil, all of those who fervently honor thee, O wise one, for we have acquired thee as a great intercessor through faith and love!

Prokeimenon – Tone 5

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Martyrs Terence, Neonilla, Sarbelus, Photius, Theodulus, Hierax, Nitus, Vele, and Eunice

Saint Neonilla was the wife of Saint Terence. They suffered martyrdom with their children Sarbelus, Photius, Theodulus, Hierax, Nita, Vele and Eunice during a persecution of Christianity under the emperor Decius (249-250). They zealously confessed Christ and denounced idolatry. For this the pagans subjected the entire Christian family to terrible tortures and torments, but failed to get them to renounce the true Faith. So, the holy martyrs were beheaded, and received crowns of martyrdom.

Venerable Stephen the Hymnographer of St. Sabbas Monastery

Saint Stephen the Hymnographer of Saint Sava Monastery, lived the ascetic life at the Lavra of Saint Sava in Palestine. He and Andrew the Blind were among the first to compose hymns (idiomela) for the period between the Publican and Pharisee and Palm Sunday. He does not appear to be the same Saint Stephen who is celebrated on July 13.

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Service Schedule for the week of October 28

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

Saturday November 3 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday November 4 – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:20 AM Chrismation of Carmine Gaugenti, 9:45 AM Hours,
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour and Luncheon in Daria Hall

Weekly Giving

October 21 – 39 adults, 9 youth, \$1,746

Parish Announcements

Bible Study classes will be held every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the church basement. The next classes will be held on October 31 and November 7. All are welcome to attend!

Congratulations to Leonardo DiDonato on his baptism and Chrismation into the Orthodox Faith!

Carmine Guagenti will be Chrismated into the Orthodox faith at 9:20 AM next Sunday November 4 before Divine Liturgy. Also, Carmine and Marianne are celebrating their 25th year anniversary on the same day. A blessing of their anniversary will be held after Divine Liturgy followed by a small luncheon in Daria Hall.

Guy Radcliffe will be Chrismated into the Orthodox faith at 9:20 AM on Sunday November 25. Guy has been attending our church for the past several months and we welcome him into the Faith!

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday January 27, 2019. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council should see Father Volodymyr by mid-December. Also, current Parish Council members who are interested in re-election should submit their names to Father Volodymyr as well.

The annual Turkey Social will be held on Sunday November 11 starting at 12:30 PM. Gift item lists are on the tables in Daria Hall – if you are able to donate any items please see Nina Laushell. Food will be sold in lieu of Coffee Hour. We will appreciate dessert donations for the Turkey Social.

The church bake sale will be held on Saturday December 15 and Sunday December 16. More information to follow. As usual, homemade cookies for the cookie trays will be needed (don't forget you can bake and freeze your cookies ahead of time). We do get quite a volume of chocolate chip cookies so we need to diversify a little more! Thank you for your support of our bake sales in the past – they have been very successful. We will have flyers available late November for posting in your local grocery store or handing out to your friends and neighbors.

The Sunday School Yolka program will be held on Sunday December 16 during coffee hour.

The children will decorate a Christmas tree in Daria Hall on Sunday November 25 during Coffee Hour. Each child is encouraged to bring in a special ornament to add beauty to the tree!

Remember Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Please remember to turn your clocks BACK 1 hour Saturday night.

Parents and children are reminded to please clean up the play area in Daria Hall before leaving. The area has been left messy for others to clean up, and unfortunately if this continues the play area will be dismantled.

There are copies of the latest "Jacobs Well" publication on the table in the back of the church. Please help yourself to a copy.

Starting next week (November 4), the Senior R Club will begin collecting funds to sponsor a Seminarian family from St. Vladimir's Seminary for the FOCA's Christmas Wish List Program. The Club will purchase gift cards for the family with the funds collected. Thank you for your generosity in the upcoming season celebrating the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A collection plate will be on the small table behind the back pew.