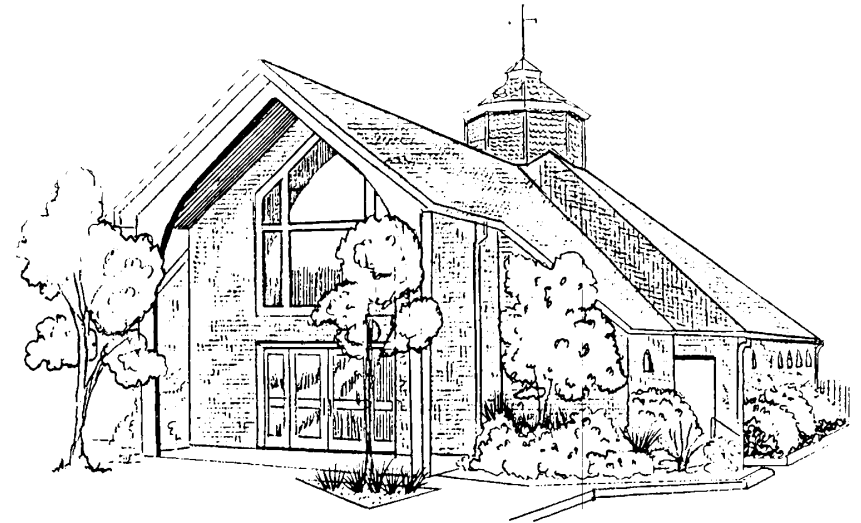


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The Holy Female-Martyr Agrippina

St. Agrippina was born and educated in Rome. From her childhood she trained herself to live an evangelical life, driving away the stench of passions from her heart and filling her heart with the sweet-smelling fragrance of purity, of virginity and chastity. She was betrothed to Christ the Lord and, as the Bride of Christ, suffered during the reign of Emperor Valerian. She endured flogging with rods until her bones were crushed. An angel of God appeared to her and strengthened her. While being tortured, St. Agrippina gave up her soul to God. Her companions, Bassa, Paula and Agathonice, translated her relics to the island of Sicily and honorably buried them there. A church was later built there in St. Agrippina's honor. Countless miracles were wrought from her relics. By the power of her relics, even the Hagarians were turned away from the town where her relics reposed. St. Agrippina rested in the year 275 A.D. and was crowned with glory.

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June 23, 2024
Holy Pentecost

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

In our tradition... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-52; 8:12

Saints of the Day

Martyrs Agrippina of Rome; Hieromartyrs Aristokleos the presbyter, Demetrios the deacon, and Athanasius the reader, of Cyprus; Hieromartyr Eustochios the presbyter of Pisidia, his nephew Gaius, and his children Lollias, Proba, and Urban; Queen Etheldreda, abbess of Ely; Artemius of Verkola; Joseph Anthony and Joannicius of Vologda; New Hieromartyrs Metrophanes, archbishop of Astrakhan, Leontius, bishop of Yenotaevsk; New Hieromartyr Maximus, bishop of Serpukhov; Venerable Barbaros Pentapolites, translation of the relics of Herman, archbishop of Kazan; Mark, Bishop of Ephesus.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, the following persons will serve as your Parish Council until the next annual meeting in 2025: Fr. Peter Nugent, Sevin Russell (Chairman), Stephen Pituch (Vice-Chairman), Bill Harrison (Treasurer), Elias Ioup (Secretary), Laurie Bolanos,

Therese Dagher, Mark Fleming, Natalia Flint & Yordan Yordanov. Please pray for them, support them in their work and contact them if you have any questions or concerns about the Parish.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, June 23rd – Great Vespers of Pentecost, ~11:00 A.M.
Saturday, June 29th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 30th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



For the devout Orthodox believer, there are unlimited liturgical resources from which to draw strength. After the Great Lent, the penitential Triodion chants are left behind. A new historic text, the Pentecostarian, is used for worship services from the Great Sunday of Pascha until the Sunday of All Saints. The known authors are mostly from the 10th century. They include St. John Damascene, St. Andrew of Crete, and St. Joseph the Hymnographer. The first manuscript texts were in Greek and brought to the Kiev Caves Monastery in the eleventh century. The predominant theme of the Pentecostarian is water, including accounts of the miracles at the Sheep's Pool, the Well of Jacob, and the Pool of Siloam. The emphasis is on illumination, especially for those newly baptized during this season. The faithful are taught that Christ is the Living Water, received at Baptism and at the Eucharist, for the remission of sins and everlasting life. Many texts of the Pentecostarian are available online and are a rich source for prayer. From Matins of the Wednesday of Mid Pentecost: "With the streams of Thy Blood do Thou water my soul, which is grown dry and barren because of mine iniquities and offenses and show it forth to be fruitful in virtues. For Thou didst tell all to draw nigh Thee, O all-holy Word of God, and to draw forth the water of incorruption...for Thou art truly the Well-spring of life for all." —Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel”. Proverbs 20:17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orthros and Liturgy are scheduled for Saturday, June 22, at 9 and 10 A.M., respectively for the **Saturday of Souls**.

The **Great (Kneeling) Vespers of Pentecost** will be served immediately after Divine Liturgy today.

Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the **feast of Ss. Peter and Paul**, God willing, will be concelebrated at Holy Trinity Cathedral by Frs. George and Peter. Everyone is welcome to attend. Orthros begins at 8:30 A.M. followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.

Fr. Peter will meet with the **inquirers and catechumens** of the parish on Sunday, June 30, after coffee hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 4. Thank you. **Next Week:** Potluck.