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The Holy Martyrs Dada and Gabdelas

Dada was a great Persian nobleman and a kinsman of King Sapor, and Gabdelas was Sapor's son. When St. Dada openly confessed his faith in Christ, King Sapor ordered that he be cruelly tortured. During these tortures, Dada worked great miracles in the name of Christ, and these so strongly influenced Gabdelas that he also believed in Christ. The pagan King did not even spare his own son, but subjected him also to harsh tortures. Both Dada and Gabdelas glorified God with their patient endurance and many miracles, and gave up their souls to God under torture. They suffered in the fourth century. Gabdelas' sister Casdoa, and Gargal the chief pagan priest, suffered with them—for they, too, had come to believe in Christ.

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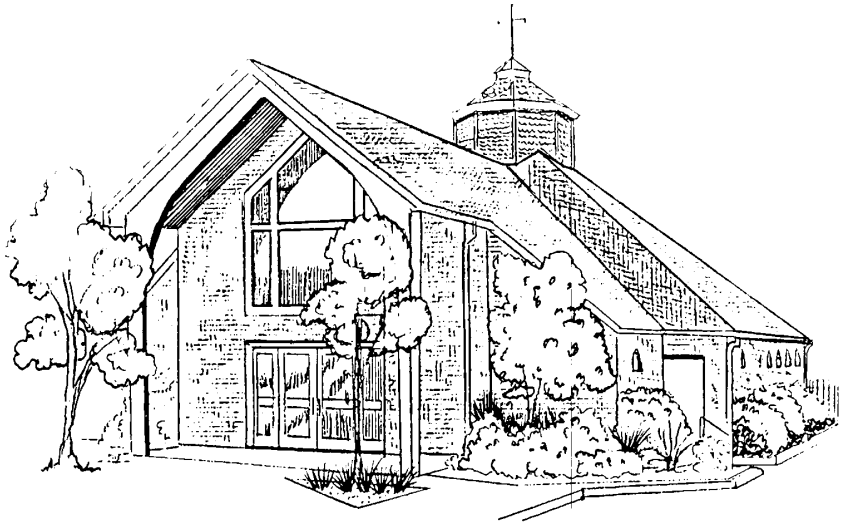

September 29, 2024
The 14th Sunday After Pentecost
The 2nd Sunday of St. Luke

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: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36

Saints of the Day

Venerable Kyriakos the hermit of Palestine; Martyr Petronia; Venerable-martyrs Malachi and those with him; Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza; Dionysios I, patriarch of Constantinople.

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Spiritual Counsels…

"Blows that wound cleanse away evil; strokes make clean the innermost parts." Proverbs 20:30

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

People who enjoy a close relationship with a dog, cat or horse sometimes ask whether animals have a soul. The question usually arises when a person grieves over the death of a pet and hopes, someday, to be reunited with it. The consensus of theologians is that the higher orders of animals do have souls but that their souls are different from human souls. While animals have comprehension, memory and experience emotions, their souls lack the ability to reason. There are many stories of saints who shared their lives with animals including bears and lions. Proverbs 12:10 says that "the righteous man shows pity for the souls of his cattle." Animals are inextricably linked to us in creation and together with them we "wait with eager longing" for the general resurrection of the dead (Romans 8:19). At that time, Isaiah foretells, "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion together, and a little child shall lead them." (Isa. 11:6). Dostoevsky has written in The Brothers Karamazov that we are not to exalt ourselves above the animals since they are sinless. It seems that animals are in our future if we are ourselves rewarded with eternal life. We cannot say with certainty that we will be reunited with our pets someday, but we should pray to God that we will be found worthy to be in their company.—Theo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Middle Eastern ladies of the parish are providing a **50th Anniversary fundraiser** for the parish on **Sunday, Oct. 13**, for coffee hour. The menu includes chicken, french fries, salad, stuffed cabbage, and brownies. Please see the posted flyers for ticket prices. Speak to **Nadia Khashou** or **Alexa Hamauei** for more details.

A **second collection** for our seminaries will be taken up next Sunday.

Today's Coffee Hour: Potluck. Thank you. **Next Week**: Team 1.