



The HOLY SYNOD
of the
ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

PROCLAMATION
OF THE HOLY SYNOD
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ON THE GLORIFICATION OF
THE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ARCHPRIEST ALEXIS TOTH

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

To the beloved priests, deacons, monastics and faithful flock
of the Orthodox Church in America

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God the Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America, having reviewed the recommendations of the Canonization Commission, agreed at its session of March 29—April 1, 1994 to number the ever-memorable Archpriest Alexis Toth among the saints for veneration by the faithful. Mindful of the apostolic injunction to “remember your leaders” (Heb. 13:7), we give thanks to God for His great mercy toward us in raising up in our midst a faithful pastor filled with zeal for the glory of God, and for the salvation of his own people. The return of Archpriest Alexis Toth to the Orthodox Faith of his forefathers is a milestone in the history of the Orthodox Church in North America. The missionary labors of Archpriest Alexis Toth, his steadfastness and his leadership in bringing thousands of souls back to the Orthodox Church, manifested by his words and deeds among his own Carpatho-Russian and Galician people in America, offer significant guidance and direction for the missionary outreach of the Orthodox Churches today, many of which are now encountering adverse conditions similar to those he experienced.

Thus, with one mind and one heart we resolve:

1. That Father Alexis Toth be numbered among the saints.
2. That his honorable remains be considered as holy relics.
3. That a special service be composed in his honor.
4. That his feast be celebrated on May 7, the day of his blessed repose, and on the Feast of All Saints of North America—Second Sunday after Pentecost.
5. That holy icons be prepared to honor the newly-glorified saint according to the canons of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.
6. That his life be published for the edification of the faithful.
7. That the name of the new saint be made known to the primates of all sister Churches for inclusion in their calendars.
8. That his glorification take place on May 29—30, 1994 at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

We summon the faithful to remember him at Memorial services or Litanies for the departed when appropriate until the time of his glorification.

Through the prayers of His newly-glorified saint, may the Lord grant His mercy and blessing, to all who seek his heavenly intercession with faith and love. Amen

HOLY FATHER ALEXIS, CONFESSOR AND DEFENDER OF ORTHODOXY IN AMERICA
PRAY FOR US!

St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre Orthodox Christian Church

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Scripture Readings

Acts 9:32-43 & Galatians
1:11-19

John 5:1-15 & John 10:1-9

Commemorations

Repose of St. Alexis Toth,
Confessor and Defender of
Orthodoxy in America (1909).
Paralytic. Martyr Acacius the
Centurion at Byzantium (303).
Repose of Ven. Nilus, Abbot of
Sora (1508). St. John of Zaden
in Georgia, and 12 disciples:
Ss. Shio, David, Anthony,
Thaddæus, Stephen, Isidore,
Michael, Pyrrhus, Zeno, Jesse,
Joseph, and Abibus (6th c.).
Ven. Nilus the Myrrhusher of
Lavra (Mt. Athos—1651). Monk
Martyr Pachomius (Mt. Athos—
1730).

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Welcome to our Guests

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy and services. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Please sign our guest card and join us for refreshments and fellowship after the services.

Feel free to ask questions before or after the services. Any member of our Council or Congregation are glad to assist you. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the narthex (back of the Church).

Our Parish Council Representatives are:

President - Susan Hayes
Vice President - Deborah Bray
Secretary - SubDeacon Joseph Brubaker
Treasurer - Susan Egan
Member at Large - James Pepitone
Member at Large - Demetra Tolis



This week's services and events

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

8:30a - Daily Matins

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

4:30p - Open Doors

6:30p - Daily Vespers

Thursday, May 11, 2017

8:30a - Daily Matins

6:00p - Council Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 2017

5:30p - Great Vespers

Sunday, May 14, 2017

9:30a - Divine Liturgy

Mother's Day

Announcements

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

By the time you read this, the parish should have received the Holy Fire from Jerusalem. Here is a web site that provides a bit more information about this event - https://orthodoxwiki.org/Holy_Fire

If anyone has pictures from the hierarchical liturgy and John Skrobat's tonsuring, please send them to me. I would like to post them on our web page.

Kyle Hollis and Stephen Wexell will be received into the Orthodox Church on Sunday, May 28th. Prayers for the Exorcisms will begin at 9:15am and the Baptismal Liturgy will begin at 9:30am.

Metropolitan Anthony Sourozh

Sunday of Paralytic

7 May 1989

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

We have heard today in the Gospel of a man who for thirty eight years had laid paralysed. The only thing that separated him from healing was the possibility to reach the waters, which the angel brought into motion once a year. Thirty eight years had he attempted to move towards healing but someone else has been quicker than he and stolen healing from him. How many are there now in the world, how many have been and will be in this world of ours who need healing, who are paralysed by fear, paralysed by all that prevents us from moving with boldness and purpose towards fullness of life? How many? And who are those who will take them and help them to receive healing instead of seeking it for themselves? Let us look at ourselves, not at each other but ourselves. What have we learnt from the Gospel?

Christ says that no-one has true love who is not prepared to give his life for his neighbour, and the neighbour, as it is quite clear also from the Gospel, is not the one whom we like, whom we love, who is close to us, it is whoever needs us. Ask yourself this question. There are number of people around you who would believe, who would gladly start a new life, who would bless you and God for giving them courage to move not physical but spiritual limbs that are tied. And let us ask ourselves, what do we do, what have we done, what are we capable of doing to help them? The waters of Siloam are an image of God, of His healing power. When God comes close, when we become aware that He is there, near, do we look around to see who needs Him more than we do? No. We rush forward, we want to be those who will sit at His feet, we are those who wish to touch the hem of His garment and be healed, we are those - and this is even worse, - we are those who wish to be seen as His disciples and companions so that people may look at us and wonder, admire us, at times almost worship us, the companions of Jesus, the friends of God become man. Who of us is prepared to step aside, to become inconspicuous, or rather to help another to step forward instead of us when we know that we will be the losers in a way, - in a way only because if we do this, we will have lost what is thought we coveted but we will have become disciples of Christ who gave His life that others may live.

Let us reflect on the story. It is not simply an old story about things that happened about two thousand years ago, it is something that is happening every day and we are those who rush forward and prevent others from merging themselves into the healing waters of Siloam. Let us listen to St. John the Divine, the teacher of true love, let us be ready to sacrifice all we long for, all we desire for someone else to have it, to be given it by God, let us be prepared to pay the price of other people's finding freedom, life on all levels, even on the simplest level of food and shelter and the warmth of an attentive gaze or a loving, sober word. Let us become free of selves, and then how many will be saved, saved from hunger, from homelessness, saved from the dominion of others, saved from all that is fetters and imprisonment of life. Let us become what Christ was - the One that sets free in the name of truth and of life. Amen.

Please continue to pray for...

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Robert, Olga, Daria, Daria, Dori, John, Evelyn, June, Nina, Joan, John, Alex, Alan, Luke, Kathryn, Veronica, Darlyne, Irene, Nancy, Dionysian, Elena, Jevon, Ivan and Joscean. And for...John, Jennifer, Nicholas, Isabel, Elizabeth, John, Jordan, Michael, Lee, Eva, Neil, Gina, Joey, Michael, Madelyn, Sofie, Katrina, Olena, and Valeriy. And for our catechumens; Kyle Hollis and Stephen Wexell.

Memory Eternal: Alla Hamisevich

This week we celebrate:

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Luba Martins on the occasion of her birthday.

On the back of this bulletin is a reprint of the actual Proclamation of the Canonization of St. Alexis.