



HOLY TRINITY EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

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Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea in Cappadocia and All Saints of the British Isles

EPISTLE: Romans 5:1-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:22-33

Troparion (Resurrection) Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy
Godhead!

And when from the depths Thou didst raise the
dead,

all the powers of heaven cried out:

O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Troparion (Pentecost) Tone 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
who has revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit;
through them Thou didst draw the world into thy
net.

O Lover of Mankind, glory to Thee.

Troparion (Martyr Hyacinth) Tone 4

Your holy martyr Hyacinth, O Lord,
Through his suffering has received an incorruptible
crown from You, our God.

For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.

Through his intercessions save our souls!

Kontakion, (Resurrection) Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the
Tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this
and rejoiced with Thee!

And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion, (Martyr Hyacinth) Tone 2

Come, you faithful,
Plait a crown of unfading hyacinths today for the
Martyr Hyacinth,
And let us cry to him:
"Rejoice, glory of martyrs!"

Kontakion (Tone 6):

O Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
constant Advocate before the Creator:
do not despise the prayers of sinners,
but in Your mercy help those who call on You in
faith.

Hasten to hear our petition and intercede for us, O
Theotokos,

for You always protect those who honor You!

Prokeimenon (Tone 2): The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord, from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The **Polikhronion** for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey: Our Lord and Father, the Most Blessed JONAH, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, His Grace MICHAEL, Bishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, our rector and the faithful of this Holy Temple, and all Orthodox Christians, O Lord, preserve them for many years!

MEMORY ETERNAL

Natalie Warhollick – n/d – June 13

Hilary Nafranowicz – July 4

John Hubiak – July 5

Ivan Goga – July 8

BIRTHDAYS:

Gregory Deieso – July 4

Patricia Brush – July 5

Erin Raftery – July 5

Stephani Pilot – July 6

Kristin Topinka – July 6

Michael Shuster – July 7

Coffee Hour: This week: Cristina Ghiugan and Mary Forbes
Next week: Kim Burke and Diane Shuster

Church Cleaning: July 3 – July 16 – Diane Shuster and Mitzi Piscitelli

Alaska Basket: One dollar for the support of the Church of Alaska. Thank you! This week a check was mailed to Outreach Alaska for \$1125.60. That is the result of our Alaska Basket collections for this year. Thank you for all your support!

Suffering Parishes: In your prayers, please remember the parish of St Peter the Aleut in Minot, ND and its rector, Fr Anastassy, as well as Saint Dimitri of Rostov Mission in Los Alamos, NM, which is being threatened by wildfires.

Memory Eternal: Please continue to pray for the repose of the Newly Departed Natalie Warhollick. Pray for her and her family especially throughout the first 40 days. On that 40th day, we will have a service in her honor, as is Orthodox custom. She is a sister of everyone in this parish, and as such, the entire congregation ought to be singing services for the salvation of her soul.

Church School Yard Sale: Next Sunday, July 10th, after Liturgy, our Church School students will be hosting their own Yard Sale to help raise money to offset the cost of their trip to Clementon Amusement Park. They will be collecting items in the Church School room on Saturday, July 9th. Please keep us in mind as you clean closets and storage areas. We cannot accept clothing/shoes, recalled toys, infant car seats and older cribs. Anything not sold will be donated to Goodwill Industries to help aid in their mission to provide jobs for people with special needs. We will also need cookies (home baked or store bought) to sell at the Lemonade Stand. See Liane Worthington for more details.

Calendar: The Calendar for the month of July is available. As we continue to think about our summer plans, if you are going away, please make sure you find where the closest Church is located.

Prayers and Soup: The Church is open every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2 PM for a hot lunch or to visit the sanctuary and pray. Soup is needed for this coming week. Please see Fr James if you feel called to help the least of our brethren in this endeavor.

Operation Buffalo: Do you know what Operation Buffalo is? See the Diocesan website and find out - nynjoca.org.

Find us on Facebook: Search for Holy Trinity Orthodox Church on Facebook to keep updated on what is going on throughout the week.

Growth: No one should leave the church before the end of the divine service, especially during the holiest moments of the liturgy: the Little and Great Entrance, the reading from the Epistle and the Gospel, the Cherubim Hymn, the reading of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, as well as when the Holy Gifts are consecrated

and transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, and after Holy Communion. Brothers and sisters, let us prepare for holy Communion in a worthy manner through fasting, prayer and individual confession (for this one should make arrangements with the priest the day before), let us purify our hearts and minds, asking forgiveness of all and for all, let us receive the body of Christ, the immortal fountain, praising the Divine Incorporation - may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all. Amen.

Lectionary for the Third Week after Pentecost

Sunday: Romans 5:1-10 • Matthew 6:22-33

Commemoration of All Saints of the British Isles

Monday: Romans 9:18-33 • Matthew 11:2-15

St Andrew of Crete

Tuesday: Romans 10:11-11:2 • Matthew 11:16-20

Wednesday: Romans 11:2-12 • Matthew 11:20-26

Thursday: Romans 11:13-24 • Matthew 11:27-30

Friday: Romans 11:25-36 • Matthew 12:1-8

St Theophilus

Saturday: Romans 6:11-17 • Matthew 8:14-23

Saint Hyacinth, or Hyacinthus, a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his "cubicularius" (chamberlain), unaware that he was a secret Christian.

One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinthus remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to the emperor. He said that although Hyacinthus was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ.

Hyacinthus was brought to trial before Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. St Hyacinthus did not eat the food, and he died after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body.

The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint's body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head.

The twelve-year-old Hyacinthus suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint's relics were transferred to Caesarea.

Saint George the God-bearer and Recluse labored in the Black Mountains near Antioch during a time when the churches and monasteries there flourished. Orthodox Christians from many parts of the world came to settle there, and as a result, tensions often arose between monks of different nationalities. In order to remain detached from the conflicts, Fr. George found refuge in an impregnable cleft of a very high mountain. For this reason he is also called St. George the Recluse.

Nevertheless, the monks of the Black Mountains were well aware of the pious life led by George the Recluse. Venerable George of the Holy Mountain journeyed to the Black Mountains in search of a spiritual guide and, after praying in each and every monastery, finally asked St. George the Recluse, "a man innocent as a dove," to fill this role.

George the Recluse received the young ascetic and found a home for him in the monastery. His disciple remained with him for three years, leading the strictest ascetic life, until finally George the Recluse clothed him with the schema and "perfected him in the monastic life."

Then, after sending him on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, he blessed George to resettle at the Iveron Monastery on Mt. Athos and to continue the holy work of St. Ekvtime of Mt. Athos.

George returned to the Holy Mountain but, instead of translating books as his spiritual father had advised him, he performed other obediences for seven years. When St. George the Recluse heard this, he sent his disciple Theodore to Mt. Athos to rebuke him and remind him that he was sent there to translate theological texts from the Greek to the Georgian language. This time George of the Holy Mountain humbly obeyed the will of his teacher.

When he was not with George of the Holy Mountain, St. George the Recluse confined himself to strict solitude and, like his spiritual son, dedicated much of his time to literary pursuits. He was closely acquainted with the writers of Iveron and other Georgian monasteries, and he encouraged his spiritual son to continue his labor of translating Orthodox theological literature.

St. George the Recluse copied Davit Mtbevari's translations of the *Life of Martha* (the mother of Simeon of the Wonderful Mountain) and the *Life of St. Barlaam* (of the Syro-Caucasus). When George heard that no copies of these Lives existed on Mt. Athos, he transcribed the texts and sent them to the Athonites.

St. George the God-bearer and Recluse reposed in 1068, after the death of his venerable disciple St. George of the Holy Mountain.

The Twelve Great Feasts of the Church

1. September 8, the Nativity of the Theotokos
2. September 14, the Elevation of the Holy Cross
3. November 21, the Presentation of the Theotokos
4. December 25, the Nativity of Christ (Christmas)
5. January 6, Theophany, the Baptism of Christ
6. February 2, the Presentation of Christ
7. March 25, the Annunciation
8. The Sunday before Pascha, Palm Sunday
9. Forty Days after Pascha, the Ascension of Christ
10. Fifty Days after Pascha, Pentecost
11. August 6, the Transfiguration
12. August 15, the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos

The Sacraments

Generally, the Church recognizes and counts seven (though not only seven) mysteries:

- Baptism
- Chrismation
- Eucharist
- Confession
- Holy Unction
- Marriage
- Ordination

There has never been a universal declaration within the Orthodox Church that there are only seven sacraments. Early Orthodox writers varied as to the number of sacraments: John of Damascus lists only two; Dionysius the Areopagite lists six; Joasaph, Metropolitan of Ephesus (fifteenth century), ten; and some Byzantine theologians who list seven sacraments differ on the items in their list.