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5th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

Holy Great-martyr Procopius of Caesarea in Palestine (303)

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 8:28–9:1

This Sunday we hear the Epistle remind us that “The word is near you” and the Gospel recounts how Jesus healed a case of diabolic possession, and how the demons entered into a herd of swine which then hurled itself into the Sea of Galilee.

Romans 10:1-10

10 Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God’s righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Salvation Is for All

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

*“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”*

July 21, 2019 SUNDAY BULLETIN

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(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniacs (A Case of Diabolic Possession)

²⁸ When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" ³⁰ Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. ³¹ The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." ³² And he said to them, "Go!" So, they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. ³³ The swineherds ran off, and upon going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. ³⁴ Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. **9** ¹ And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town.

UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS

- Sunday, July 21, 2019 – 9:30 AM – **DIVINE LITURGY, 5th Sunday after Pentecost**, Holy Great Martyr Procopius of Caesarea in Palestine.
 - Tuesday, July 23, 2019 – **Ven. Anthony of the Kyiv Caves (1073). Ven. Silouan of the Far Caves in Kyiv (13th-14th c.).**
 - Wednesday, July 24, 2019 – **Blessed Equal to the Apostles Olha**, princess of Kyiv, in Holy Baptism of called Hellen (969).
 - Sunday, July 28, 2019: 9:30 AM - **DIVINE LITURGY (AT THE CEMETERY CHAPEL), 6th Sunday after Pentecost - Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. Holy Equal to the Apostles Great Prince Volodymyr**, enlightener of the Kyiv Rus(1015).
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PLEASE NOTE: The Putt-Putt Golf Rescheduled To Sunday Aug. 25, 2019



We're trying something new at Bingo!

To increase attendance, we're introducing new BINGO GAMES. But we need additional workers to make these changes a success. Anyone who is interested in donating some time on Monday nights, please contact:

CHUCK WOLOSCHAK (330) 766-2413

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for good health for our following parish family members and others:

Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Pani-
matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Mary Gony, Nancy Racz, Mykola Prychodczenko, Walter
Duzzny, Nancy Tiedeman, James Bobersky, Kay Malys, Marie Pupa, Deborah Harvey,
Mary Lapushansky, Stella Woytek, Kathy Duzzny, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky,
Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Marianne Carmack, Kenneth, Matthew, Peter, Michelle, Basil, Richard,
Marty Woloschak

Hot Air Balloon Festival

1:00 PM - Sunday August 18, 2019,

**Mastropietro Winery Inc.
Berlin Center**

We'll offer our
delicious food for sale.

If you can volunteer, please
contact Anna Anderson for more
information at (234) 567 5207

Save the date

4th Annual

Putt-Putt Golf Outing

Sunday, Aug, 25, 2019, 12-3 PM

Skate Zone

(Mahoning Ave, Austintown)

Sponsor a hole for \$20

To benefit our Youth Ministry &
Fr. William Olynyk Scholarship

For more info contact Chuck
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Ukrainian Dinner

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Two Dinner Seatings at 4:00 & 6:30 PM

**SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Center
1025 N. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509**

All your favorite Ukrainian Foods
(Stuffed Cabbage, Pyrohy, Ukrainian Deserts
and much more)

(Check back next week for information
on how to purchase tickets)

Great martyr Procopius of Caesarea, in Palestine

(A wonderful story of faith and transformation to read on a Sunday afternoon)



The Holy Great Martyr Procopius, in the world Neanius, a native of Jerusalem, lived and suffered during the reign of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). His father, an eminent Roman by the name of Christopher, was a Christian, but the mother of the saint, Theodosia, remained a pagan. He was early deprived of his father, and the young child was raised by his mother. Having received an excellent secular education, he was introduced to Diocletian in the very first year of the emperor's accession to the throne, and he quickly advanced in government service. Towards the year 303, when open persecution against Christians began, Neanius was sent as a proconsul to Alexandria with orders to mercilessly persecute the Church of God.

On the way to Egypt, near the Syrian city of Apamea, Neanius had a vision of the Lord Jesus, similar to the vision of Saul on the road to Damascus. A divine voice exclaimed, "Neanius, why do you persecute Me?" Neanius asked, "Who are you, Lord?" "I am the crucified Jesus, the Son of God."

At that moment a radiant Cross appeared in the air. Neanius felt an inexpressible joy and spiritual happiness in his heart and he was transformed from being a persecutor into a zealous follower of Christ.

From this point in time Neanius became favorably disposed towards Christians and fought victoriously against the barbarians. The words of the Savior came true for the saint, "A man's foes shall be those of his own household" (Mt. 10:36). His mother, a pagan herself, went to the emperor to complain that her son did not worship the ancestral gods. Neanius was summoned to the procurator Judaeus Justus, where he was solemnly handed the decree of Diocletian. Having read through the blasphemous directive, Neanius quietly tore it up before the eyes of everyone. This was a crime, which the Romans regarded as an "insult to authority." Neanius was held under guard and in chains sent to Caesarea of Palestine, where the Apostle Paul once languished. After terrible torments, they threw the saint into a dark prison. That night, a light shone in the prison, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself baptized the suffering confessor, and gave him the name Procopius.

Repeatedly they led Saint Procopius to the courtroom, demanding that he renounce Christ, and they subjected him to more tortures. The stolidity of the martyr and his fiery faith brought down God's abundant grace on those who witnessed the execution.

Inspired by the example of Procopius, many of the holy martyr's former guards and Roman soldiers went beneath the executioner's sword together with their tribunes Nikostrates and Antiochus. Twelve Christian women received martyr's crowns, after they came to the gates of the Caesarea Praetorium.

Struck by the great faith and courage of the Christians and seeing the firmness of her son in bearing terrible sufferings, Theodosia became repentant and stood in the line of confessors and was executed. Finally, the new procurator, Flavian, convinced of the futility of the tortures, sentenced the holy Great Martyr Procopius to beheading by the sword. By night Christians took up his much-tortured body, and with tears and prayers, they committed it to the earth. This was the first martyrdom at Caesarea (303).



Blessed Equal to the Apostles Olha, princess of Kyiv, in Holy Baptism of called Hellen (969).

(Another story for a Sunday afternoon)

During the month of July, we commemorate many Saints to our Church. This upcoming week we will commemorate the Holy Blessed Princess Olha-(Olga).

As we celebrate her memory, take a moment to reflect on the enduring impact of this noble woman on the historical, cultural and national development of Ukraine and Eastern Europe as a whole. The grandmother of St. Vladimir-(Volodymyr) the Great, she truly shaped her grandson into what she knew he would become. St. Olha did the same for the peoples and kingdom she ruled over.

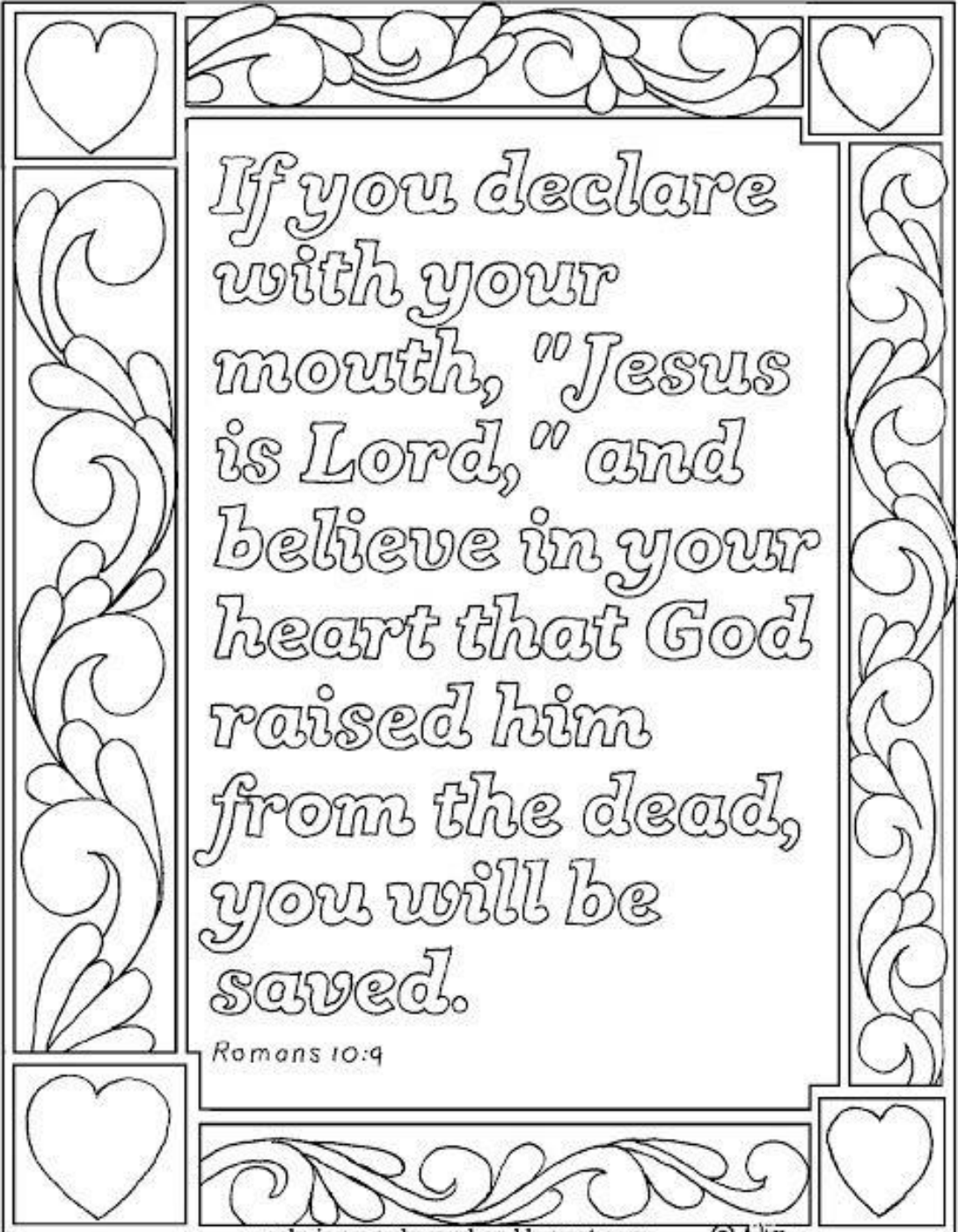
Who is Saint Olha? She was renowned for her wisdom and sobriety, and in her youth, she became the wife of Ihor, Great Prince of Kyiv, who ruled during the tenth century. After her husband's death, she herself ruled capably, and was finally moved to accept the Faith of Christ. Olha traveled to Constantinople to receive Holy Baptism.

The Emperor, seeing her outward beauty and inward greatness, asked her to marry him. She said she could not do this before she was baptized; she furthermore asked him to be her Godfather at the font, which he agreed to do.

After she was baptized (receiving the name of Helen), the Emperor repeated his proposal of marriage. She answered that now he was her father, through holy Baptism, and that not even among the heathen was it heard of a man marrying his daughter. Gracefully accepting to be outwitted by her, he sent her back to her land with priests and sacred texts and holy icons.

Although her son Svyatoslav remained a pagan, she planted the seed of faith in her grandson Volodymyr-Vladimir. The memory of Vladimir-Volodymyr the Great we will celebrate July 28th . Saint Olga after serving her people reposed in peace in the year 969.





*If you declare
with your
mouth, "Jesus
is Lord," and
believe in your
heart that God
raised him
from the dead,
you will be
saved.*

Romans 10:9