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HIEROMARTYRS AKEPSIMAS, BISHOP IN PERSIA, PRESBYTER JOSEPH, AND DEACON AEITHALAS NOVEMBER 3, 2024

TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

Troparion – 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 – Tone 3

You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness, and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire. Much afflicted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Aethalas the deacon, pray to Christ our God// to grant us His great mercy!

Troparion – Tone 4

O liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, trophy-bearer, great martyr George, intercede with Christ God// that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion – 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, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion – Tone 2

Thou didst celebrate the mysteries blamelessly, O wise one, and became thyself an acceptable sacrifice, O divinely blessed one. Thou didst gloriously drink of the cup of Christ, Holy Aképsimas.// Together with thy fellow sufferers thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

Kontakion – Tone 8

As we the faithful flee to thee for refuge and seek thy protection and speedy help, we entreat thee, O Champion of Christ, that we who sing thy praises may be delivered from the snares of the enemy and from every peril and adversary,// that we may cry: “Rejoice, O martyr George!”

Prokeimenon – Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.

V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

Hieromartyrs Akepsimas, Bishop in Persia, Presbyter Joseph, and Deacon Aeithalas

Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter and Aeithalas (Aeithalás) the Deacon of Persia were leaders of the Christian Church in the Persian city of Naesson. His flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work.

The emperor Sapor ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. Saint Akepsimas also was arrested, even though he was already an eighty-year-old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh, a pagan priest of the sun god. The holy Elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the seventy-year-old priest Joseph and the deacon Aeithalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years the saints were held in confinement, and suffered from hunger and thirst.

Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to take a look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead.

The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were taken into the city to be stoned.

The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, lightning killed the guard, the wind tossed stones about, and the body of Saint Joseph disappeared.

Deacon Aeithalas was taken to the village of Patrias, where he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. A tree grew on the saint's grave, and its fruit brought healings.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.” While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.” But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.” Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED

To add a name, please email Darice at daricekeyes@gmail.com.

For the Sick / Caregiver

Michael (10/20)
Anthony (10/20)
Natasha (10/20)
Carmine (10/20)
Marianne (10/20)
Paul (10/20)
Martha (10/20)
Subdeacon Serge (10/27)
Melody (10/27)
Michael (10/27)

Charlotte (10/27)
Liam (11/3)
Kelly (11/3)
Bill (11/3)
Alexandra (11/3)
Father Paul (11/3)
Matushka Mary (11/3)
Thomas (11/3)
Jeffrey (11/3)

For the Deceased

Bonnie (10/13)

SERVICES

Service Schedule for the Week of November 3

Sunday November 3 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour/Birthday Celebration in Daria Hall

Saturday November 9 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession and Catechumen classes

Sunday November 10 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

DONATIONS

Weekly Giving

October 27 – 79 adults, 13 youth, \$1,923

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a parish Movie Night (for adults and children) this coming Friday November 8 at 6:00 PM in Daria Hall. A Potluck sign-up sheet is on the credenza across from the candle desk. Please sign up and indicate what food you will bring to share – remember it is a fast day. We look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship!

Sunday School will not be held next Sunday November 10 as the teachers will be away.

Starting today, and for the entire month of November, the Sunday School children will be collecting coats and jackets to be distributed to the folks in Trenton. Adult and children's coats that are in good condition will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. Please bring donations to Daria Hall and place them in the appropriate boxes near the stage. If you have any questions, please see Julie Stell. Thank you and God bless you in advance for your generosity!

The fast of the Nativity begins on Friday November 15. Please remember to fast from meat and dairy products until the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is also important to partake in Holy Confession and Holy Communion during this time. Contact Father Volodymyr if you need to schedule a specific time for Confession.

The FOCA Club is having a Christmas Bake Sale in Daria Hall on Saturday, December 14. Pre-Order forms are on the last page of this bulletin and forms are also on the credenza across from the candle desk. Please support our fundraising in order to help support Orthodox charities throughout the year. Thank you.

The Sunday School children's Yolka Christmas Program will be held during Coffee Hour on Sunday December 15. In preparation, rehearsals for the children will be held in Daria Hall after Holy Communion starting Sunday November 17, and every Sunday thereafter until December 15. If you wish your child(ren) to participate, they must attend these rehearsals - last minute participation will not be permitted. Thank you for your understanding. We hope to see your child(ren) there!

Notice to owners of plots in St. Vladimir Cemetery: We are adding phone numbers for owners of plots to our database AND emergency contact information for plot owners (contact names and phone numbers). Also, if you are aware of any previously purchased plots that will not be used, please let us know. This requested information can be provided as follows:

Text: 609-475-2517

Email: meteugene@aol.com

Call: 609-475-2517 (if you have to leave a message, please spell your name and provide call back phone number)

Thank you! Michael Toth, Cemetery Caretaker

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Matthias Brasowski – November 5

Margje DiCicco – November 5

Nicholas Chaikivskyi – November 5

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR

Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the refreshments in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM and after Holy Communion, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing, drying and putting away dishes, taking out the trash, wiping down the tables, and cleaning up the Coffee Room including turning off and cleaning the coffee and tea pots. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese, butter, or milk is needed. **PLEASE NOTE:** Your assigned Coffee Hour Support Person will provide guidance, however, the Support Person will leave Daria Hall at 9:55 AM to attend church services. If you have arrived late or are not finished, you will be provided the key to lock the Hall when you are leaving for church services. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky or Alla Strauss.

SUGGESTED MENU:

Bagels / Breads

Donuts / Pastries

Desserts are available to use from the two freezers in Daria Hall

Fruit

Salads

Tortilla chips & Salsa

Hummus

Sugar-free dessert

Oreos (non-dairy)

If your menu includes a pork dish, please keep in mind that several of our parishioners do not eat pork, so please provide an alternative for them.

NOTE: Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) with advance notice to reserve the specific date to host the event. The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.

Nov. 3 Tyler Burger, Ludwin Lopez, Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana

Nov. 10 Galina Shubina, Vera Pschenyczny

Nov. 17 **FAST** Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun

Nov. 24 **FAST** Peter Abdallah, Jim Galcik

Dec. 1 **FAST** Natalia Kolomatskaia, Trudy Ellmore

Dec. 8 **FAST** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Hannah Dougherty

Dec. 15 **FAST** Mimi & Alan Berck, Amleset Gebrekvistas

Dec. 22 **FAST** Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Svetlana Sosedov

Dec. 29 Valeria & Timothy Srock, Guy Radcliffe

Jan. 5 Darice Keyes, Bill & Margie DiCicco

Jan. 12 Aftan Chowansky, Matthew & Nana Barrett

Jan. 19 Juan Garcia, Benjamin & Julie Stell

Jan. 26 **Annual Parish Meeting, FOCA Chili Cook-Off**

Feb. 2 Anna, Leon, & Simeon Brasowski, Brittani & Alex Brasowski

Feb. 9 Corneliu & Florica Balasa, Stefania Balasa

Feb. 16 Karina Kotelnicki, Paul & Patty Denko

Feb. 23 Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Manny & Lourdes Montiel
Mar. 2 Tony & Chris Villabon, Cole Johnson
Mar. 9 **FAST** John Cassar, Christina DiDonato
Mar. 16 **FAST** Viktoryia Baranava, Tamara Karkusova
Mar. 23 **FAST** Chris Kasmer, Nina Laushell
Mar. 30 **FAST** Herman & Francine Meyer, Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt
Apr. 6 **FAST** Christine Waite, Alla Strauss
Apr. 13 **FAST** Lynne Sheedy & Bill Hazelton, Melody Stavisky
Apr. 20 **PASCHA – No Coffee Hour**
Apr. 27 Alan & Mimi Berck, Isaiah Maldonado

Have a healthy, blessed week!

FOCA Club Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, December 14, 2024

PRE-ORDER FORM

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Check below for no nuts</i>	<i>Cost Each</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
	2 doz. Cookies		\$13	
	4 doz. Cookies		\$25	
	Nut Roll		\$8	
	Poppyseed Roll		\$8	
	Lekvar Roll		\$8	

Total Due \$ _____

All cookies will be homemade!

There will be other items for sale at the Bake Sale - we are only taking Pre-Orders for the above.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Cash or check payable to St. Vladimir R Club when picking up your order on Saturday Dec. 14 or Sunday Dec. 15 (during Coffee Hour).

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR PRE-ORDER TO NINA L., FRANCINE, or MIMI by NOVEMBER 17. Thank you for your support!