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VENERABLE PATAPIUS OF THEBES DECEMBER 8, 2024

TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

Troparion – Tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.// Therefore thy spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion – Tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion – Tone 3

Thy temple is found to be a source of healing, and the people flock to it eagerly, O saint. They seek the healing of their diseases and the forgiveness of their sins,// for thou art a protector for all those in need, ven’rable Patapius.

Prokeimenon – Tone 7

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace.
V. *Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

Venerable Patapius of Thebes

Saint Patapius was born at Thebes into a pious Christian family. Reaching the age of maturity, he scorned the vanity of this world, and so he went into the Egyptian desert where he became known for his ascetic deeds. Though he wished to live in silence, people began coming to him for advice.

To every tired pilgrim who visited his cell, he offered rest and hospitality, as well as spiritual instructions and profitable counsel for the salvation of one's soul. The Saint's reputation spread quickly, and every day many arrived at his cell in order to hear these beneficial instructions from his lips.

Later, he went to Constantinople, where he had a cell by the city wall, near the Blachernae church. But even here, he soon became known. The infirm started to gather around Patapius, and because he had been granted the gift of healing, he helped all those in need.

Once a certain woman was afflicted by the terrible disease of cancer, and worms came forth from her breasts. Not only did she suffer a great deal of pain in her chest, but throughout her entire body as well. She was in constant pain, and it

reached her heart, so that she was near death. The doctors could not help her, and she felt she was wasting her money without obtaining relief. Therefore, she came to Saint Patapios and fell at his feet, begging him to heal her. The worms were devouring her flesh even before she was in the grave, causing her such pain that she longed for death.

The Saint answered, "If you have faith in the Lord, and have no doubt that you shall be healed, then let it be done according to your faith."

Sighing from the depths of her soul, she said, "I believe, O Lord that You know all things which are hidden and unknown, and that You are all-powerful. Therefore, have mercy on me and heal me."

Then the Saint asked the woman to let him see the effects of her distress. When he saw the ravages of the disease, he was struck with awe, saying, "Your affliction is indeed great, and difficult to cure. Go in peace, for you shall not suffer anymore."

As soon as he said this, the woman was healed and went home rejoicing and glorifying God. She told of this miracle everywhere, and praised Saint Patapios.

After a life adorned with virtue and miracles, Saint Patapios fell asleep in the Lord and was buried in the church of Saint John the Baptist.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED

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

For the Sick / Caregiver

Carmine (11/17)	Archpriest Thomas (12/1)
Marianne (11/17)	Liam (12/1)
Paul (11/17)	Kelly (12/1)
Martha (11/17)	Alla (12/1)
Subdeacon Serge (11/24)	Bill (12/1)
Melody (11/24)	Alexandra (12/1)
Michael (11/24)	Father Paul (12/1)
Charlotte (11/24)	Matushka Mary (12/1)
Vera (12/1)	

For the Deceased

Vladimir (11/24)
Veronica (11/24)
Michael (12/1)
Lenore (12/1)

Service Schedule for the Week of December 8

Sunday December 8 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour and Pierogi Sale in Daria Hall

Saturday December 14 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession and Catechumen classes

Sunday December 15 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Children's Yolka, FOCA Bake Sale, and Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Upcoming Service Schedule for 2024/2025

Tuesday December 24 – **CHRISTMAS EVE** 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Supper (potluck Lenten) in Daria Hall followed by Great Compline with Litya at 7:00 PM. ***A sign-up sheet for the Supper is on the credenza in the back of the church.***

Wednesday December 25 – **HOLY NATIVITY** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Thursday December 26 – **SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS** 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Friday December 27 – **PROTOMARTYR STEPHEN** 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 28 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession and Catechumen classes

Sunday December 29 – 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Tuesday December 31 – **EVE OF FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION** 5:00 PM Vespers with Litya followed by Confession

Wednesday January 1 – **FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION** 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday January 4 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday January 5 – **EVE OF FEAST OF THEOPHANY** 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall ; 5:00 PM Great Compline with Litya

Monday January 6 – **FEAST OF THEOPHANY** 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Great Blessing of Water

Tuesday January 7 – **SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

DONATIONS

Weekly Giving

December 1 – 84 adults, 28 youth, \$1,818

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies Assumption Altar Society is selling **raffle tickets** today for a hand carved, hand painted nutcracker "Major" - made in Russia. The winner of the raffle will be selected during Coffee Hour. Raffle tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5.

The Sunday School children will **decorate the Christmas Tree** in Daria Hall today, and also **prepare Christmas cards** to be sent to those who are unable to attend services with us.

This year's **Nativity Yolka** is different from the past few years. We are attempting to recreate the Nativity Icon, which we are calling "The Living Icon". The Sunday School children have been working very hard practicing their parts. As there is limited space on the stage to create this moving scene, we are inviting all children who are not participating to sit close to the stage and join us in the finale, and to await the arrival of our special guest! We hope to see you there!

The FOCA Club is selling delicious Polish **pierogies** starting today. The product is frozen and cooking instructions will be provided. Cost is \$9/dozen - there are eight different fillings to choose from. NOTE: The pierogi dough contains dairy products. The Order Form is on the last page of the bulletin and copies are also on the credenza across from the candle desk. When you are ready to order and pick up your pierogies (they are in Daria Hall), please see a member of the FOCA Club during Coffee Hour.

The FOCA Club **Christmas Bake Sale** will be held in Daria Hall next Sunday, December 15 where pre-ordered items may be picked up. There will be some other baked items available as well.

A sign up sheet for the **potluck Christmas Eve Supper** is on the credenza in the back of the church. Please sign up if you plan on attending, and write down what Lenten dish you will provide to share.

If anyone is replacing a **small couch or Futon**, please consider donating your used item for the children's play area in Daria Hall. Parents, **please remind your children that no food or drink should be in the play area.**

Regarding Coffee Hour, please be mindful that although the hosts provide the refreshments, the church buys the **supplies** used for Coffee Hour – paper plates, cups, plasticware, 3 types of coffee, tea, sugar, paper towel, soap, etc. Please remember to make a small donation in the **Donation basket** on the food table to help offset the expense to the church. Thank you!

If anyone is interested in singing in the **church choir**, please speak with Father Volodymyr or Benjamin Stell, Choir Director. Voices are always needed!

It is important to partake in **Holy Confession and Holy Communion** during the Nativity Fast. Contact Father Volodymyr if you need to schedule a specific time for Confession.

There are several openings for the **Parish Council** – elections will be held at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 26. If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council please see Father Volodymyr by December 15.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Leon Brasowski – December 12

Brittani Brasowski – December 13

Carmine Guagenti – December 13

Maria Milosav – December 13

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.

- Dec. 8 **FAST** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Hannah Dougherty
- Dec. 15 **FAST** Mimi & Alan Berck, Amleset Gebrekvistos
- Dec. 22 **FAST** Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Svetlana Sosedov
- Dec. 29 Natalia Kolomatskaia, 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!

PIEROGI ORDER FORM

\$9.00/dozen

Product is frozen. Cooking instructions will be available.

NOTE: The pierogi dough contains dairy products.

Name _____

TYPE	How many dozen
Potato & Cheddar	
Sauerkraut & Mushroom	
Spinach & Feta Cheese	
Potato, Cheddar & Jalapeno	
Potato & Farmers Cheese	
Potato & Onion	
Mushroom	
Sweet Cheese	

Pierogies will be sold on Sundays in Daria Hall during Coffee Hour.
See a member of the FOCA Club and bring this Order Form with you.

Thank you!