

❖ **Thanksgiving Akathist and Dinner:** Our Parish Thanksgiving Akathist and Dinner will take place on Monday, November 20. The Akathist will begin in the Church at 5:30 pm with the meal to follow in the Trapeza. Please sign up to bring something and mark your calendars to attend.

### THE EPISTLE

**Reader:** *In the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone: Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.*

**Choir:** Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

**Reader:** *Unto Thee, O Lord, Will I cry; O my God, be not silent unto me.*

**Choir:** Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

**Reader:** *Save, O Lord, Thy people.*

**Choir:** And bless Thine inheritance.

**Reader:** *The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians: [Ephesians 2:4-10 (§220)]*

### THE GOSPEL

**Reader:** *Alleluia in the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone.*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** *He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven.*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** *He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him.*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 8:26-39 (§38)]

### WORD FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

*“A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, ‘You are mad; you are not like us.’”*

- St. Anthony the Great

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We are a parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, and all are welcome to worship with us! Our services are in English. Please join us for lunch downstairs after the service.

October 30/November 12, 2017

### Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Hieromartyr Zenobius and Martyr Zenobia

#### This Week's Schedule

Monday	Midnight Office and Typika	7:00 am
Tuesday	Midnight Office and Typika	7:00 am
Wednesday	Midnight Office and Typika	7:00 am
	Akathist – Archangel Michael	6:00 pm
Thursday	Midnight Office and Typika	7:00 am
Friday	Midnight Office and Typika	7:00 am
Saturday	Confession/Communion Rule	4:00 pm
	All-Night Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	Hours and Divine Liturgy	9:00 am
	<i>Meal in Trapeza after Services</i>	

## TROPARIA

**Resurrection - Tone 6:** Angelic hosts were above Thy tomb, / and they that guarded Thee became as dead. / And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. / Thou didst despoil hades and wast not tempted by it. / Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. // O Thou Who didst rise from the dead, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

**St. Theodore Stratelates – Tone 4:** By true strategy, O trophy-bearer / thou wast an illustrious general of the Heavenly King, O Theodore. / For thou didst wisely arm thyself with the weapons of faith, / and didst utterly annihilate the hordes of demons, / and didst prove a victorious athlete, / wherefore with faith // we ever call thee blessed.

**St. Theodore the Tyro – Tone 2:** Great are the triumphs of faith! / The holy martyr Theodore rejoiced in a fountain of flame as in refreshing water. / For having been made a whole burnt offering by fire, / he was offered as a sweetbread to the Trinity, // By his prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

**Holy Martyrs - Tone 4:** In their sufferings O Lord, / Thy martyrs received imperishable crowns from Thee, our God; / for, possessed of Thy might, / they cast down the tormentors and set at naught the feeble audacity of the demons. // By their supplications save our souls.

## KONTAKIA

**Resurrection - Tone 6:** Having by His life bestowing hand raised up all the dead out of the dark abysses, / Christ God, the Giver of life, hath bestowed the Resurrection upon the fallen human race; / for He is the Savior of all, // the Resurrection, and the Life, and the God of all.

**St. Theodore Stratelates – Tone 2:** Armed with faith and courage of soul, / and having taken in thy hand the Word of God as a spear, / thou didst conquer the enemy, / O glory of martyrs, Theodore. // With them cease not to intercede with Christ God for us all.

**St. Theodore the Tyro – Tone 8:** Having received the faith of Christ in thy heart as an inner shield, / thou didst overcome all the opposing forces, O great champion, / and thou hast been crowned with a heavenly crown, O Theodore, // for thou art eternally invincible.

**Holy Martyrs – Tone 8:** With divinely inspired hymns let us worthily honor Zenobius and the wise Zenobia / as true witnesses and preachers of piety, / for they lived and departed this life together, // and have received the crown of incorruption through martyrdom.

**Theotokos - Tone 6:** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, / O mediation unto the Creator unfailing, / disdain not the suppliant voices of sinners, / but be thou quick, O good one, to help us who in faith cry unto thee; / hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, // thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## PARISH NEWS

❖ **Advent Retreat:** The Council of Orthodox Churches of the Niagara Frontier is hosting an Advent Retreat Friday November 17 and Saturday November 18. The retreat will be led by a visiting priest, Fr. James Berends, will focus on the theme “Experiencing the Eucharist: Existing in the Eternal Now.” The retreat will take place at the Hellenic Church of the Annunciation. More information is available on a flyer on the bulletin board.

❖ **Wedding:** The newly-baptized Michael and Lisa will be married at Sts. Theodore Orthodox Church on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

❖ **Mother’s Reading Group:** The Mother’s Reading Group will meet again on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 pm. They will be discussing chapters 5 and 6 of *Parenting towards the Kingdom*.