



St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: St. Matthew 8:5-13

Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara

Apostles' Fast

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In memory of Allan M. Radinsky and Johanna Radinsky. May their memory be eternal!

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Today's Announcements

- Happy Father's Day to all of our parish Fathers!

Tuesday – June 22

- Book Discussion Group – 7 pm at the home of Dr. Eileen Glisan. We will be discussing Abba's Child by Brennan Manning.

Saturday – June 26

- Archdiocesan Youth Retreat – 10:30 am at Transfiguration Monastery. Keynote speaker will be His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek. There is no charge for the retreat. To register, please send an email to omtnuns@gmail.com by Monday, June 21.
- Vespers – 7 pm

Next Sunday – June 27

- Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am

Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- Vesperal Liturgy for Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul – July 28 - 7 pm
- Archdiocesan Youth Day at PNC Park – July 20
- Retirement dinner for Fr. Paul – July 25
- Church School Summer Camp – July 26-30
- Women's Association Golf Classic – July 30

Fundability Tip of the Week: It's graduation time, and that means gifts and parties. You have a couple of choices – You can use a Fundability card to purchase your gift, or you can just give the card as the gift and let the graduate make the selection – you don't know what they want anyway! And your best bet for the party is to buy your supplies from a participating grocer or other retailer. Thanks for your continuing support of this important fundraiser.

Parish Priest Selection Process Update

Bishop Melchisedek desires our new Parish Priest to begin serving Sunday, September 5. The first step in the selection process was the survey administered last Sunday. The remaining steps in the process are hoped to develop a parish consensus of the best candidate over the course of the Summer.

1. Candidate priests will visit St. Alexander Nevsky on selected Sundays during June, July, and August. The following priests have been scheduled thus far:

- Fr. George Johnson – July 4
- Fr. Michael Senyo – July 11
- Fr. John Mikita – July 18

We will provide you with the dates of other visits as they become available. Candidates will serve Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy with sermon, and will be interviewed by parishioners following Divine Liturgy. Parishioners will be asked to complete an assessment form following each interview. Assessments will be reviewed by Fr. Paul Ziatyk, Fr. Paul Suda, Ray Steeb, Ed Markoff, Roy Glisan, and Frank Namisnak and submitted to Bishop Melchisedek.

2. In addition to the names above, the name of Fr. John Soucek has been submitted for consideration. Other priests may be considered as well. The name of any possible candidate should be provided to the Bishop directly, or to Fr. Paul Ziatyk. The Bishop must be the first contact for any candidate priests, so please submit any names as indicated and do not contact the possible candidate priest directly.

The Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara (Lycia in Asia Minor), was distinguished for his genuine monastic humility. Calmly and with mildness he instructed his flock, but he firmly defended the purity of Orthodoxy and he energetically contended against heresies, especially the widespread heresy of the Origenists. He left behind him a rich literary legacy: works in defense of Christianity against paganism, explications of Orthodox dogmas against the heresy of Origen, moral discourses, and explanations of Holy Scripture.

St Methodius was arrested by the pagans, steadfastly confessed before them his faith in Christ, and he was sentenced to death by beheading in the year 312.

Troparion (Tone 1)

Your blood cries out to God from the earth like that of Abel, divinely-wise holy hierarch, Methodius. You openly preached the Incarnation of God, putting the heresy of Origen to shame. You were translated to the heavenly bridal chamber: Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

As a priest of the mysteries of the Holy Trinity, and a preacher of the commandments of God that surpass understanding, you were the confirmation of Orthodox Christians, O Methodius! You denounced the errors of heretics; for the sake of the True Faith you shed your blood as a hieromartyr. Now as you stand before Christ with the angels, pray that we may be saved.