

A WORD FOR THE DAY

Do not thou therefore seek signs, but the soul's health. Seek not to see one dead man raised; nay, for thou hast learnt that the whole world is arising. Seek not to see a blind man healed, but behold all now restored unto that better and more profitable sight; and do thou too learn to look chastely, and amend thine eye.

St. John Chrysostom

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and thirteen martyrs with them, suffered during the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Brought to trial, they bravely confessed themselves Christians and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. After fierce tortures, they broke the legs of the holy martyrs and threw them into a fire. Strengthened by the Lord, they came out of the fire completely unharmed, and they glorified Christ all the more. Unable to break the will of the holy confessors, the torturers beheaded them.

The Icon of the Mother of God “Joy of All Who Sorrow” (with Coins) was glorified in the year 1888 in Petersburg, when during the time of a terrible thunderstorm lightning struck in a chapel. All was burned or singed, except for this icon of the Queen of Heaven. It was knocked to the floor, and the poor box broke open at the same time. Somehow, twelve small coins (half-kopeck pieces), became attached to the icon. A church was built in 1898 on the site of the chapel.

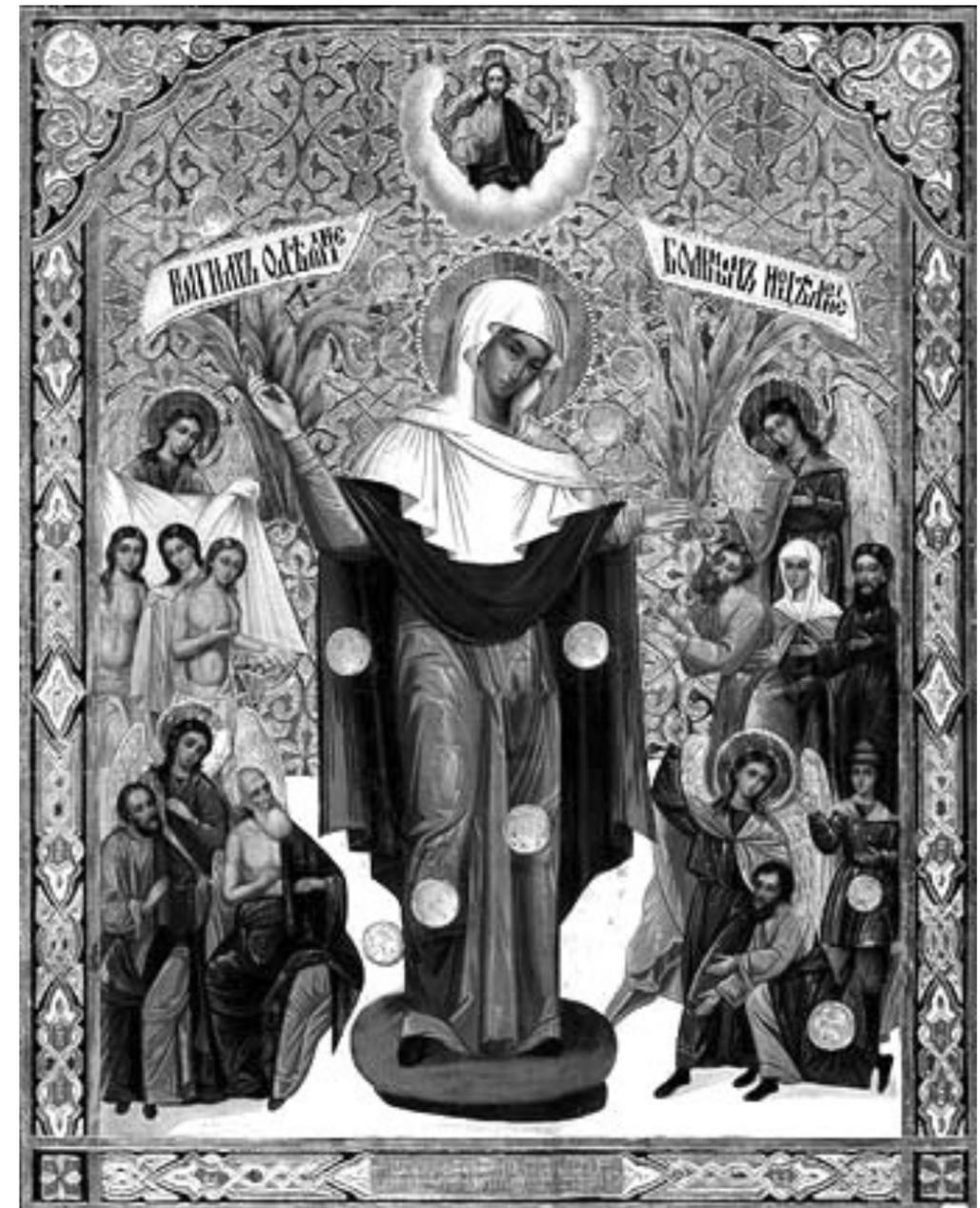
OCA on the Lives of Saints for July 23

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church In America

July 23, 2017

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia (4th c.). Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna (ca. 75). Commemoration of the Miraculous Appearance of the POCHAEV Icon of the Mother of God, which saved the Monastery from the assault of the Tatars and Turks (1675). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW” (with coins) in St. Petersburg (1888).



The Joy of All Who Sorrow

Divine Services

Wednesday, July 26Reader's Great Vespers.....6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 29th...Reader's Daily Vespers6:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 30thDivine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
(Hours Begin at 9:40 a.m.)

Today's Readings

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Next Week's Readings

Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 14:14-22

For Next Week, July 30

Hours and Thanksgiving PrayersIrene Vassos

Epistle:Tanya Bogaevsckaya

Coffee Hour:Ruthann Eagen

In Memory of: John, Maria, Nancy

For the health and well-being of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Irina, Katia, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Galina, Nancy, Maria, Al, Mat. Myra, and Michael.

July Birthdays

George Fiscu (07/19), Diane Dunn (07/24), Lilliana Gadoury (07/27) Alla Yefremova (07/30). Anniversaries: Diane and Greg (07/03), Galina and Simeon (07/27)

Announcements

Welcome Fr. Igor Burdikoff! Fr. Igor is from **Christ the Savior Orthodox Church** in Ballston Spa, NY. For many years he also was the leader of the Albany Orthodox Brotherhood, a group of parishes which rotate Mission Vespers during Great Lent. He will be serving our parish for Divine Liturgies for next week and all of August and hopefully some of the weekends afterwards.

As some of us may know, Fr. Igor has been a priest for 52 years. He was widowed last September, when his wife of 51 years, Matushka Cecilia, entered into blessed repose. May her Memory be Eternal.

Third Thursday. We did well at this week's Third Thursday. Many thanks to Rick, Emilie, Len, Sorin, Nick, Marina, Pat, Herman, Irina T., Tanya, Ruthann, Steve, and Irene; also to Corinne for providing the Tzaziki for the gyros. Our collective efforts brought in \$1,047 for our church.

Thank you to the Clean-up Crew! Yesterday several people showed up to fill the dumpster with years of accumulated items that have been collecting dust, mold and taking up space. We cleared the barn, garage, cellar, closets, and rectory of all the things we don't need. The garage can now be used to store our lawn equipment and the items we use for Third Thursday.

The Parish Council and those who worked hard yesterday ask that no one bring or leave any items in the rectory, basement, barn or other areas without first clearing it with Rick Goudey. We want to try and keep things organized and clean. This also includes not leaving any food from Sunday Coffee Hour.

Thank you also to Alla Yefremova for the donation of a very nice stove for the rectory. Those who showed up yesterday to pitch include: David (who cleaned windows in the church!), Nick, Marina, Rick, Ruthann, Sorin, Serge, Len, Allen, and Irene. And thank you also to Fr. Joseph and Mat. Mary for leaving a very clean rectory for us. Several people who saw that we had things at the curb to recycle stopped and picked up items of interest, and we filled a very large dumpster.

Russian Religious and Non-Religious Books: There are several boxes on the porch filled with books. Anybody who wishes may take any of these items. Those not taken this week will find their way into the little room left in the dumpster.

Please continue to pray for Nick Bobrovsky. Nick will be having a procedure done on his heart hopefully by the end of summer!

July Charities will go to Orthodox Christian Prison Ministries (OCPM). OCPM provides an essential need to minister to those in prison, as our Lord Jesus Christ commanded. There have been many converts of those held in prison to the Orthodox Faith due to the work of the OCPM. Therefore, to support this ministry is worthy. Please give!

Collections

Third Thursday	\$1047
2017 Budget	\$96,142
Progress Towards Budget	\$44,105