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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

MAY 14, 2023

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Samaritan Woman
Martyrs
Isidore and Myrope of Chios
Ven. Isidore, Fool-for-Christ,
Wonderworker of Rostov

SAINT ISIDORE, THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

Saint Isidore, Fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Rostov. He was born in Germany of rich parents. From his youth, he led "an unsullied life and had a compassionate understanding."

Leaving his parental home and "desiring the Kingdom of God," Saint Isidore distributed his wealth to the poor. Taking up the staff of a wanderer, he visited many lands and cities. He was raised in Catholicism, and it is not known where he accepted the holy Orthodox Faith.

Finally, he arrived in Russia and decided to live in Rostov. Here Saint Isidore, "in filth and snow and rain and cold" and "enduring every outrage," settled in a rickety wooden hut that he himself had made. He chose a foolish manner of life for the sake of Christ, which Saint Paul describes in his Epistle.

Saint Isidore spent all his time at unceasing prayer, not allowing himsetlf much sleep or rest. "He stood at all night vigil and praise" to dedicate his body "everlastingly to God." By day the blessed one made the rounds of the city, acting like a fool. "Like Job of old in his patience," Blessed Isidore, while still alive, was "an earthly angel and a heavenly man," "a compassionate soul, and pure of thought, and vigilant heart and faith unassailed, and true love without pretense." During his life he received the grace to work miracles.

Saint Isidore reposed in the year 1474. They learned of his death only when, passing by his hut, they noticed a special fragrance. At the place of his burial in the city of Rostov the church of the Ascension of the Lord was built, in which his relics rest in a crypt as a source of miracles to the present day.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Igumen Leonty, Archpriest Daniel, Steve, Daniel, Brian, Don, Bobbi, Yuri, David, all of our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers

DEPARTED: Lorena, Luke, all of our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers

BIRTHDAYS: Noah Edwards

ANNIVERSARIES: Steve & Rebecca Edwards

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choirs members, please note the dates of the choir rehearsals over the next few months: June 10, July 15, August 12, September 16, and October 14.

YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTATION: On Saturday, June 10, the Young Adults Group (30 and under) at St. Nicholas Cathedral will host a presentation called "Dying to Self: Finding Identity, Belonging and Purpose in Christ" by Ken Liu, Executive Director of Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministries (OYM). Youth from other parishes are welcome to attend.

LUNCH & GROCERY FOR MATUSHKA BRENDA: The Mikitish family welcomed Alexander George last week! If you are able to assist Matushka Brenda with lunch meals, please sign up at mealtrain.com/trains/e301ze You can also choose to help out with grocery shopping. Contact Lory Easton with any questions.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

May 14, Sun
8:45 AM   Church School
9:30 AM   Divine Liturgy

May 20, Sat
5:00 PM   Great Vespers

May 21, Sun
8:45 AM   Church School
9:30 AM   Divine Liturgy

May 24, Wed
6:00 PM   Great Vespers

May 25, Thu
9:00 AM   Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Coffee Hour - Class

Reader – Weaver

Assisting the Treasurer – Childs & Easton

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment