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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.

JULY 9, 2023

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of
Taormina in Sicily

Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna
in Crete

HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS, BISHOP OF TAORMINA IN SICILY

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth. The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself.

The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus.

He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily. Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people.

In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon

almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith.

Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

The saint's relics are in the church named for him in Rome. He is also commemorated on February 9.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Daniel, Dovie, Daniel, Brian, Bobbi, Yuri

NEWBORN: Felix Bomadevar

BIRTHDAYS: Gary Childs, Ruth Sysak

DEPARTED: Bernard, Barbara

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HIERARCHICAL LITURGY @ ST. MARK IN BETHESDA: On Saturday, July 15, clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to St. Mark Orthodox Church in Bethesda for a Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon. On the

feast of St. Vladimir's Equal to the Apostles, His Beatitude also celebrates his own birthday.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

July 9, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 12, Thu 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 15, Sat 5:00 PM 5:45 PM	Great Vespers Choir Rehearsal
July 16, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Coffee Hour - Margheritino

Reader - Lory & Kathryn Easton

Assisting the Treasurer - Garber & Easton

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