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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.

**November 26, 2023**

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 8

The Righteous Gideon

Ven. Alypius the Stylite of  
Adrianopolis

Repose of St. Innocent, first Bishop  
of Irkutsk

## VENERABLE ALYPIUS THE STYLITE OF ADRIANOPOLIS

Saint Alypius the Stylite was born in the city of Adrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother, a Christian, was widowed early, and she sent her son to be educated by Bishop Theodore. She distributed her substance to the poor, then began to live an ascetic life near the church as a deaconess. Saint Alypius, from his early years, wanted to devote his life to God and yearned for the solitary life, although Bishop Theodore would not give him permission to do so. Once, when Saint Alypius was accompanying his bishop to Constantinople, the holy Martyr Euphemia (September 16) appeared to him in a vision, summoning Saint Alypius to return to Adrianopolis and found a church in her name. With contributions offered by believers in Adrianopolis, Saint Alypius did build a church in the name of the holy Martyr Euphemia, on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple infested by legions of devils. Beside the church, under the open sky, the saint erected a pillar over a pagan tomb. For fifty-three years Saint Alypius struggled upon the pillar, praying to God and teaching those who came to him. The demons which infested the pagan cemetery fell upon the ascetic by night and pelted him with stones. Saint Alypius, wanted nothing to stand in the way of the attacks of the spirits of darkness, then even took down the boards that served him as a roof, protecting him from the rain and wind. In the face of the saint's conquering steadfastness, the demons forever fled the place, which had been sanctified by his deed of voluntary martyrdom. Fourteen years before his death, Saint Alypius was no longer able to stand. He was compelled to lie on his side because of the weakness of his legs, and endured grievous sufferings with humble gratitude. Around the saint's pillar two monasteries sprang up: a men's monastery on the one side, and a women's monastery on the other. Saint Alypius introduced strict monastic rules for both monasteries and he directed both monasteries until his death. Saint Alypius reposed in

the year 640, at age 118. The body of the venerable stylite was buried in the church he founded in honor of the holy Martyr Euphemia. The relics of the saint of God healed many of those who came in faith.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Analisa, Jody, Basil, Michelle, Yuri, Kelsey and her unborn

DEPARTED: Phillip

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

NAMEDAYS: Andra Schmitt, Anirudh Bomadevar

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION: All Orthodox Christians should approach the mystery of Confession regularly, especially before great feasts like the Nativity of the Lord for which we are currently preparing. Fr. Alessandro is available after Vespers or Small Compline. If you would like him to hear your confession at other times during the week, please email him in advance to schedule a time.

DIACONAL ORDINATION: By the grace of God, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will ordain our parishioner Subdeacon Alexander Woodill to the Holy Diaconate on Saturday, December 9, at 9:30a, at St. Nicholas Cathedral. This is a most joyous parish event—please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

ST. NICHOLAS CARE KITS: On Sunday, Dec 17, during coffee hour, we will assemble St. Nicholas Care Kits -- gallon Ziploc bags containing a Christmas card with \$5 in cash, warm socks and gloves, some soft foods, and additional small items. We all will be able to take these bags to distribute to people who are in need. Our goal this year is to assemble 75 Care Kits containing more than 20 items each. Please sign up to bring items for the kits using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45AFAA22A1FD0-46100294-stnicholas#/>.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FORM: A gentle reminder to kindly fill out your financial commitment form for 2024 at your earliest convenience but no later than Sunday, December 3. If you have any questions on this, please contact Fr. Alessandro.

NO JOURNEY TO FULLNESS OR CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that there will be no Journey to Fullness on Thursday, Nov 23 or Church School on Sunday, Nov 26. Everything will resume as normal the following week.

PARISH WALL CALENDARS: We have received our parish wall calendars. Please feel free to take a copy per household.

### UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

November 26, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
November 29, Wed 6:00 PM	Small Compline
November 30, Sun 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
December 2, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
December 3, Sun 8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

### MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	<b>Nov 26</b>	<b>Dec 3</b>
Coffee Hour:	Margheritino	Garber
Reader:	Hughes	Barr

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