

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Remember, we are still in the Apostle's Fast

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat. July 1	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. July 2	8 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. July 8	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. July 9	8 am	Divine Liturgy

ASONA Movie Night

Coming this August

Mission & Homesteading Seminar

For our Missions, Homeschooling families, and those wanting, and preparing for a more traditional, rural or Homesteading life.



ASONA TEXT ALERTS

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ALL SAINTS OF
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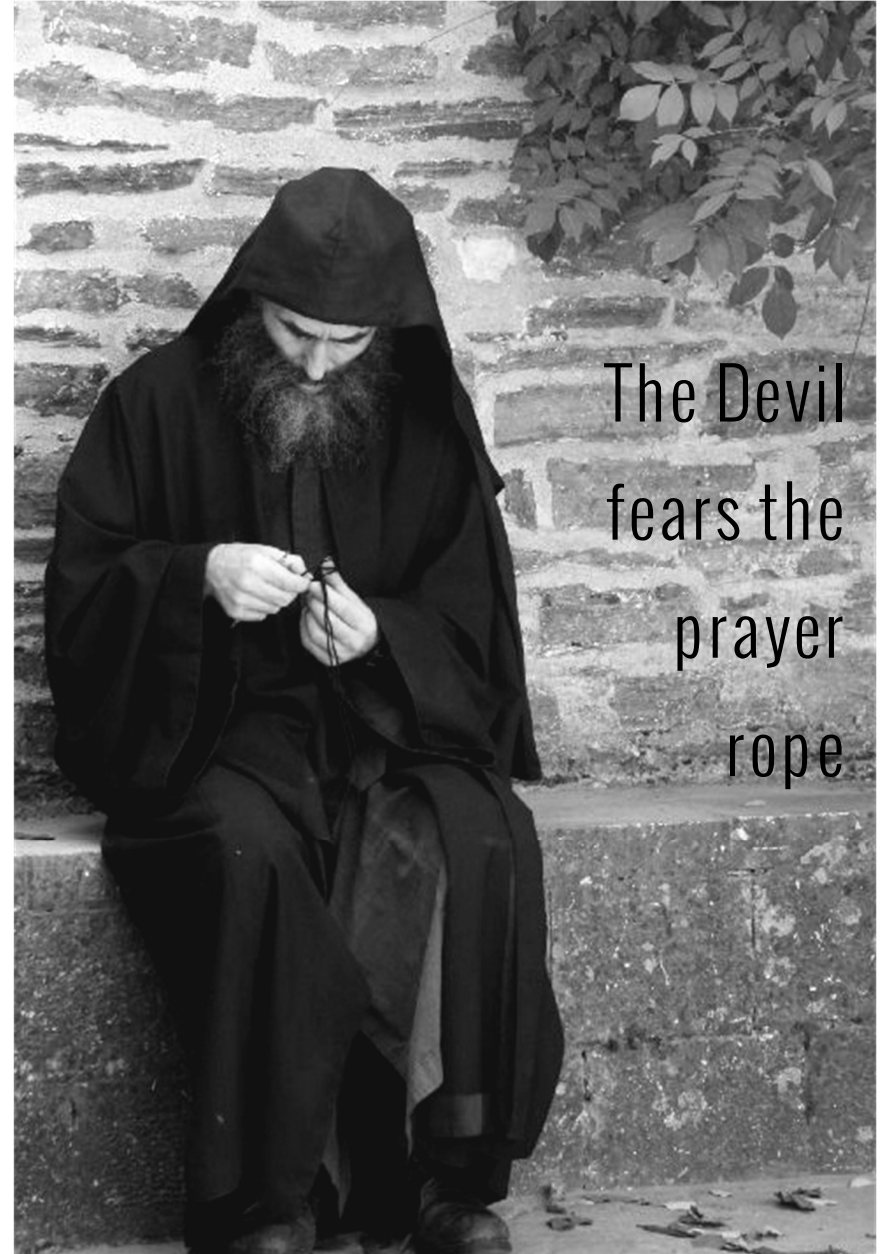


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CHURCH

SUN. JUNE 25, 2023

ST. ONUPHRIUS THE GREAT

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The Devil
fears the
prayer
rope



Prokeimenon in Tone 2 (Ps 118)

The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

EPISTLE: ROMANS: 5:1-10

BRETHREN, therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.+

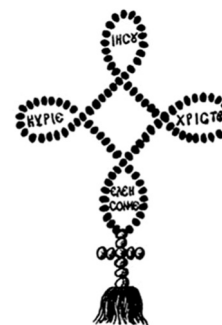
Alleluia in Tone 2 (Ps 20)

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:22-33

THE LORD SAID, "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."+



What's coming this summer and fall?



TEAM ASONA!

Don't forget - ASONA stickers, hats and more are all available at the ASONA bookstore! See Fr. John - it's in his office!

August **ASONA Movie Night!** We will be watching "The Meg 2: The Trench" for our third parish movie night. This popular event is back and it's about time!

September Mission and Homesteading Conference
Once again we will host a special conference focusing on the challenges, opportunities, and needed skills and information facing local Orthodox churches, missions, and families. You won't want to miss this.

Also coming this fall

- Choir rehearsal
- Advanced Readers Training
- Prospora baking class
- Beginning Altar service training
- Advanced Altar service training

THE DEVIL FEARS THE PRAYER ROPE

In the Skete of Saint Anna, Monk Prokopios had a great desire to learn music in order to praise God with his brothers. Since his singing was a little out-of-tune, the Holy Fathers avoided to teach him a music lesson.

Brother Prokopios had a divine gift to repeat incessantly the prayer "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner," while always keeping the prayer rope in his left hand.

One day, he was very sad, unable to find anyone to teach him music. He felt great sorrow thinking about it, and he stopped saying the prayer. Suddenly, a venerable, but unknown to him, elder appeared and said to him:

"Brother Prokopios, why are you so sad? What is bothering you?" Prokopios replied: "Elder, I want somebody to teach me music, and there is no one to do so, because they tell me how I'm a little out-of-tune."

The venerable elder then told him: "I will teach you the music lesson you long for, and you will be the best chanter in Mount Athos. You will be singing like a nightingale, but I want you to do me a favor."

"What do you want in exchange?" Prokopios asked him, "Do you want me to pay you? I will give you whatever you want!"

Then the elder said to him: "My reward is for you to throw away this prayer rope and stop repeating that prayer you say. And then I will teach you whatever you want."

When Monk Prokopios listened to these words, he understood that the elder was not a Monk, but a cunning Demon, who wanted to stop him from praying. He immediately crossed himself, and said, "Get behind me, Satan; I need neither your music lesson nor your wicked kindness," and the Demon vanished.

This story teaches that the Devil is afraid of the prayer rope. As the Fathers put it, the prayer rope is the Christian's weapon against the Devil and the prayer is the instrument to burn the Demon.

However, the Devil is not afraid of the chanter, since they can easily be chanted out of prayer and fall into selfishness and pride!

From the book The Gerontikon from the Garden of the Panagia.



SAINTS ALIVE

The lives and deeds of the heroes of our faith.

HIEROMARTYR ANDRONIK OF PERM

Archbishop St. Andronik Nikolsky was a bishop in the Russian Orthodox Church and a saint, glorified as Hieromartyr Andronik, Archbishop Of Perm in 2000. His father was a deacon in the Russian Orthodox Church.

In 1914, Andronik was appointed bishop of Perm and Solikamsk. Eleven days before, on July 19, World War I began. As the war progressed, he worked energetically for one and a half million inhabitants and 570 churches in this region.

In summer 1916, Andronik traveled to the Imperial Russian Army headquarters outside St. Petersburg where Tsar Nicholas II was leading the army. The purpose of this trip was to warn the Tsar about Rasputin. However, the Tsar would not take him seriously and his trip failed.

In 1917, Andronik became Bishop of Perm and Kungur, and became one of the seven hierarchs in the pre-conciliar synod preparing for the Local Council of the Russian Church in Moscow.

In August Perm heard the voice of Bishop Andronicus: "Amidst today's terrible events the Lord has decreed that I should occupy the see of the



enlightener of Perm, St. Stephen. There, in the west, blood-red clouds have already gathered.. Yes, this war is terrible, it will demand much blood, many victims. But truly it is allowed by the Providence of God...

"This is a great mercy of God after all the heavy trials and humiliations which our Homeland has undergone in recent times. And it is all our fault, because we have willingly given our souls into captivity to every kind of foreign import, as if we even rejoiced to become complete Europeans and were leaving behind our so-called Russian backwardness. Now we see from bitter experience

that this foreign forwardness is in fact complete barbarism, moral bankruptcy and spiritual perversion."

Vladyka Andronicus set about building up the huge region with its one and a half million inhabitants and 570 churches and monasteries with apostolic zeal.

As the agitation of the Bolshevik take-over intensified on January 25, 1918, Bishop Andronik made a written appeal to the faithful to defend the heritage of the Church from the aggressors and looters as attacks became more frequent.

In February, in the Perm region, the Bolsheviks began to loot churches and monasteries. When the second session of the Council ended, Andronik returned to Perm. Patriarch Tikhon had elevated him to archbishop on April 25, Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday, April 16, the Bolsheviks carried out a search of his residence. He remained calm and continued the services of Holy Week and Pascha (Easter).

Shortly before his death, on May 5, 1918, Archbishop Andronicus said: "Perhaps I will no longer be in this world, but I am not deprived of the hope and certainty that Russia will be resurrected and return to God. Exhort everyone and reconcile the embittered with life, pour into them the principles of the radiant life according to the Gospel of Christ. Our work is to gather the flock of Christ... so that those who have become disillusioned with every kind

of party here, in the Church and amidst believers, might find a living haven and good repose. The soul of the people will be resurrected - and its body, our healthy statehood, will also be resurrected. May the Lord help us. Forgive and pray for the sinful Archbishop Andronicus who invokes the blessing of God upon you..."

1,500 Red Army soldiers were summoned by the Bolsheviks for the arrest of Vladyka Andronicus.

Finally Archbishop Andronik was arrested at midnight on July 4 (Gregorian calendar: July 17). There are various accounts of his death. The most consistent says that on July 7, 1918 he was taken to the forest and forced to dig his own grave. After lying down in it, he was covered with earth and shots were fired into the dirt.

In 2000, the Russian Orthodox Church glorified him as Hieromartyr Andronik, Archbishop Of Perm, one of the Russian New Martyrs and Confessors. His feast day is July 7 on the Julian Calendar (Gregorian Calendar: July 20).



ST. ANDRONIK OF PERM
PRAY UNTO GOD FOR US!