



Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. *Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada (276), St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury (ca. 690).*

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21: 33-42

Liturgical Schedule:

Sundays - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Sept. 18 - Saturday - Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Sept. 30 - Thursday - Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Oct. 01 - Friday - 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy - The Protection of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada (276)

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon suffered for Christ during the reign of the Roman emperor Probus (276-282). A pagan festival was being celebrated in the city of Antioch. The Christians Trophimus and Sabbatius arrived in the city just as the festival was taking place and were saddened by this loud and indecent spectacle. They prayed that the Lord would guide the errant on the way of salvation. As they said this, the idolaters noticed their presence. Seeing that the strangers did not worship the idols, they arrested them and took them to the governor. At their interrogation, the saints firmly confessed their faith. When they were told to renounce Christ, they resolutely refused to do so. Saint Sabbatius died under the fierce torment. Saint Trophimus was sent to the city of Synnada in Phrygia for even more terrible tortures.

For three days Saint Trophimus walked shod in iron sandals with sharp nails, driven on by a cavalry guard. The governor of Frigius, Dionysius, infamous as a torturer and executioner, used all manner of tortures to break the will of the brave Christian. Saint Trophimus merely repeated the words of Scripture: "many afflictions has the righteous one, but from them all will the Lord deliver him" (Ps 33/34:20). The senator Dorymedon, a secret Christian, visited Saint Trophimus in prison, washing and binding his wounds. When the pagans learned that the senator would not participate in the festival of Castor and Pollux, they asked the reason for his refusal. He said that he was a Christian and would not attend a festival in honor of the demons. He and Saint Trophimus were thrown to the wild beasts to be eaten by them, but the martyrs remained unharmed. Then they were beheaded with the sword.

St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury (ca. 690).

Saint Theodore was the eighth Archbishop of Canterbury (668-690), and one of England's great saints. He was a Greek from Tarsus, the home of Saint Paul. He was a highly educated monk living in Rome who was quickly advanced through all the clerical ranks and consecrated as Archbishop of Canterbury at the age of sixty-five. Saint Theodore arrived in Kent in 669, when he was almost seventy. Despite his age, he was quite energetic, traveling throughout England, founding churches and consecrating bishops to fill those Sees which were left vacant by an outbreak of the plague. He also created new Sees and established a school in Canterbury where Greek was taught.

Saint Theodore summoned a council of the entire English Church at Hertford in 672. Not only was this the first church council in England, it was the first assembly of any kind attended by representatives from all over the country. In 679 he convened another synod at Hatfield to maintain the purity of Orthodox doctrine and to condemn the heresy of Monothelitism.

Saint Theodore fell asleep in the Lord in 690, and his body remained incorrupt for a long time. Under his leadership, the English Church became united in a way that the various tribal kingdoms did not. The diocesan structures which he established continue to serve as the basis for church administration in England. He was respected for his administrative skills, and also for his moral and canonical decisions.

Announcements

Holy Cross Orthodox Church invites you to join us for Bible study at the church on Thursdays at 08:00 a.m. Our Bible Study is a time of fellowship, learning, and growing through the sharing and understanding of God's word. All are welcome!

Prayer Request for the sick/recovering

Nicholas Maas

Megan - David & Phyllis Bartos' daughter

Matthew - the late Fr. Timpko's grandson

Please let us know if there is anyone you would like added to the Prayer List.