

Venerable Euphrosyne, Abbess of Polotsk

Saint Euphrosynē, Abbess of Polotsk, was named Predslava in the world, and was the daughter of Prince George Vseslavich. From her childhood she was noted for her love of prayer and book learning. After turning down a proposal of marriage, Predslava received monastic tonsure with the name Euphrosynē. With the blessing of Bishop Elias of Polotsk, she began to live near the Sophia cathedral, where she occupied herself by the copying of books.

Around the year 1128 Bishop Elias entrusted the nun with the task of organizing a women's monastery. Setting out for Seltso, the site of the future monastery, the ascetic took only her holy books. At the newly constructed Savior-Transfiguration monastery the saint taught the girls to copy books, singing, sewing and other handicrafts.

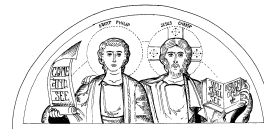
Through her efforts, a cathedral was built in 1161, which survives to the present day. Saint Euphrosynē also founded a men's monastery dedicated to the Mother of God. Patriarch Luke of Constantinople sent a copy of the wonderworking Ephesus Icon of the Mother of God at her request. Shortly before her death, Saint Euphrosynē journeyed on pilgrimage to the Holy Places with her nephew David and sister Eupraxia.

After venerating the holy things at Constantinople, she arrived in Jerusalem, where at the Russian monastery of the Most Holy Theotokos the Lord granted her a peaceful end on May 24, 1173.

In 1187 the body of the saint was transferred to the Kiev Caves monastery, and the relics were transferred to Polotsk in 1910 to the monastery she founded.

Saint Euphrosynē of Polotsk was glorified in the Russian Church as a patroness of women's monasticism.

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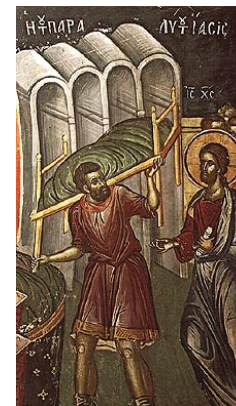


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May 23, 2021
SUNDAY OF THE
PARALYTIC



**CHRIST IS
RISEN!**

Tone 3

Eothinon 5 St. Luke 24:12-35
Epistle: Acts 9:32-42
Gospel: St. John 5:1-15

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH
BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of hades, granting to the world the great mercy!

TODAY:

- ◆ Orthros, 8:45 am
- ◆ Divine Liturgy 10 am
- ◆ Memorial for Parents of Ken Gula
- ◆ Coffee Hour, Sunday School, and Catechism

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (May 30):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	MaryLynne Black	Sdn. Justin Gohl
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn. John & Rdr Nick Muz	Steve K. & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Sdn. John & Maxine; Tatiana	Jordan & Natalie G.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Tatiana; Sh. Hannah; Gabe	Angie; Calvin; Nick & Martha

* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

Mark Your Calendar:

St. Justin Vigil

Monday, May 31—Vigil 6:30 pm
Tuesday, June 1—Liturgy 10 am

Leavetaking of Pascha & Ascension

Tuesday, June 8
Paschal Vespers & Orthros, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, June 9
Paschal Liturgy, 10 am
Festal Vespers & Orthros 6:30 pm
Thursday, June 10
Ascension Liturgy 10 am

Pentecost

Sunday, Jun 20
Kneeling Prayers after Liturgy

Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul

June 28-29

Dormition Fast - August 1-14

Daily Paraklesis

Transfiguration

August 5-6

Vacation Church School

August 9-13

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Preb. Anna Alexandra Maria HM Sylvester Fr. Sergius Doris John James Lasha B Otari B Daniel H Peter Anesia Svetlana & family George, Victoria, & family Pulcheria Gabriela Anna Dn. Thomas & family	+Sh. Angela +Yazew +Lillian +Stavros (May Parish Diptychs) +Paul +Bahia +Kh. Jane +LuAnn +Lida +Donna
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries New & Expectant Mothers & their children For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic	<u>Catechumens</u> Matthew, Michael, Shaun, Tina, Sara, Barry, Ryan, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$173. Collections, \$148.49. Youth, \$1. Food for Hungry, \$338.53. Mortgage Reduction, \$250. Needy Fund, \$100. 12 Baskets Full, \$50. Garden Project, \$50. Stewardship, \$8,202.50. Total received: \$9,313.52.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:26)

SPECIAL APPEAL

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

This Week:

Fr. Noah & Family on Vacation – May 17-28
Fr. James on call

Monday, May 24: Church open

Tuesday, May 25: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
BLOOD DRIVE 2pm-7pm

Wed, May 26: **MID-PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Festal Potluck to follow.
COMPLINE & Patristic Reading, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 27: Church open

Friday, May 28: Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 29: Liturgy 10 a.m.
VESPERS at 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 30: **SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour – *NO Sunday School*

Monday, May 31: **MEMORIAL DAY**
St. Justin Vigil 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1: Divine Liturgy (St. Justin Martyr) 10 a.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:
Skin Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”