

Venerable Bessarion, Wonderworker of Egypt

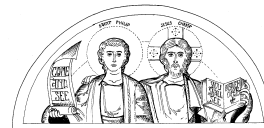
Saint Bessarion, Wonderworker of Egypt was an Egyptian. He was baptized while still in his youth, and he led a strict life, striving to preserve the grace given him during Baptism. Seeking to become more closely acquainted with the monastic life, he journeyed to the holy places. He was in Jerusalem, he visited Saint Gerasimus (March 4) in the Jordanian wilderness, he viewed other desert monasteries, and assimilated all the rules of monastic life.

Upon his return, he received monastic tonsure and became a disciple of Saint Isidore of Pelusium (February 4). Saint Bessarion took a vow of silence, and partook of food only once a week. Sometimes he remained without food or drink for forty days. Once, the saint stood motionless for forty days and forty nights without food or sleep, immersed in prayer.

Saint Bessarion received from God the gift of wonderworking. When his disciple was very thirsty, he sweetened bitter water. By his prayer the Lord sent rain upon the earth, and he could cross a river as if on dry land. With a single word he cast out devils, but he did this privately to avoid glory.

His humility was so great that once, when a priest ordered someone from the skete to leave church for having fallen into sin, Bessarion also went with him saying, "I am a sinner, too." Saint Bessarion slept only while standing or sitting. A large portion of his life was spent under the open sky in prayerful solitude. He peacefully departed to the Lord in his old age.

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June 6, 2021
SUNDAY OF THE
BLIND MAN



**CHRIST IS
RISEN!**

Tone 5

Eothinon 8 - St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel: St. John 9:1-38

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

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection!

TODAY:

- ◆ Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
- ◆ High School Graduate Recognition
- ◆ Coffee Hour
- ◆ Sunday School & Catechism – *Last week of Sunday school*
- ◆ Women of St. Mariamne

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

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 (June 13):

PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Dan M. & Sdn Justin	Sdn. John & Todd Moody
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Jamil & Nicole K. family	Todd & Kendra M.; Natalia
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H.; Maria S.; Amelia T.	Nathan & Rebecca; Ephrem; Ada

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

SPECIAL APPEAL

The Needy Fund is seriously depleted. Please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund**. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

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	+Sh. Angela +Stavros
HM Sylvester Fr. Sergius Doris John James Lasha B Otari B Daniel H Peter Anesia Svetlana & family George, Victoria, & family Pulcheria Gabriela Anna	(June Parish Diptychs) +Nicholas +Maria +Marion Betty +Victoria +Anna +Gail +Sophia
Dn. Thomas & family	<u>Catechumens</u>
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	Matthew, Michael, Shaun, Tina, Sara, Barry, Ryan, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke
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	

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$172. Collections, \$165. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$30.75. Food for Hungry, \$201.36. Mission Chapel, \$. Needy Fund, \$1,250. Stewardship, \$4,365.90. Total received: \$6,186.01.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS

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:

- Monday, June 7:** Office open
- Tuesday, June 8:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
Paschal Vespers & Orthros 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, June 9:** *LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA*
Paschal Liturgy 10 a.m.
Festal VESPERS, Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Orthros 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs, June 10:** *ASCENSION OF OUR LORD*
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Festal Potluck to follow
- Friday, June 11:** Office open – *Fast Day*
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, June 12:** Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship 8 p.m.
- Sunday, June 13:** **THE FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**
Liturgy, 9 a.m., at Fort Washington Mission
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:
Bath & Shower Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

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