

## 7 Holy Maccabee Martyrs (Aug 1)

The seven holy Maccabee martyrs Abim, Antonius, Gurias, Eleazar, Eusebonus, Alimus and Marcellus, their mother Solomonia and their teacher Eleazar suffered in the year 166 before Christ under the impious Syrian king Antiochus IV Epiphanes. This foolish ruler loved pagan and Hellenistic customs, and held Jewish customs in contempt. He did everything possible to turn people from the Law of Moses and from their covenant with God. He desecrated the Temple of the Lord, placed a statue of the pagan god Zeus there, and forced the Jews to worship it. Many people abandoned the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but there were also those who continued to believe that the Savior would come.



A ninety-year-old elder, the scribe and teacher Eleazar, was brought to trial for his faithfulness to the Mosaic Law. He suffered tortures and died at Jerusalem.

The disciples of Saint Eleazar, the seven Maccabee brothers and their mother Solomonia, also displayed great courage. They were brought to trial in Antioch by King Antiochus Epiphanes. They fearlessly acknowledged themselves as followers of the True God, and refused to eat pig's flesh, which was forbidden by the Law.

The eldest brother acted as spokesman for the rest, saying that they preferred to die rather than break the Law. He was subjected to fierce tortures in sight of his brothers and their mother. His tongue was cut out, he was scalped, and his hands and feet were cut off. Then a cauldron and a large frying pan were heated, and the first brother was thrown into the frying pan, and he died.

The next five brothers were tortured one after the other. The seventh and youngest brother was the last one left alive. Antiochus suggested to Saint Solomonia to persuade the boy to obey him, so that her last son at least would be spared. Instead, the brave mother told him to imitate the courage of his brothers.

The child upbraided the king and was tortured even more cruelly than his brothers had been. After all her seven children had died, Saint Solomonia, stood over their bodies, raised up her hands in prayer to God and died.

The martyric death of the Maccabee brothers inspired Judas Maccabeus, and he led a revolt against Antiochus Epiphanes. With God's help, he gained the victory, and then purified the Temple at Jerusalem. He also threw down the altars which the pagans had set up in the streets. All these events are related in the Second Book of Maccabees (Ch. 8-10).

Various Fathers of the Church preached sermons on the seven Maccabees, including Saint Cyprian of Carthage, Saint Ambrose of Milan, Saint Gregory Nazianzus and Saint John Chrysostom.

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August 1, 2021

6TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

### COMMEMORATIONS:

PROCESSION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS  
THE HOLY SEVEN MACCABEE CHILDREN, SOLOMONE  
THEIR MOTHER, AND ELEAZAR THEIR TEACHER  
TIMOTHY THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF  
PRICONISSUS  
ELESA THE RIGHTEOUS-MARTYR OF KYTHIRA

**Tone 5 - Eothinon 6**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53**

**Epistle: Romans 12:6-14**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 9:1-8**

**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.

**APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS - Tone 1 -** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy kingdom.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confession 8:30 a.m.  
Cross Procession 9:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour

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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 (Aug 8):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	Carolyn Kaminsky
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	The Gohls <small>Phoebe's Birthday (Aug 9)– Many Years!</small>
USHERS:	Steve K. & Ken G.	Dan M. & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Jamil & Nicole Kyriakos family	Todd & Kendra M; Natalia M
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Ada; Ephrem	Felicia; Miriam; Abraham

### **SPECIAL APPEAL**

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which, God willing, we will be starting as a Classical Co-op this fall. Ask Mindi, Denise Y, or Frank for more details. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Dormition Fast - August 1-14**  
Daily Paraklesis

**Iconography Workshop**  
*August 8-13 – Adults & Teens*

**Vacation Church School**  
*August 9-13*

**Beheading of John the Baptist**  
*August 29 – Strict Fast*

**International Food Festival**  
*September 17-18*

**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$465.05. Collections, \$350. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$90. Classical School Fund, \$40. Mortgage Reduction, \$250. Icon Workshop, \$2,097.50. Stewardship, \$2,735. Total received: \$6,028.55.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### **Pray For:**

Living	Departed
Mona	+Victoria
Suzanne (H)	
Maria	(August Parish
AP Gregory	Diptychs)
HM Sylvester	+Mary
P Sergius	+Augustine
Doris	(Jerald)
John	+Iwan
James	+Victor
Lasha B	+APr Michael
Otari B	+Myron
Daniel H	+APr Boniface
Peter	
Anesia	
Pulcheria	
Anna	
George K.	
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<b>Catechumens</b> Michael,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Shaun, Tina,
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Ryan, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana

## **FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING!**



Our 9th International Food Festival is scheduled for Sept 17-18. **All parishioners, your help is needed! Sign-up sheets to volunteer are in the Narthex.** Also, take a Festival Packet in the Narthex, and ask those who you do business with to be a sponsor. Let's work together to make this the best Food Festival yet!

### This Week:

#### ***Dormition Fast begins! August 1-14***

<b>Monday, Aug 2:</b>	Church open Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Aug 3:</b>	6th Hour Prayers, 12 Noon Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
<b>Wed, Aug 4:</b>	Church open Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Aug 5:</b>	Vespers, Artoklasia for Transfiguration 6:30 p.m. Festal Orthros 7:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, Aug 6:</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION</b> Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ Blessing of fruit & produce Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Aug 7:</b>	Youth Activity 4 p.m. <b>VESPERS 6:30 p.m.</b> Confession 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Aug 8:</b>	<b>Liturgy, 9 a.m., at Fort Washington Mission</b> <b>ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.</b> Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Coffee Hour after Liturgy <i>Iconography Workshop (Adults &amp; Teens) 1:30 p.m.</i>

### **AUGUST OUTREACH COLLECTION:**

Paper Products

### **CHALLENGE FOR 2021:**

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”