

Icon of the Mother of God of Tolga (Aug 8)

The Tolga Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos appeared on August 8, 1314 to the Rostov hierarch Prochorus (Tryphon in schema). Going about his diocese, the saint visited the environs of White Lake and from there traveled along the banks of the Rivers Sheksna and Volga, to Yaroslavl. He stopped with the approach of night 7 versts distant from Yaroslavl, at the right bank of the Volga River where there flows opposite into it the River Tolga.

At midnight, when everyone was asleep, the saint awoke and saw a bright light illuminating the area. The light proceeded from a fiery column on the other bank of the river, to which there stretched a bridge.

Taking up his staff, the saint went across to the other bank, and having approached the fiery column, he beheld on it the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, suspended in the air. Astonished at the miracle, the saint prayed for a long time, and when he went back, he forgot to take his staff.

The next day, after serving Matins, when Saint Prochorus was preparing to continue his journey by boat, they began to search for his staff, but they were not able to find it anywhere. The saint then remembered that he had forgotten his staff on the other side of the river, where he had gone across on the miraculous bridge. He then revealed what had occurred, and sent servants across on a boat to the other shore. They came back and reported that in the forest they had seen an icon of the Mother of God suspended in the branches of a tree, next to his bishop's staff.

The saint quickly crossed over with all his retinue to the opposite shore, and he recognized the icon that had appeared to him. Then after fervent prayer before the icon, they cleared the forest at that place, and put down the foundations of a church. When the people of Yaroslavl learned of this, they came out to the indicated spot. By midday the church was already built, and in the evening the saint consecrated it in honor of the Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos, and having installed the icon there he established a Feast on the day of its appearance. Saint Prochorus later built the Tolga monastery near this church. Saint Prochorus died on September 7, 1328.

The Tolga Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos is also commemorated on July 18.

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August 8, 2021

7TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

COMMEMORATIONS:

EMILIAN THE CONFESSOR & BISHOP OF CYZIKOS
OUR HOLY FATHER MYRONUS THE WONDERWORKER,
BISHOP OF CRETE
HOLY NEW MARTYRS TRIANTAPHILLUS OF ZAGORAS
AND ANASTASIOS OF THESSOLONICA
GREGORY OF SINAI AND MOUNT ATHOS
AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
ANASTATIOS THE MARTYR FROM BULGARIA

Tone 6 - Eothion 7

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 9:27-35

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - Tone 7 - When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

TODAY: *Liturgy, 9 a.m., at Fort Washington Mission*

ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

5-Year Memorial for Fr. Boniface

Coffee Hour

Iconography Workshop (Adults & Teens) 1:30 p.m.

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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 (Aug 15):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Carolyn Kaminsky	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	The Gohls <small>Phoebe's Birthday (Aug 9)– Many Years!</small>	----
USHERS:	Dan M. & Tom A.	Sdn. John & Rdr Nick Muz.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kendra M; Natalia M	Todd & Kristi Moore
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Felicia; Miriam; Abraham	Kendra; Zach W.; Dale Y.

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

Beheading of John the Baptist
August 29 – Strict Fast

International Food Festival
September 17-18

Bp THOMAS Visit
October 2-3

Pray For:

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

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$232. Collections, \$130. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$84. Classical School Fund, \$125. Pastoral Discretion, \$436. Icon Workshop, \$1,045.30. Stewardship, \$3,215. Total received: \$5,268.30.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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 continues! August 1-14

THIS WEEK:

Iconography Workshop (8:30am-5:30pm), Adults & Teens
Vacation Church School, 9am-12pm

Monday, Aug 9: Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Aug 10: 6th Hour Prayers, 12 Noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Wed, Aug 11: Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, Aug 12: Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug 13: Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Aug 14: Vespers, Artoklasia, & Lamentations 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:45 p.m.
Men's Fellowship 8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 15: DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.,
w/ Blessing of Herbs & flowers
Student Blessing & Special guest
Coffee Hour after Liturgy
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

AUGUST OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Paper Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”