

Daily Orthodox - November 26th, 2024

Today is Tuesday of the 23rd Week after Pentecost.

Fasting Obligations

- **OCA:** Wine and oil permitted.
- **GOARCH, Antioch:** Fish, wine, and oil permitted.

Today, we commemorate...

1. **The Venerable Alypius the Stylite, of Adrianople** (640)

“ Alypius was born in Hadrianopolis, a city in Paphlagonia. From childhood, he was dedicated to the service of God. he served as a deacon with Bishop Theodore in the church in that city. But, desirous of a life of solitude, prayer and meditation, Alypius withdrew to a Greek cemetery outside the city. This was a cemetery from which people fled in terror, because of frequent demonic visions seen there. Alypius set up a cross in the cemetery and built a church in honor of St. Euphemia, who had appeared to him in a dream. Beside the church, he built a tall pillar, climbed on top of it, and spent fifty-three years there in fasting and prayer. Neither the mockery of men nor the evil of the demons was able to drive him away or cause him to waver in his intention. Alypius especially endured countless assaults from demons. Not only did the demons try to terrorize him with apparitions, but stoned him as well, and gave him no peace, day or night, for a long time. The courageous Alypius protected himself from the power of the demons by the sign of the Cross and the name of Jesus. Finally the demons were defeated and fled from him. Men began to revere him and come to him for prayer, consolation, instruction and healing. Two monasteries were built beside his pillar, one on one side for men and one on the other for women. His mother and sister lived in the women's monastery. St. Alypius guided the monks and

nuns from his pillar, by example and words. He shone like the sun in the heavens for everyone, showing them the way to salvation. This God-pleaser had so much grace that he was often illuminated in heavenly light, and a pillar of this light extended to the heavens above him. St. Alypius was a wonderful and mighty miracle-worker in life, and also after his repose. He lived for one hundred years and entered into rest in the year 640, during the reign of Emperor Heraclius. His head is preserved in the Monastery of Koutloumousiou on the Holy Mountain.

2. **The Venerable James the Solitary, of Syria** (457)

“ James was from Syria. He was a disciple of St. Maron (February 14) and a contemporary of St. Simeon the Stylite. He lived a life of asceticism under the open sky and ate soaked lentils. He performed great miracle, even raising the dead in the name of Christ. Emperor Leo asked him for his thoughts on the Council of Chalcedon [451]. He entered peacefully into rest in the year 457.

3. **The Venerable Stylianus**

“ Stylianus was from Paphlagonia and a fellow countryman and contemporary of St. Alypius. He had a great love for the Lord Jesus, and because of this love gave himself up to the great ascetic struggle. He renounced everything in order to have a undivided love for his Lord. Before his repose, angels came to take his soul, and his face shone like the sun. Stylianus was a great miracle-worker before and after his death. He especially helps sick children and childless couples.

4. **The Venerable Nikon Metanoeitai, the Preacher of Repentance, of Armenia** (998)

“ Nikon was born in Armenia. Awakened by the words of the Lord, *Every one that hath forsaken ... father or mother ... shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life* (Matthew 19:29), Nikon indeed forsook all for the sake of Christ, and went to a monastery, where he was tonsured a monk. When he was perfected in all virtues, he left the monastery and went to preach the Gospel among the people. He ceaselessly cried out, "Repent!" for which he was also called "the Preacher of Repentance." As a preacher, he visited all of Anatolia and the Peloponnese. He worked miracles by prayer in the name of Christ and peacefully went to his beloved Lord. He reposed in Sparta in the year 998.

5. Saint Innocent of Irkutsk, the Wonderworker, first bishop of Irkutsk

“ He reposed in the year 1731, and his miracle-working relics were uncovered in 1804. [ed. note: see OCA for proper biography]

6. *St. Peter*, patriarch of Jerusalem (552)

7. *Dedication of the Church of St. George at Kiev* (1051-1054)

8. *Sts. Athanasius and Theodosius*, founders of Cherepovets Monastery (Vologda) (both ca. 1388), disciples of St. Sergius of Radonezh

9. *New Martyr George of Chios*, at Kydonias in Asia Minor (1807)

10. *New Hieromartyr Tikhon*, archimandrite, of Donskoy Monastery (Moscow) (1937)

11. (Greek cal.: *St. Acacius*, who is mentioned in *The Ladder* [6th c.]

For more information on today's saints or commemorations not provided, see

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives> (Slavic) and/or <https://www.goarch.org/chapel> (Greek).

Daily Scriptures

Slavic and Greek

- **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

“ <6> And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, <7> so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. <8> For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. <9> For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <10> and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- **Gospel:** Luke 19:45-48

“ <45> Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, <46> saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' " <47> And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, <48> and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

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