

St. Matin of Tours

Saint Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours, was born at Sabaria in Pannonia (modern Hungary) in 316. Since his father was a Roman officer, he also was obliged to serve in the army. Martin did so unwillingly, for he considered himself a soldier of Christ, though he was still a catechumen.

At the gates of Amiens, he saw a beggar shivering in the severe winter cold, so he cut his cloak in two and gave half to the beggar. That night, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to the saint wearing Martin's cloak. He heard the Savior say to the angels surrounding Him, "Martin is only a catechumen, but he has clothed Me with this garment." The saint was baptized soon after this, and reluctantly remained in the army. Two years later, the barbarians invaded Gaul and Martin asked permission to resign his commission for religious reasons. The commander charged him with cowardice. Saint Martin demonstrated his courage by offering to stand unarmed in the front line of battle, trusting in the power of the Cross to protect him. The next day, the barbarians surrendered without a fight, and Martin was allowed to leave the army.

He traveled to various places during the next few years, spending some time as a hermit on an island off Italy. He became friendly with Saint Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers (January 14), who made Martin an exorcist. After several years of the ascetic life, Saint Martin was chosen to be Bishop of Tours in 371. As bishop, Saint Martin did not give up his monastic life, and the place where he settled outside Tours became a monastery. In fact, he is regarded as the founder of monasticism in France. He conversed with angels, and had visions of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) and of other saints. He is called the Merciful because of his generosity and care for the poor, and he received the grace to work miracles.

After a life of devoted service to Christ and His Church, the saint fell ill at Candes, a village in his diocese, where he died on November 8, 397. He was buried three days later (his present Feast) at Tours. During the Middle Ages, many Western churches were dedicated to Saint Martin, including Saint Martin's in Canterbury, and Saint Martin-in-the-Fields in London.

In 1008, a cathedral was built at Tours over the relics of Saint Martin. This cathedral was destroyed in 1793 during the French Revolution, together with the relics of Saint Martin and Saint Gregory of Tours (November 17). A new cathedral was built on the site many years later. Some fragments of the relics of Saint Martin were recovered and placed in the cathedral, but nothing remains of Saint Gregory's relics.

Saint Martin's name appears on many Greek and Russian calendars. His commemoration on October 12 in the Russian calendar appears to be an error, since ancient sources give the November date.

Sunday November 11, 2018

Pre –Advent Dinner follows today's Divine Liturgy

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5:30

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24th Sunday After Pentecost
1st Sunday Church Charities/ 2nd Sunday Building Fund

Times of Services

Nov 04	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
11	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
			Panikhida Martin Olenic, Sr.
17	Sat	5:30 PM	Vespers
18	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
25	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Last parish council Meeting

The last parish council meeting was held on November 09, 2018, and it approved

- 1.. Announcement was made that Eva Jean Minto is now the church treasurer effective immediately.
- 2 Thanked Mary Ann Skero for her dedicated work as the church treasurer. Mary Ann's resignation took effect 1st November, 2018.
3. Decided on new lighting fixtures to the vestibule and at the back of the church.
4. Fr. Keith announced that a new Gospel book was being purchased.

Perogies

The Sisterhood at their last meeting voted to change the price of perogies from \$7.50 per dozen to \$8.00 per dozen beginning January 1, 2019. They also voted to abolish the \$0.50 discount beginning January 1, 2019.

Also the making of perogies will be limited to 200 lbs of potatoes beginning this week. Therefore, it is important to order early as orders will be limited to the 200 lbs of potatoes.

Pierogi Making Party

November 14, 15 & 16

December 12, 13 & 14

Pierogies will be sold on Friday, 16 November,

And

Friday, 14 December, 2018,

beginning at noon.

Today's Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."