

THE FIRMNESS OF HIS FAITH REMAINS UNTOUCHED

Neither scholar nor cleric, nor missionary or statesman, but simply an untutored man of low station in life; this describes the man who became known as MARTYR BARLAAM. The highest honor that our Church can bestow on a person was obtained by him around his 90th year!

Hailing from Antioch, Barlaam lived during the fourth century. Throughout his long life, Barlaam fondly embraced our Lord and all that He represented. As with a magnet, his love for the Savior drew him closer and closer to God. Barlaam's pure heart endeared him to his fellow Christians.

As an aged man, he was swept up during a wave of persecution. Unbelievers resented Barlaam for his faith so he was thrown into prison and tortured. During a pagan holiday, Barlaam was taken to a temple where a dishonorable judge hoped to make him offer a sacrifice to idols. He was forced to stretch out his hand over an altar, upon which a fire was lit. They placed burning incense in his hand, as if it were a brass-censer. This valiant soldier for Christ did not pull away from the heat of the flame. His hand did not flee but remained where it was, bravely overcoming the immeasurable but temporal pain. The red-hot fire battled with his hand but was defeated. War was waged between flame and hand, but the martyr's will prevailed. Although Barlaam's flesh was entirely charred and withered, he feared not this passing misfortune; he awaited his everlasting reward. He willingly entered into eternal rest, never denying our Lord.

Barlaam was written about in glowing terms by no less than St. John Chrysostom who expressed affection for this elderly martyr. A homily by John eloquently told Barlaam's inspirational story.

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Κοντακιον

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός τού Σωτήρος, η
ῥολυτίητος ῥαστάς καί Παρθένος, τό
Ιερόν θησαύρις α τής δόξης τού Θεού,
σή ερον εισάγεται, εν τώ οίκω Κυρίου,
τήν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τήν εν
Πνευ ατι θείω, ήν ανυ νούσιν Ἀγγελοι
Θεού, Αύτη υῖ ἄρχει σικηνή εῖ ουράνιος.

Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal-chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.



HOLY MARTYR BARLAAM

A recipient of the greatest honor

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For the period of November 22nd - November 28^h

Orthros 8:30 - Divine Liturgy 9:45

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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS



Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Archippus the Apostle, Philemon the Apostle & his wife, Apphia, Onesimos the Disciple of Paul

Holy Martyr Cecilia and those with her

November 25

St Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria

Saint Katherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constatas (or Cestus). She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By her steadfast understanding,

she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Katherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Katherine.

Saturday November 25, 2020

Feast day of St Katherine the Great Martyr

Patron Saint of our Philoptochos Chapter

Orthros 8:30

Divine Liturgy 9:45

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EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

Ephesians 2:14-22.

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 2:14-22.

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς ἐστὶν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἐν, καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίση ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελίσαστο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφότεροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. Ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολιταὶ τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὕξει εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν κυρίῳ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 12:16-21

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτόίμασας τί νῦν ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θεσαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

Sunday Pastry Table

Come by our table outside the library on your way out