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Schedule for the Week of March 22 - 28, 2020

Sunday Mar 22	Sunday of the Cross / Крестопоклонная / 40 Martyrs of Sebaste / 40 мучеников Севастийских
Friday Mar 27	6:00 PM Typica & Presanctified Liturgy Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 6 ч. в.
Saturday Mar 28	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Mar 29	St. John of the Ladder / Преп Иоанна Лествичника 8:15 AM Nocturns, Hours, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

благое и легкое бремя Христово по неведению, малодушию, неопытности увеличивают собственными тяжестями, -- сей страшный крест весь из любви -- что может быть утешительнее? -- весь из любви состоять должен.

Но да принесет ныне каждый из нас малый крест свой и приложит к великому Кресту Христову, дабы видеть, сообразен ли оный своему первообразному ...

... Ибо мы должны ведать, что всякий крест, не подобный Кресту Христову, не вознесет нас от земли, но падет и с нами. Итак, воззрим еще раз на Крест Господень.

Се любовь Отца небесного распинает за нас Единородного Сына Своего, -- как сообразуется сему наша любовь? Совершаем ли мы дело Авраама (см, Быт. 22), -- возношение на жертвенник любви Божией всего нам любезного без колебания?

Се любовь Сына Божия сама предает себя на распятие не токмо Святейшей руке Отца Своего, но и рукам грешников, -- научила ли любовь и нас неограниченной сей преданности судьбам Божиим, с которою бы мы, как Исаак, всегда были готовы быть жертвою -- для славы ли Божией, для очищения ли собственного, для блага ли ближних? ...

Умеет ли и наша любовь побеждать злое благим, благословлять клянущих, молиться за распинающих и не знать ни одного врага во всем мире, хотя бы он не давал нам ни одного друга? (Свят. Филарет Московский)

Крест Господень -- Любовь



Вспомним, что если мы не по имени токмо христиане, но или есмы, или хотя желаем быть истинными последователями Иисуса Христа, то

имеем и свой крест, по его заповеди: *Аще кто хочет по Мне ити, да отвержется себе и возмет крест свой и по Мне градет* (Мф. 16,24).

Поелику же наш крест должен быть подобием Креста Христова, то не отрадно ли теперь помыслить, что и наш крест должен состоять из единой любви? Так, христиане, сей крест, от которого миролюбцы бегут, как от мучителя, и от которого самые крестоносцы нередко стонут, но большею частию потому, что

Saints

In the Book of Revelation, mention is made of various types of saints: the martyrs for the Word of God (6:9), the virgins (14:4), all those who died in the Lord and whose good works follow them (14:13), the martyrs for Jesus (17:6), and the prophets and Apostles (18:20).

The word Martyr is derived from the Greek term meaning “witness”. It was applied to early Christians, like St. Stephen, who bore witness to their faith by giving their lives. In the church of the second century, accounts of Christian martyrs became a powerful example. As the church faced deadly persecution, the martyrs helped transform the horror and degradation of the present into hope for triumph in the future. “The blood of martyrs,” observed Tertullian, “is the seed of the church.”

During the persecutions in the Roman Empire, each community commemorated only its local martyrs. Their names and the dates of their execution were carefully recorded, and each church kept the official list of its heroes. In larger places, Christian notaries were appointed for the various districts of the city. It was their task to observe and record all cases of executions of Christians in their particular districts. These lists were not only read at divine services, but were often engraved on tablets of marble and set up as public notice for the faithful to remind them to honor and venerate their local saints.

However, with the increasing number and scope of persecutions, many martyrs remained unlisted, neither could all anniversaries be kept within a community. For this reason only the outstanding few received an established annual feast of memorial services. The others shared one great feast in common, to give the honor and recognition to their memory every year. This was instituted in the 5th century. (The first Sunday after Pascha is the Sunday of All Saints).

In the third century, persons who did not reach the point of execution but died a natural death after having suffered persecution for the sake of Christ, like St. Nicholas, who had been in prison for many years but was finally released in 312 at the end of the time of persecutions, began to be listed. These saints were added as “confessors”.

The death date of a martyr is observed as his “birthday,” as it expresses the truth that any Christian who remained loyal to the Lord unto the death in martyrdom is truly born into eternal glory

at the hour of their execution. It is a day entered on the calendar.

During proskomidia, the preparation of the gifts for the Divine Liturgy, nine particles are taken from the third prosphora to honor the nine ranks of saints.

The calendar of saints is continually being added to. Many saints still go unlisted, but all are remembered in the church. *(from the Orthodox Herald)*



His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion (Alfeyev) has presented some simple advice regarding the Coronavirus. It is shown in a video presentation in Russian, with English subtitles, and can be viewed here:

<https://russian-faith.com/news/coronavirus-metropolitan-hilarion-gives-10-pieces-advice-video-n2899>

or here, direct to YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/xpoVWKgEWjg>

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