

# Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing.

Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed.

They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians.

The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350

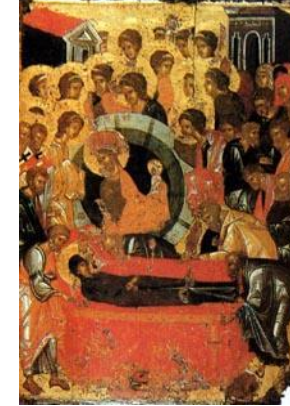
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Friend of the Bridegroom: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)



**Sunday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

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**Sunday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>** *8<sup>th</sup> Sun AFTR PNTCST / Tone 7 / Mrtyrs Florus & Laurus*  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

**Wednesday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup>** *Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy*  
5:00 pm AA Meeting

**Friday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>** *Prousiotissa Icon of the Mother of God*  
6:00 pm Akathist to The Theotokos

**Saturday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>** *Hieromartyr Eutychius disciple of St. John the Theologian*  
1:00 pm Asher Tutoki Baptism  
4:15 pm Panakhida  
5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

**Sunday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** *9<sup>th</sup> Sun AFTR PNTCST / Tone 8 / Apostle Bartholomew*  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

**Attendance/Stewardship August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: 68 Adults and 15 children

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**Prayer Corner**

Fr. Emil (Fr. Brian's friend)	Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)
Sarah Crivella	Anna Mae Stehnach
James & Eugene	Renee, Anna & Michael
Tracey Fedak (Daria's Cousin)	Shawn Ferry (Fr. Bri & Cheryl's Friend)
Patty DiGiacobbe	Barb Datish
James Livermore	Rinehart Family
William Angle	David Campbell
Azouria	Donna (Cheryl's Friend)
Greg & John Kornmaker (Sbdcn John's Friend)	Jeffrey Tsipis (Miklos Friend)
Claudine & Joe (Laura Miklos' Sis & Husband)	Eleanor (Sbdcn John's In-Law)
Daniel (Mat. Deb's son)	George (Cheryl's Friend)
Patty, Gayland, Casandra, Patrick, & Elizabeth (Sonya Lee's Friends)	
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

**Newly Illumined:** Tom & Abigail Kirk

**Catechumens:** Lucian & Lilianna Vasil, Thomas Sacca, & Kelly, Carter, Emma, & Bennett Worley, Kayla, Alexander, & Cesar Ventura, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christopher, & William Cunningham, & Matthew Rose, & Nickie

**Newly Departed:** Josephine Grabko (7/13) Mat. Annice Oleynik (7/6)

**Birthdays:** Donna Bobosh, Melania Browder, & Paula Chang (18<sup>th</sup>), Zoe Carpenter & Michelle Rinehart (19<sup>th</sup>), Jason Brown (20<sup>th</sup>), Karen Campbell (21<sup>st</sup>), Staci Brindle & Christian Johnson (23<sup>rd</sup>), & Sam Bagby, Melissa Bakich, Don Campbell, & Benjamin Rinehart (24<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Matthew & Christina Hollabaugh (18<sup>th</sup>)

**Candle Commemorations**

Theotokos	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Altar	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Christ	For the Anniversary of John & Kaitlyn Teachout

**Announcements**

**Church School**

Thank you to everyone that attended the Church School meeting last Sunday! Church school will begin on September 8th. The children are blessed to go with their teachers to the classrooms at the conclusion of Holy Communion.

**Game Night & Youth Sunday**

Game night will be after Great Vespers on August 31st, with Youth Sunday being the next day. Make sure to bring your favorite games and snacks for Saturday and to sign up your children for jobs at the candle stand!

**Ride for Fr. Simon Menya**

Fr. Simon Menya from Uganda will be visiting us and needs a ride from Cleveland Hopkins airport to June Bagby's house on October 8th. His flight, Delta Flight 5045, is set to arrive at 10:40am. If you're able to give him a ride, please let Fr. Brian know!

**Bulletin Prayer List**

If you'd like a name placed on the bulletin prayer list, please talk to or e-mail Nina Harvey at [treasurerstjohnsorthodoxchurch@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstjohnsorthodoxchurch@gmail.com). Names will be removed every 40 days but can be placed back on if needed.

**CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION**

In preparation for Abp. Daniel's visit, we will have an Iconostasis touch up/cleaning day on Friday September 27 @ 6:00 PM, and finishing up any remaining work on Saturday September 28 at 8:00 AM. The focus is reapplying liquid gold paint across the entire iconostasis and side shrines where the relics and candle boxes are, which calls for roughly 8-10 volunteers. A sign up sheet will be placed at the candle stand closer to the iconostasis touch up date.