

Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 19th, 2008~18th Sunday after Pentecost~tone 1

4th of Luke

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Today we commemorate **the Martyr Varus**. He lived in Egypt during the period of several persecutions against Christians (late third to early fourth century). Varus (Ouaros) was a

military commander and secretly a Christian. He gave assistance to many of the persecuted and imprisoned Christians, and he visited the prisoners at night. He also brought food to the prisoners, dressed their wounds, and gave them encouragement.

Once Varus spent a whole night talking with seven imprisoned monks. These men were Christian teachers who had been beaten and starved. Varus marched with the teachers when they were led to their execution. The judge, seeing Varus' strong faith, had him fiercely beaten. Varus died during the beating. After his death, the monks were beheaded.

Hymns after the Little Entrance-
TROPARIA

Resurrection, tone 1:

When the stone had been sealed by
the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your
most pure ^body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried
to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O
Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover
of mankind!”



We also commemorate the **Prophet Joel** (800 B.C.). He predicted the desolation of Jerusalem. He also prophesied that the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon all people, through the Savior of the world (Joel 2:28-32).

The hymnographer Anatolius links Joel's prophecy to the Nativity of the Lord. In the Praises at Matins on the Sunday following the Nativity, he refers to Joel 2:30, saying that the blood refers to the Incarnation, the fire to the Divinity, and the pillars of smoke to the Holy Spirit.

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Archangel Gabriel, tone 4:

O Supreme Commander of the hosts of
Heaven,
unworthy though we are, we ever
entreat you,
that by your supplications,
you protect us with the shelter of the
wings of your immaterial glory,
preserving us who earnestly fall down
and cry aloud:
Deliver us from misfortunes,
in that you are the commander of the
hosts on high!

Prophet Joel, tone 2:

We celebrate the memory
of Your Prophet Joel, O Lord;
through him we beseech You://
“Save our souls!”

Martyr Varus, tone 4:

Your holy martyr Varus, O Lord,
through his suffering has received an incorruptible
crown from
You, our God.
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through his intercessions, save our souls!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection, tone 1:

As God, You rose from
the tomb in glory,
raising the world with
Yourself.

Human nature praises
You as God, for
death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master.
Eve rejoices, for she is
freed from bondage
and cries to You://

“You are the Giver of
Resurrection to all,
O Christ!”

Archangel Gabriel, tone
2:

Supreme commander of
God,
minister of his divine
glory,
leader of the angels and
instructor of men:

ask for us great mercy and that which is profitable,
in that you are the supreme commander of the
incorporeal hosts.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit.

Martyr Varus, tone 4:

Following Christ, O Martyr Varus, you drank of His

chalice;

you received the crown of martyrdom and now rejoice
with
the Angels.//

Pray for our souls unceasingly!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion, tone 6:

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
constant advocate before the Creator:
do not despise the cry of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call
on you in faith.

Hasten to hear our
petition and to
intercede for us, O
Theotokos,
for you always protect
those who honor you.

Prokeimenon, tone 1:
Let Your mercy, O
Lord, be upon us as we
have set our hope on
You!

*verse: Rejoice in the
Lord, O your
righteous! Praise
befits the just!*

Epistle: 2 Corinthians
9:6-11

Alleluia, tone 1
*God gives vengeance
unto me, and subdues
people under me.*

*verse: He magnifies
the salvation of the*

*King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed,
and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the
highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Who receives Communion? The Eucharist, the "Sacrament of sacraments," is received by those who

- embrace what the Eucharist *means* in the Orthodox church, in a manner appropriate to your age and level of understanding
- have expressed that assent by being received as living members of the Orthodox Church through the sacraments of baptism and chrismation
- are pursuing growth in the Orthodox Christian way of life, utilizing the tools and fellowship of parish life and spiritual discipline

If you have questions about any of this, let's talk!

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR . . . WELCOME! Take a complimentary copy of the booklet, "**Welcome to St. Gabriel Orthodox Church,**" at the chapel entrance. Please sign our guest book so that we can get to know you. Please join us in our coffee-fellowship, which will either take place here, or at a nearby park.

Regarding standing in church: Please stand as far forward in the Church as possible, leaving doorway area uncongested. Please reserve seats for those who need them most.

Sunday School, ages 3 and up, the "Holy Innocents." They join Hala immediately following the Gospel reading in the room adjacent to the chapel for a lesson. They re-enter the chapel when we sing the Creed. Parents who wish to accompany their children may. The Sunday School class is currently preparing for the Second Annual Bible Challenge. This "Bible Bowl" will focus on the Old Testament (Genesis - 2 Kings) and will be held during coffee fellowship, next Sunday, October 26th. Immediately following fellowship and weather-permitting, the children (accompanied by a parent or guardian) will celebrate at the Family Fun Center.

Schedule for this week:

We will celebrate daily Vespers on Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

Upcoming:

On **Sunday, November 2nd,** we will celebrate the **baptism of Cecilia Beth Strand,** daughter of Germanos and Sophia, sister of Melania Strand.

Sunday, **November 9th** is the date of our **annual all-parish meeting.** Information to be provided soon.

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