

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, February 3, 2019 – Ss. Simeon and Anna the Prophetess

- Sunday, February 3 -10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by a Panikhida for Michael and Anne Speck
- Wednesday, February 6 -9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, February 9 - Pork Chop Dinner Preparation
-4:30 PM – Confessions
-4:45 PM – Ninth Hour
-5:00 PM – Vespers followed by Family Activity Night
- Sunday, February 10 -9:40 AM - 3rd and 6th Hours
-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy Followed by the Pork Chop Dinner

There will be a St. Marion Sisterhood Meeting today following Divine Liturgy.

Our Pork Chop Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, February 10. Please see Greg Michaels for tickets. The ticket price is \$14.

Many thanks to all who contributed toward making our Souper Bowl Sunday collection for the Food Pantry a success again this year. God is always well pleased with our charitable contributors whose efforts extend help to the people of our community.

Archbishop Michael's Visit

As is his custom, Archbishop Michael will be present with us for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 5:00 PM. He will also be present for the Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy at on March 23 at 9:00 AM.

Lenten Mission Service

On Sunday, April 14, 2019, our church will host the Lenten Mission Vespers Service at 6:00 PM with a reception following in our church hall. Please considerer bringing a favorite Lenten dish to share with our visitors

IT'S SUPERBOWL SUNDAY! CHECK OUT WILD' S EATS AND SWEETS FOR THEIR SPECIALS TODAY! (315) 252-8035

Virgin-martyr Dorothy at Caesarea, in Cappadocia

Commemorated on February 6

The Holy Martyr Dorothy, the Martyrs Christina, Callista and the Martyr Theophilus lived in Caesarea of Cappadocia and suffered under the emperor Diocletian in either the year 288 or 300.

Saint Dorothy was a pious Christian maiden, distinguished by her great beauty, humility, prudence, and God-given wisdom, which astonished many. Arrested upon orders of the governor Sapricius, she steadfastly confessed her faith in Christ and was subjected to tortures.

Failing to break the will of the saint, the governor sent to her two women, the sisters Christina and Callista, who once were Christians, but fearing torture, they renounced Christ and began to lead impious lives. He ordered them to compel Saint Dorothy to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, but just the reverse happened. Saint Dorothy convinced them that the mercy of God is granted to all who repent, so they corrected themselves and returned to Christ. The tormentors tied them back to back and burned them in a vat of tar. Through martyrdom, Christina and Callista atoned for their sin of apostasy, receiving from God not only forgiveness, but crowns of victory.

Saint Dorothy was again subjected to tortures, but she gladly endured them and accepted the death sentence. She cried out with joy, thanking Christ for calling her to Paradise and to the heavenly bridal chamber. As they led the saint to execution Theophilus, one of the governor's counselors, laughed and said to her, "Bride of Christ, send me an apple and some roses from the Paradise of your Bridegroom." The martyr nodded and said, "I shall do that."

At the place of execution, the saint requested a little time to pray. When she finished the prayer, an angel appeared before her in the form of a handsome child presenting her three apples and three roses on a pure linen cloth. The saint requested that these be given to Theophilus, after which she was beheaded by the sword.

Having received the gracious gift, the recent mocker of Christians was shaken, and he confessed Christ as the true God. His friends were astonished, and wondered whether he were joking, or perhaps mad. He assured them he was not joking. Then they asked the reason for this sudden change. He asked what month it was. "February," they replied. "In the winter, Cappadocia is covered with ice and frost, and the trees are bare of leaves. What do you think? From where do these apples and flowers come?" After being subjected to cruel tortures, Saint Theophilus was beheaded with a sword.

The relics of Saint Dorothy are in Rome in the church dedicated to her, and her head is also at Rome, in a church of the Mother of God at Trastevere.