

**33rd Sunday after Pentecost/Synaxis of the Holy New
Martyrs and Confessors of Russia**

Troparion (TONE 8) Resurrection

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion (TONE 4) New Martyrs

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and
princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless
persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.//
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy
till the end of the age.

Kontakion (TONE 8) Resurrection

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection.//
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Glory...Kontakion (TONE 3) New Martyrs

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God,
and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:
"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor,
and power, and strength be to our God//
unto the ages of ages. Amen.

"Now and ever...(TONE 6) Theotokion

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.

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Epistle Reading - Colossians 3:4-11

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:35-43

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Parish Activities

27	Jan	Wed	6:00pm	Vespers (all welcome)
30	Jan	Sat	5:00pm	Great Vespers (all welcome)
31	Jan	Sun	9:30am	Divine Liturgy (email invitation only)



"Mark your calendars for our Upcoming Annual Meeting" February 14th at 3:00 pm

This year's meeting will be a virtual meeting held over ZOOM. More details, including the agenda, parish council reports and instructions for joining the meeting via ZOOM will be forthcoming.

Please contact Paul Novak at: PaulNovak11@gmail, with any questions.

Church Cleaners.....

Schweiner - Week of January 24, for Sunday, January 31

Greetings from Your Ministry Team!

This month we are asking you to participate in an act of benevolence. Please consider an act of kindness and give a generous gift to our Benevolence Fund. So many people are struggling this time of year, especially during this pandemic. Your benevolent act of kindness will stay right here in our church family and/or our community. Cash or a check made out to St. Matthew with "Benevolence Fund" noted will be greatly appreciated. These may go to Tom Julian, Treasurer. Thank you!

Saints Athanasius and Cyril(18 Jan) were Archbishops of Alexandria. These wise teachers of truth and defenders of Christ's Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings which affirm the truth of the Orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics.

St Athanasius took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone there in his zeal to uphold the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (homoousios) (ὁμοούσιος) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed.

This radiant beacon of Orthodoxy spent most of his life in exile from his See, because of the plotting of his enemies. He returned to his flock as he was approaching the end of his life. Like an evening star, he illumined the Orthodox faithful with his words for a little while, then reposed in 373.

Troparion — Tone 3

You shone forth with works of Orthodoxy and quenched all heresy, and became victorious trophy-bearers, hierarchs Athanasius and Cyril. You enriched all things with piety and greatly adorned the Church, and worthily found Christ God, who grants His great mercy to all.

