

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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**THE HOLY MARTYRS ONESIPHORUS AND PORPHYRIUS; SAINT
NECTARIOS KEPHALAS OF PENTAPOLIS**



The Archbishop of Pec, Metropolitan of Belgrade-Karlovci and Serbian Patriarch Irinej (Gavrilovic) reposed in the Lord on Friday, November 20, 2020. Eternal memory!

His pious parents Zdravko and Milijana Gavrilovic from the village of Vidova near Cacak - and with them the entire Serbian family - were blessed by the Lord, on August 27, 1930, with the birth of a male child whose baptismal name was Miroslav. He finished elementary school in his native village and high school in Cacak and the Theological School in Prizren, Kosovo and Metohia. Thereupon he graduated from the Faculty of Theology in Belgrade. After completing his military service, he was appointed professor of the Prizren Theological School, but before accepting the appointment he received monastic tonsure in the monastery of Rakovica, n. Rakovica, by the Serbian Patriarch German, receiving the monastic name Irinej, in October 1959. On the Holy and Great Friday of the same year, he was ordained a hieromonk in the church of Ruzica, Belgrade. As professor at the Prizren Theological School, he spent some years at postgraduate studies in Athens. He was appointed principal of the Monastic School in the Ostrog monastery in 1969, from where he returned to Prizren to the position of Principal of that famous Theological School. It was in 1974 that he was elected Vicar Bishop of the Serbian Patriarch with the title of Bishop of Moravica. He was elected Bishop of Nis in 1975.

Liturgical Readings:

PROKEIMENON IN TONE VII:

The Lord shall give strength to His people; the Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Verse: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)

EPHESIANS 2: 14-22

Brethren, Christ Himself is our peace, who has made both [Jew and Gentile] one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia Verses

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High! To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night!

LUKE 8: 41-56

At that time, a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James and John and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her, but He said, "Do not weep, she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE SEVEN:

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

TROPARION -THE TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF SAINT NICHOLAS - TONE IV:

The day of splendid solemnity hath arrived; * and the city of Bari doth rejoice, * and with it the whole world exulteth * with hymns and spiritual odes. * For today we celebrate the sacred feast * of the translation of the precious and much-healing relics * of the hierarch Nicholas the wonder-worker. * For like the never-setting Sun, * he shineth with brilliant beams of light, * driving away the darkness of temptations and misfortunes * from those who with faith cry aloud: * Save us, O Nicholas, ** for thou art our intercessor.

TROPARION TO THE HOLY MARTYRS ONESIPHORUS AND PORPHYRIUS – TONE FOUR:
Your holy martyrs, Onesiphorus and Porphyrius, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

TROPARION TO SAINT NECTARIOS – TONE ONE:

O faithful, let us honor Nectarios the divine servant of Christ, offspring of Silyvria and guardian of Aegina, who appeared in these last times as a true friend of virtue, pouring forth all manner of healing upon those who reverently cry: ‘Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!’

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION - TONE SEVEN:

The dominion of death can no longer hold man captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter you faithful into the Resurrection.

KONTAKION TO SAINT NICHOLAS – TONE III

Thy relics have moved like a star, from the East unto the West, * O holy hierarch Nicholas; * and the sea hath been sanctified by thy passage. * The city of Bari receiveth grace through thee, * for thou hast been shown forth for us * as a wonderworker: ** illustrious, most wondrous and merciful!

KONTAKION TO THE HOLY MARTYRS ONESIPHORUS AND PORPHYRIUS – TONE TWO:

The pair of glorious martyrs, Onesiphorus and Porphyrius, endured their suffering with strength, dashing down to the earth the arrogance of the enemy, and shining with the grace of the uncreated Trinity; together with the angels, they unceasingly pray for us all.

Glory... KONTAKION TO SAINT NECTARIOS – TONE EIGHT:

Let us sing praises with gladness of heart to the newly-shining star of Orthodoxy, the newly-built rampart of the Church. Being glorified by the power of the Spirit, he pours forth the abundant grace of healings upon those who cry: ‘Rejoice, O Father Nectarios.’

Now and ever... HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD - TONE SIX:

Steadfast Protectress of Christians and 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!

Homily by Fr Rodney Torbic

The present Gospel reveals the miracle working powers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Great faith is involved in the miracles occurring. The woman with the long-standing issue of blood had strong faith and was healed.

The woman was plagued with the issue of blood for many years. She spent her whole livelihood without success seeking a cure from physicians. She reached out to Jesus in faith and was healed.

Let us learn from the countless believers having been healed by making pilgrimages to monasteries to venerate the relics of saints. Similar healings have occurred when venerating miracle working icons.

Holy Unction, prayer and fasting have benefitted believers in firm faith and have resulted in great miracles. The Lord Jesus Christ continues to perform miracles and brings abundant joy to the faithful.

Today’s Gospel records a second miracle. Jesus restored life to Jairus’ daughter after she had departed this life. At the news of the daughter’s death, Jesus said: “Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.” (Lk.8:50)

Believers today have a choice whether to maintain strong faith in Jesus Christ. The world offers many different choices. The present Gospel verifies the never-lasting joy experienced when faith is placed in Jesus Christ.

The woman with the long-standing issue of blood found healing, peace and joy in Jesus Christ. None of her other efforts brought the same degree of healing, peace and joy. The woman’s strong faith made a difference.

Jairus could have succumbed to the news his daughter was dead. Jairus could have dismissed Jesus's words to only believe and his daughter would be made whole.

Jairus accompanied Jesus to the house where his dead daughter was located. The daughter was restored to life. Jairus' faith and trust in Jesus Christ yielded joy beyond measure.

The world is filled with gloom these days. Combat the daily gloom with strong faith. Draw hope from the Epistle to the Hebrews. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb.13:8)

Believers with strong faith continue to experience Jesus Christ's miracles. Jesus Christ is the source of lasting hope, peace and joy in all circumstances. No other choices in life offer the same degree of satisfaction to the soul.

The Holy Apostle Peter offers the soundest wisdom. In St. John's Gospel, Peter's words are preserved: "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." (Jn.6:68)

From today's Gospel, we learn to rely on Jesus in all circumstances of life. Jesus deserves to be the first choice for all of our decisions. Turning to Jesus is not only to be reserved for moments of desperation.

We are denied the fullness of life, the joy and peace of life, when we turn to other than Jesus Christ for fulfillment. The present Gospel is a strong message and lesson about faith.

Wise individuals will heed the message of this Gospel and seek to nourish personal faith in God's Holy Church. The Gospel offers nourishment and strength for everyday life.

The hunger of the soul finds satisfaction in the Gospel. The Gospel teaches the necessities for daily life. Believers seeking to grow in faith and in life never exhaust the learning contained in the Gospels.

God's Holy Church welcomes believers seeking to nourish their faith. God's Holy Church provides the healing power and love of Christ in the Divine services. Immerse the self in God's Holy Church and experience Jesus Christ's miracles.

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In memory of Mildred Tumbas (22 yr departed) from Milica Knepp

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE LARGE CANDLES (\$25) - THANK YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:45 PM – Evening Prayer through the Conference call (339) 207-6529

TODAY - 11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Thanksgiving luncheon

Take out only (Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, green beans, yams, pumpkin pie) - \$10

THURSDAY (November 26th) – Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Father Milan will be serving his last liturgy as our parish priest. We will be having cake and coffee after Liturgy to wish him, Dragana, Vasilije, Justin and Teodor best wishes and extend our gratitude and love.

SUNDAY (November 29th) – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (2, 14-22); Gospel (Lk. 8, 41-56)

FISH FRY, tentative December 11th

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic), Nektarios
- who passed away: Patriarch Irinej, Metropolitan Amfilohije