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From a  
Homily by  
St. Nikolai  
of Ochrid  
d. 1956

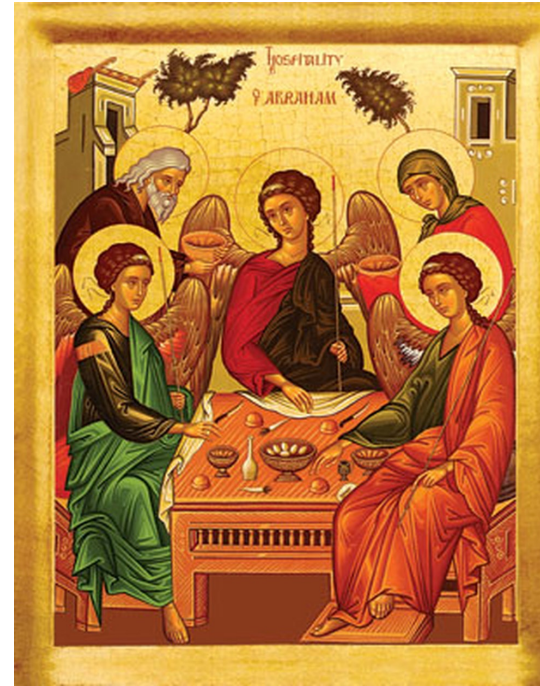
Where there is love, my brethren, there is no compulsion; a request replaces a command. Among those who love, a request has more power than does a command among those who do not. The Holy Trinity presents the highest majesty and magnificence of love. Isaiah called the Holy Trinity *mighty counsel* [Is. 9:6],

and the incarnate Son of God *angel of mighty counsel*, that is, messenger. How does this counsel relate to the unity of God? You also are a unity, and you ask yourself advice. Your mind asks your will: "Is this possible?", and asks your heart: "Do you want this?", and your will and your heart ask your mind: "Can you?" And so, through this internal counsel within yourself, you are one man, one person.

Obviously, this is only a pale sketch and shadow of the Holy Trinity and their perfect counsel, for in the Holy Trinity the Persons are utterly equal in harmony. That which

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the Father desires is immediately the desire of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *And I will give you another Comforter.* See how certain the Son of God is that whatever he requests will immediately be made their own in the divine Great Council. Both the Father will agree to send and the Holy Spirit will agree to be sent. The Son of God does not say: "I will pray the Father to give you this, and I think that He will

do so", but: *I will pray...and He will give you...* He knows in advance that the Father will give what He asks; He knows this, if one can put it thus, from His own eternal experience. Through all eternity, harmony reigns among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *He will give you another Comforter.* By these words is revealed the utter equality of the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Father will send you another Comforter, equal with Me, of one being with Me, equal in honor to Me. He will be able to act for Me in his way, in accordance with His divine Person which is unique and differs from the Person of the Son.

Oh, my brethren, do you see how the whole Holy Trinity partakes in our salvation? Do you see whose we are? Do you see the dignity accorded to us mortals and sinners? O most holy and most glorious Trinity, our God, have mercy on us and save us. To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

## *St. Gallicanus, Martyr*

### *Feast Day ~ June 25*

**H**umility is one of the least practiced virtues, even among Christians. Pride in our positions, our material possessions, our opinions (and what others think of us) often prevents us from following Christ's command to love one another, even our enemies, to care for the poor and feed the hungry. But the Church presents us examples of those saints who have overcome pride and led the humble lives that Christians are called to live, among them St. Gallicanus, a fourth century martyr.

**G**allicanus was from a prominent Roman family with important political connections. He was elected consul twice and was engaged in a promising military career. During the reign of Constantine the Great, Gallicanus became friends with two Christian court officials, John and Paul, and these men were instrumental in Gallicanus' conversion to the Christian faith. We remember them in every Mass, as they are named among the martyrs in the Canon.

**W**hen the fate of Christians changed dramatically under the Emperor Julian the "Apostate", who attempted to revive the old pagan Roman religious beliefs, persecution of the followers of Christ began again. Even though he had received military commendations for his role in the successful war against the Persians, Gallicanus gave up his political and military positions and went with another Christian, (St.) Hilarinus, to Ostia, about 15 miles south of the city of Rome at the mouth of the Tiber. Here, he was able to truly follow Christ's admonitions by first using his considerable wealth to build a hospital and a church. Leaving aside the honors and privilege of his former life, Gallicanus now spent his days providing food for those in need and helping the sick.



**T**he citation in the *Roman Martyrology* for St. Gallicanus indicates the effect that the humility of this man had on the people: "when he had embraced [Christianity], he departed to Ostia... and gave himself up entirely to hospitality and the service of the sick. The news of this went abroad into all the world, and many came thither from all parts to see a man who had once been a patrician and a consul washing the feet of the poor, preparing their table, pouring water over their hands, ministering with care to the sick, and performing other works of piety."

**S**uch humble work by Christians was noticed by the Emperor Julian and he sent the saint into exile in Alexandria. There, having refused to sacrifice to the pagan gods under the order of the judge Raucian, Gallicanus was killed with the sword in the year 363, a year after his friends John and Paul had met the same fate.

**M**ay we, like St. Gallicanus, be willing to give up pride in our positions and possessions and humbly do our part to care for the sick and needy. *Holy Gallicanus, pray for us.*

*Resources: The Roman Martyrology, Wikipedia article.*

## *Parish News*

**T**he most recent directives from Metropolitan JOSEPH regarding how we have services during this continuing pandemic now give us permission to have two servers at the altar in addition to the priest, but we are still limited to two chanters and, following local directives for Montgomery County, the

number of people who can gather remains at ten. We are also having an additional service during the week and appointments can be made for receiving Communion from the reserved Sacrament. Please contact Fr. Nicholas to let him know when you will be coming to church in person. We will continue to live-stream services for those remaining at home.



We will celebrate the great feast of Pentecost on June 7 and will finally, God willing, be able to welcome Svetlana Osadchik into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Sacrament of Chrismation. We will also observe the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, June 6, at 6PM. The Pentecost Vigil Mass is much like the Paschal Vigil, with a series of Old Testament readings, the Blessing of the Font and the singing of the Litany.

Holy Trinity Sunday is June 14 and we will celebrate the Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi on June 21.

## *St. Basil on the Acceptance of Adversity*

The Lord requires of us what He does not require from everyone. The mass of mankind lives by habit, but the Christians' rule of life is the commandment of the Lord, and the examples of holy men of old, whose greatness of soul was, above all, exhibited in adversity. To the end, then, that you may yourself leave to them that come after you an example of fortitude and of genuine trust in what we hope for, show that you are not vanquished by your grief, but are rising above your sorrows, patient in affliction, and rejoicing in hope.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2020</h1>						
<i>Sunday Services: Matins at 9AM, Mass at 9:30AM</i>	<b>1</b> of the Octave of the Ascension	<b>2</b> of the Octave of the Ascension; Ss. Marcellinus, Peter and Erasmus, Mm, 304	<b>3</b> of the Octave of the Ascension; St. Kevin of Glendalough, Ab, c. 618	<b>4</b> Octave Day of the Ascension; St. Petroc, C, 564	<b>5</b> St. Boniface, BM, 754	<b>6</b> Vigil of Pentecost  <i>Vigil Mass at 6pm</i>
<b>7</b> Pentecost  <i>R</i>	<b>8</b> Monday after Pentecost	<b>9</b> Tuesday after Pentecost; St. Columba of Iona, Ab, 597	<b>10</b> Ember Wednesday in the Oct. of Pentecost; St. Margaret of Scotland, QW, 1092	<b>11</b> Thursday after Pentecost; St. Barnabas, Apostle, 1 <sup>st</sup> c.	<b>12</b> Ember Friday in the Octave of Pentecost	<b>13</b> Ember Sat. in the Octave of Pentecost  <i>Vespers at 6pm</i>
<b>14</b> Trinity Sunday; 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; St. Basil the Great, BCD, 379 <i>W</i>	<b>15</b> Ss. Vitus, Modestus & Crescentia, Mm, c. 303	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Corpus Christi; St. Ephrem the Syrian, DnCD, 373	<b>19</b> Ss. Gervase & Protase, Mm, 2nd. c.	<b>20</b> St. Silverius, PM, 538; Translation of St. Edward, KM, 980  <i>Vespers at 6pm</i>
<b>21</b> Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>W</i>	<b>22</b> St. Alban, Proto-martyr of England, 209	<b>23</b> St. Etheldreda, QV, 679	<b>24</b> Nativity of St. John the Baptist	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ss. John & Paul, Mm, c. 362	<b>27</b>  <i>Vespers at 6pm</i>
<b>28</b> Third Sunday after Pentecost; St. Irenaeus of Lyons, BM, 202 <i>G</i>	<b>29</b> Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles, 1st c.	<b>30</b> Comm. of St. Paul the Apostle				