



704 W. Sam Houston

Pharr, TX 78577

Priest Silviu Bunta

Fr. Silviu: father.silviu@gmail.com, 317-362-2853

Office: stgeorgepharrtx@gmail.com, 956-781-6114

Week of November 5, 2023

Sunday, November 5

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.). Tone 5.

9:00am Matins

10:00 The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-mouth

11:45 Sunday school

12:00pm “Baffle the priest”

12:00pm Fellowship

This Sunday’s Hymns & Readings

Tone 5. Troparion of the resurrection

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 1. Troparion of the Martyrs

Let us the faithful honor these two betrothed athletes: Galacteon and modest Epistemis. Their ascetic labors blossomed into martyrdom, therefore we cry to them: “Glory to Him Who has strengthened you! Glory to Him Who has crowned you! Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!”

Tone 5. Kontakion of the resurrection

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 2. Kontakion of the Martyrs

You are numbered among the hosts of martyrs for you were illustrious in mighty contests. Galacteon, together with Epistemis, your faithful wife and companion in struggle, unceasingly intercede to the one God for us all!

Tone 5. Prokeimenon

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Tone 5. Alliluias

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Communion Hymn

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

This week's schedule

Monday, November 6. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (350).

1:00-3:00pm Fr. Silviu office hours

Tuesday, November 7. Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene (3rd c.).

Wednesday, November 8. Synaxis of the archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel, and Barachiel.

3:00-5:00pm Fr. Silviu office hours

6:00-7:00pm: Ninth Hour and Daily Vespers

Thursday, November 9. Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesus (3rd-4th c.).

Friday, November 10. Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius (1st c.).

Saturday, November 11. Martyrs Menas of Egypt (304), Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) and Vincent of Spain (204).

5:00-5:50pm Adult education class with Fr. Kyril

6:00-7:00pm Ninth Hour and Great Vespers

7:00-7:30pm Choir practice

Announcements

Divine Liturgy on Monday November 20 at 6:00pm for the feast

On November 21 is the great feast of the Presentation of the Birthgiver of God and, as usual, we will celebrate a great feast with a vesperal Divine Liturgy on its eve, in this case on Monday, November 20, at 6:00pm.

The Advent fast to begin on November 15

On November 15 begins the fast of Advent, in preparation for the Lord's birth. The fast ends on December 24. Therefore, even if you do not fast, please respect other people's fast and, starting with Sunday November 19, make sure to bring fasting food if you provide any meals for our Sunday fellowship.

Help with our international festival!

Our international festival is taking place again, on Saturday, December 9, between 10:00am-4:00pm. Announcements and calls for help will go out often, in different ways—email, parish website, Whatsapp, Facebook, etc. Please help as much as you can, in whichever way you can.

A new Certificate Program in prison ministry

This new Certificate Program in Prison Ministry is a partnership between Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) and St. Tikhon's Seminary. This is the first training program of its kind! This is indeed "very big news for those discerning a call to prison ministry" and a great opportunity for those interested in starting the one semester program in the upcoming year. For more information visit www.theocpm.org/certificate. Also, please feel free to see Father Silviu with any questions.

Quote of the Week

We shouldn't be enraged by people who blaspheme or who speak and act against God and the Church. Such rage is harmful. We may hate the words and the malice behind them, but we must not hate the person who spoke them nor become enraged against him. Rather we should pray for him. A Christian has love and graciousness and should behave accordingly. Just as a hermit, who is seen by no one, benefits the world because the mystical waves of his prayers influence people and transmit the Holy Spirit into the world, so you, too, should scatter your love, without expecting anything in return—with love, patience, and a smile.

(Saint Porphyrios Kavsokalivitis, *Wounded by Love*, page 184)