

Venerable Euthymius, Enlightener of Karelia, Finland and the Righteous Anthony and Felix (April 18)

According to an ancient manuscript Hemerologion (Ημερολογιον), Saint Euthymios was born in the second half of the XIV century. From his youth, he felt drawn to the monastic life, so when he reached adulthood, he travelled north around the year 1400, in order to live as an Anchorite. Later, about 1410, several disciples came to him, begging him to guide them in the monastic life. On the shores of the White Sea in Karelia, 34 versts from Archangelsk, they built a monastery dedicated to the Holy Wonderworker Saint Nicholas of Myra in Lycia (December 6), with cells for the monks.



At first, nothing seemed to go well for the monks, who had settled in an area inhabited by pagans. Saint Euthymios knew, however, that in the place where they labored, one day the monastic life would be firmly established, and the Faith would flourish.

In 1418, the Venerable Anthony and Felix, the two devout sons of Martha Boretska, the wife of a government official (посадница) from Novgorod, were drowned at the mouth of the North Dvina River while exploring the land. These young brothers were buried at Saint Nicholas monastery. In life, they were distinguished for their works of charity, and their grief-stricken mother asked Saint Euthymius to pray for the sons who had been taken from her. Subsequently, their names were included in the manuscript Lives of the Saints of Saint Nicholas Monastery.

In 1419, the monastery was destroyed by Norwegian invaders, who descended upon the monastery, burned the church, and killed several of the monks. Saint Euthymius decided that he would rebuild the monastery, and Martha Boretska gave a large sum of money for the monastery to be rebuilt over the graves of her sons.

Saint Euthymius reposed peacefully in 1435, and was buried at the monastery in Karelia, as were his disciples Stephen the Ascetic, Isaiah, and Nikanor.

In 1641, Saint Euthymios of Karelia was glorified for his apostolic labors in Karelia, and his holy relics were uncovered in 1647. Now they rest in a hidden place within the monastery.

A Church Service has been composed for Saints Euthymius, Anthony and Felix. They are commemorated on April 18, and again on May 21, the Synaxis of All Saints of Karelia.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/04/18/101144-venerable-euthymius-enlightener-of-karelia-finland-and-the-right>)



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April 18, 2021

**SUNDAY OF
ST. MARY OF EGYPT**

COMMEMORATIONS:

HOLY FATHER JOHN THE RIGHTEOUS, DISCIPLE
OF ST. GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS
EUTHEMIOS THE ENLIGHTENER OF KARELIA
COSMAS, BISHOP OF CALCYDON
JOHN THE NEW MARTYR OF EPIROS
ATHANASIA THE WONDERWORKER OF AEGINA

Tone 4 - Eothinon 1

Orthros Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. MARY OF EGYPT - Tone 8 - Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Apr 25):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	MaryLynne Black
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Dan. M & Sdn. Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	Ken Hedrick 1-year anniversary of father's repose	----
ALTAR BOYS:	"Archangel Michael"	"Archangel Gabriel"
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kendra M; Natalia M.	Todd & Kristi Moore
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H.; Maria S.; Amelia T.	Nathan & Rebecca w/Teens; Ada; Ephrem

Mark Your Calendar:

Bible Study on Sacrifice

Saturdays, 5 pm
Mar 20-Apr 24

NB: Holy Wednesday
Metr. JOSEPH Visit
Holy Unction 6:30 p.m.

We live Pascha to Paschal!
May 2, 2021

Pentecost
June 20

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering **Classic Olive Oil** to be left under the icon of St. Thekla. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$309. Collections, \$755. Youth, \$1. Flowers, \$25. Book Shelf Ministry, \$2. Building Fund, \$200. Needy Fund, \$300. Ukrainian Orphanage donation, \$50. Stewardship, \$5,842. Total received: \$7,484.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Ordained Fr. David	+Yazew +Lillian
Newly Illumined Penelope	+Valentina +Andrea +Calin
Dn. Michael Natalia AP Boris	
HM Sylvester Fr. Sergius Doris & John James	(April Parish Diptychs) +Vasilios +Frederick
Lasha B Otari B Daniel H Peter	+Mary +Vaseleka +Carl +Niemeh
Anesia Svetlana & Family George, Victoria, & family	+Mary +Haydieh +Justin
Pulcheria Gabriela Anna	

Catechumens

Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	Matthew, Michael, Shaun, Tina, Sara, Barry, Ryan, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic

TITHE YOUR STIMULUS CHECK to these worthy endeavors of our parish:

- + St Corona Emergency/Expansion
- + St Justin Academy

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE - Please keep your alms box in a prominent place as a reminder to thank God for your blessings and bless the hungry with your bounty.

This Week:

Great Lent continues! Blessed Struggle!
Confessions before services and by appointment.

Masks encouraged for all services.

- Monday, Apr 19:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr 20:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th Hour Prayers, 12 noon
- Wed, Apr 21:** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Apr 22:** 6th Hour Prayers, 12 noon
- Friday, Apr 23:** Presanctified Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Little Compline & Akathist Hymn 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Apr 24:** **LAZARUS SATURDAY**
Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.
Bible Study on Sacrifice, 5 p.m.
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Apr 25:** **PALM SUNDAY**
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour
- Bridegroom Orthros 6:30 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Cleaning Supplies

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

"Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit"