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OCTOBER 25, 2020
MARTYRS PROBUS, TARACHUS and ANDRONICUS
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel Reading
Luke 7:11-16

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Troparion for Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus

The heavenly powers were amazed at the triumph of the holy martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus. For having fought the good fight with their mortal bodies, they conquered bodiless enemies by the power of the Cross. Now they intercede with the Lord that He may save our souls.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion for Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus

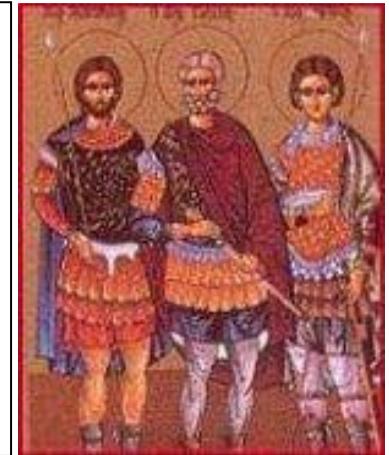
The brave warriors of Christ, the martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus, revealed to us the glory of the Trinity. They refuted the godlessness of their torturers by bravely contending for the Faith.

Prokeimenon – Psalm 46:6

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

PROBUS, TARACHUS AND ANDRONICUS

The holy Martyrs were champions for Christ during the reign of Diocletian in 304 AD. They were taken together in Cilicia and subjected to exceedingly cruel tortures. They were then condemned to death by wild beasts, and when the animals would not touch them in the amphitheater they were put to death with the sword. Three men, named Marcian, Felix and Verus, witnessed their martyrdom and retrieved the bodies of the three saints, buried them, and watched over them the rest of their lives, requesting that they be buried in the same vault as the martyrs at the end of theirs.



Memory Eternal

On Monday, October 19, His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (Lazor), former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, fell asleep in the Lord in Canonsburg, PA after an extended illness. In May 1970, as Bishop of Alaska, he headed the OCA's delegation which traveled to Moscow to receive the Tomos of Autocephaly, marking the beginning of the Orthodox Church in America. He was elevated to serve as the OCA Primate from 1977 until his retirement in 2002. In 1981, Metropolitan Theodosius received our parish into the OCA and bestowed his gracious archpastoral care upon us, most memorably when he joyfully celebrated with us at the burning of our mortgage in 2001.

Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 28 – Online at 7PM

This week's book discussion features "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri J.M. Nouwen. Fr. John will email study notes and a Zoom link for all to join in.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!

We honor David Lumovich on the ninth anniversary of his tonsuring as a Reader. Our thanks go to Louise Romanchak who has served as manager of our Gift Shop for the past four years. Congratulations to both. "Well done good and faithful servants!"

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**St. Luke Mortgage Burning
Sunday, November 11, 2001**

L to R: Donna Karabin, President; George Mihich, Treasurer; Fr. Milorad Milosevich; Protinica Rose; Metropolitan Theodosius; Dan Novak, Kum