

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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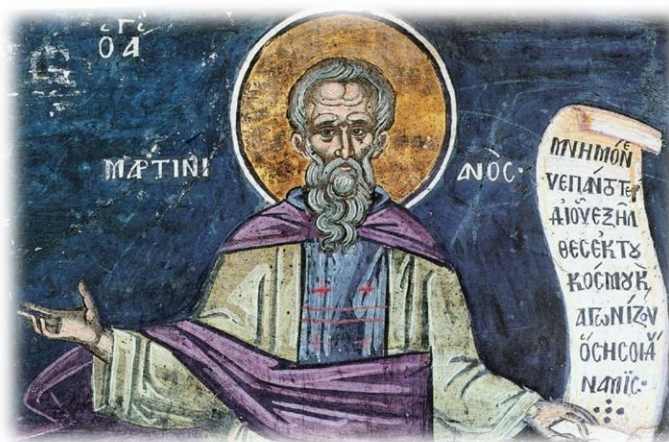
Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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13 February 2022 (7530) SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Our Venerable Father Martinian of Cæsarea



St. Martinian of Cæsarea

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 12 17:00 **Sunday of the Prodigal Son** *Suffrages for +John Krynicky – daughter Joanne*
- Sun. Feb. 13 10:30 **Sunday of the Prodigal Son** *Suffrages pro populo*
- Sat. Feb. 19 09:30 **FIRST ALL SOULS SATURDAY** w/ Panachida
17:00 **Sunday of the Last Judgment** *Suffrages for +George & Michael Rusinko – Michael and Aimée (née Rusinko) Kakos*
- Sun. Feb. 20 10:30 **Sunday of the Last Judgment** *Suffrages pro populo, esp. for +Rosemarie Maccchiaroli – husband Antonio*

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COLLECTION
TOTAL: \$1855

Adults: \$1408 Children: \$4 Maintenance: \$25 Fuel: \$105
Candles: \$68 Init. Off.: \$10 Holy Days: \$195 Lenten Off.: \$40



By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors, amusement, saying, «Sing us one of the songs of Zion!» O how can we sing the LORD's song **in a foreign land**? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you; if I do not keep Jerusalem in memory even at my happiest hour!

Psalm 136 (137) vs. 1 – 6

Do not lose heart, O soul, do not grieve; pronounce not over yourself a final judgment for the multitude of your sins; do not commit yourself to fire; do not say: The Lord has cast me from His face. Such words are not pleasing to God. Can it be that he who has fallen cannot get up? Can it be that he who has turned away cannot turn back again? Do you not hear how kind the Father is to a prodigal? Do not be ashamed to turn back and say boldly: I will arise and go to my Father. Arise and go! He will accept you and will not reproach you, but rather rejoice at your return. He awaits you; just do not be ashamed and do not hide from the face of God as did Adam. It was for your sake that Christ was crucified; so will He cast you aside? He knows who oppresses us. He knows we have no other help but Him alone. Christ knows that man is miserable. Do not give yourself up to despair and apathy, assuming that you have been prepared for the fire. Christ derives no consolation from thrusting us into the fire; He gains nothing if He sends us into the abyss to be tormented. Imitate the prodigal son: leave the city that starves you. Come and beseech Him and you shall behold the glory of God. Your face shall be enlightened and you will rejoice in the sweetness of paradise. Glory to the Lord and Lover of mankind Who saves us.

St. Ephrem the Syrian



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AFRICA / EGYPT - A time of "spiritual awakening" in memory of the Coptic Martyrs of Libya, who died whispering the name of Jesus Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Samalut (Agenzia Fides) - Fifteen days of "spiritual awakening" to live in grateful memory of those who died seven years ago whispering the name of Jesus while being killed by a group of jihadists. This is the proposal addressed to Egyptian Christians by the Coptic Orthodox diocese of Samalut, in the

province of Minya, on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the martyrdom of the twenty Egyptian Coptic Christians murdered on a Libyan beach in February 2015 together with their Ghanaian co-worker at the hands of a group of terrorists from the so-called Islamic State (Daesh).

The liturgical and ecclesial events in commemoration of the Coptic martyrs of Libya will take place from February 1 to 15, and will once again have as its epicenter the Shrine built in their honor in the town of al Awar, where most of them came from. Anba Pavnotios, Coptic Orthodox Bishop of Samalut, announcing the commemorative events that will consist of liturgical celebrations, conferences, visits to the sanctuary-museum and prayer meetings. The bishop also invited everyone to treasure the benefits and spiritual blessings that the martyrs of Libya will be able to make those who commemorate them with heartfelt gratitude flourish.



Last year, due to the social distancing measures imposed to counter the COVID-19 pandemic, only a limited number of people were able to participate in the only liturgy held at the shrine by Anba Pavnotios to commemorate the martyrs of Libya. The flow of pilgrims to the sanctuary, although less due to periods of forced closure and measures to combat the pandemic, has never been interrupted.

The 20 Egyptian Copts and their Ghanaian co-worker were kidnapped in Libya in early January 2015. The video of their beheading was posted on various jihadist websites the following February 15. Just a week after the news of the massacre, the Coptic Orthodox Patriarch Tawadros II decided to inscribe their 21 names in the Synaxarion, the book of martyrs of the Coptic Church, establishing that their memory be celebrated precisely on February 15.

The mortal remains of Copts killed in Libya were found at the end of September 2017 in a mass grave on the Libyan coast near the city of Sirte. Their bodies were found with their hands tied behind their backs, dressed in the same orange overalls they wore in the macabre video filmed by the executioners at the time of their beheading. In the video of their execution, it was clear that many of the martyrs just before they were killed whispered the words 'Lord Jesus Christ'. Then, in a conversation with Fides, Anba Antonios Aziz Mina, Coptic Catholic bishop (now emeritus) of Guizeh, assured that "the name of Jesus was the last word that came to their lips. As in the passion of the first martyrs, they entrusted themselves to the One who would welcome them shortly afterwards. And so they celebrated their victory, the victory that no executioner can take away from them. That name whispered at the last moment was like the seal of their martyrdom". (GV) (Agenzia Fides, 4/1/2022)



~ Announcements ~

- ❖ **Бѣчнаа памать!** Kindly remember in your prayers Jennie Gulisek who has fallen asleep in the Lord. «*In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant Jennie and remember her forever.*»
- ❖ **THANK YOU** to all who so generously donated to the lottery tree for this past Friday's bingo! A last minute surge in donations greatly helped!
- ❖ Our next **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** will be **Sunday, 20 February** immediately after the Divine Liturgy. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Please indicate the food item that you will be bringing. **WISDOM! BE ATTENTIVE! DURING THE GREAT FAST, THESE LUNCHEONS WILL BE MEATLESS!**
- ❖ **FORGIVENESS VESPERS** will be served on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th** at about **13:00** in the nave of the Church. A «meager meal» will be served after the Divine Liturgy in the Church basement for those attending Vespers.
- ❖ **CLEAN or PURE MONDAY – FEBRUARY 28th** – is the first full day of the Great Fast and a day of strict abstinence from meat and dairy products. During this first week of the Great Fast, the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 18:30.** During the remaining weeks of the Great Fast, the Presanctified Liturgy will be served on **Wednesdays and Fridays at 18:30.**