

Parish Prayer List (Living)

(Parish)

Evangelos	Carolyn	Robert	Subdcn Jason
John B.	Maria	Anamay	Ron
Anthony	Paula	Kathleen	SJ
Beverly	David	Michael	Anastasia
Thomas	Gloria	Thecla	Michael
Reader John	Kimberly	Matthew	Levi
Sbdcn Maximus	Emilia	Photini	George S.
Magdalini	Constanka	Emil	George D.
Rita	John D.	Pam	Grace
Priscilla		Hesychios	Elizabeth
Sophia	Danny	Reader Mark	Evdokia
Nicholas	Mary	Rachel	Katherine
Lily	Theodora	Elizabeth	Joseph
Justine	David	Sabrina	Kay
Christopher	Crystal	Rosa-Jane	Ian
Gabriel	Marcia	John R.	Johannah

(non-Parish)

Alexandra	Rachael	Thomas Pappas	David
Christopher	Fr. Michael	Paige and Paul	Jennifer
Gabriella	Josiah	Jacob	Catherine
Hugh	Raymond	Judy	Mike
Ron	Clint	Peter	Maria
Brian	George K.	Sean	Sara
Ruth	Janet H.	Pam	Ana
Roz	Krista	Marty	Margo
Joseph	Kera	Vanessa	Emma
Jane	Scott	Torin	Breanne
Randy	Fr. Michael	Randy	Kay

Parish Prayer List (Fallen Asleep)

Nicholas Georgopoulos (+11/3) Mary Louise Blomeley (+12/10)
 Betty Pilja (+12/6) Josephine Urban (+12/15)
 Dominick LoGalbo (+12/25)

Thoughts from the Fathers

You cannot be too gentle, too kind. Shun even to appear harsh in your treatment of each other. Joy, radiant joy, streams from the face of him who gives and kindles joy in the heart of him who receives. All condemnation is from the devil. Never condemn each other. We condemn others only because we shun knowing ourselves. When we gaze at our own failings, we see such a swamp that nothing in another can equal it. That is why we turn away, and make much of the faults of others.

Instead of condemning others, strive to reach inner peace. Keep silent, refrain from judgement. This will raise you above the deadly arrows of slander, insult and outrage and will shield your glowing hearts against all evil."

St. Seraphim of Sarov

I count my sins throughout my entire life, throughout the life of my father and all the way back to the beginning of the world, and I say, "Truly the name of the Lord's justice is mercy."

Saint Nikolai of Zicha (Velimirovic)

What can this fig-tree mean, if not human nature? It was skillfully planted like the tree, and well nurtured ...but having fallen, through its own fault, into sin, it gives neither fruit of good works nor preserves its uprightness. It fell into sin willfully because it would not bear the fruit of obedience. It did not deign to retain the image of God in which it was rooted and nursed when it abandoned its original innocence.

The owner came three times to the fig-tree looking for fruit... He came before the written law when He gave man, by the light of natural reason, the capacity to judge how he should act towards his neighbor. He came at the time of the written law when He taught men His commandments. He came through grace, after the written law when of His mercy He appeared among them. But He complains that He finds the fig-tree barren three times in succession, for many perverse minds were neither corrected by the inspired law of nature, nor instructed by His commandments, nor converted by the miracles of His incarnate life.

Gregory the Great, "Parables of the Gospel" (re: Luke 13:1-9)

If you believe in Christ have hope in Him, love Him with all your soul and heart, whatever you seek from Him with faith and is to your benefit He will give you. Seek above all the Kingdom of Heaven. When you love Him and do His commandments, He too will love you, and you will be united with Him. "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" (1 Jn. 4:16).

Saint Arsenios of Paros

“Whether a habit is good or bad, time nourishes it, just as wood feeds a fire. Thus, so far as we can, we should cultivate and practice what is good, so that it becomes an established habit operating automatically and effortlessly when required. It was through victories in small things that the fathers won their great battles.”

St. Peter of Damascus.

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Saint Katherine the Great Martyr and All-Wise

*St. Katherine of Alexandria [Feast Day - November 24 (Slavic) or
November 25 (Greek)]*

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Katherine was the daughter of King Constus. After the death of her father, she lived with her mother in Alexandria. Her mother was secretly a Christian who, through her spiritual father, brought Katherine to the Christian Faith.

In a vision, St. Katherine received a ring from the Lord Jesus Himself as a sign of her betrothal to Him. This ring remains on her finger even today.

Katherine was greatly gifted by God and was well educated in Greek philosophy, medicine, rhetoric and logic. In addition to that, she was of unusual physical beauty.

When the iniquitous Emperor Maxentius offered sacrifices to the idols and ordered others to do the same, Katherine boldly confronted the emperor and denounced his idolatrous errors. The emperor, seeing that she was greater than he in wisdom and knowledge, summoned fifty of his wisest men to debate with her on matters of faith and to put her to shame. Catherine outwitted and shamed them. In a rage, the emperor ordered all fifty of those men burned. By St. Katherine's prayers, all fifty confessed the name of Christ and declared themselves Christians before their execution.

After Katherine had been put in prison, she converted the emperor's commander, Porphyrius, and two hundred soldiers to the true Faith, as well as Empress Augusta-Vasilissa herself. They all suffered for Christ.

During the torture of St. Katherine, an angel of God came to her and destroyed the wheel on which the holy virgin was being tortured. Afterward, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself appeared to her and comforted her.

After many tortures, Katherine was beheaded at the age of eighteen, on November 24, 310. Milk, instead of blood, flowed from her body. Her miracle-working relics repose on Mount Sinai.

