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# The LIVES OF SAINTS

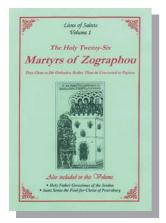
## Series



He that has not yet read the lives of the saints has not read much of value. The reading of the lives of those who have pleased God contains all that is necessary for our salvation, temporal happiness and eternal blessedness. The lives of the saints teach us how to fulfil the commandments of the Lord.

Metropolitan Michael of St. Petersburg

#### THE HOLY TWENTY-SIX MARTYRS OF ZOGRAPHOU

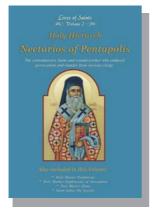


In our times when truth is ignored and ecumenism is at its peak, many Orthodox Christians believe that Roman Catholicism is the same as Holy Orthodoxy. We see however, from the lives of these saints, that this is not the case. These holy Martyrs refused to convert to the faith of the Pope, and underwent martyrdom to protect the truth of the Holy Orthodox Faith. They opposed the papists without fear resisting them thus: "...everyone that opposeth the gospel of Christ is antichrist, and it

is he that now helpeth you. What communion hath light with darkness? We will never join with you! ... Which of the divinely-convened councils stateth that the Holy Spirit proceedeth from the Father and the Son? And which of them hath enacted a canon that we should offer up unleavened bread and trim our beards as ye maintain? Ye are filled with seven evil spirits (in opposition to the seven Ecumenical councils). What manner of Christ do ye preach, O opponents of the Spirit? You preach not the gospel but the teaching of antichrist!"

- ♦ Saint Gerasimus of the Jordan River: A great ascetic of the fifth century, he was at one time inclined to the monophysite heresy but quickly repented. He built the great Lavra by the Jordan River, where a lion served him with great obedience.
- ♦ Saint Xenia the Fool-for-Christ of Petersburg: After the sudden death of her husband, Saint Xenia took up the life of a homeless wanderer. She was a wonder-worker in her lifetime and continues to perform countless miracles to this day. She is especially invoked for help in finding employment, a dwelling place or a spouse. 56 pp

#### SAINT NECTARIOS OF PENTAPOLIS

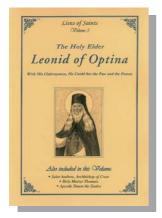


Saint Nectarios (1846-1920) has become one of the greatest Saints that lived in the last century. His asceticism consisted neither of living in the desert nor of exceptional fasting, but rather in the endurance of persecution and slander from his own fellow clergymen. He founded a women's monastery in Aegina, Greece, that has become an international place of pilgrimage. His many

miracles, especially his healing of cancer, have earned him the title of wonder-worker.

- Saint Euphrosyne of Alexandria took upon herself the unusual and difficult ascetic life of impersonating a man in order to avoid recognition by her relatives.
- ♦ Holy New-Martyr Zlata (†1795) also known as Chryse (which means gold), was in martyrdom tested as gold in the furnace. The life of Saint Zlata, who was urged by her parents and relatives to deny Christ in order to save her life, serves an example of when God's commandment "honour your father and your mother..." (Exodus 20:12) may be broken.
- ♦ Saint James the Ascetic: After giving away everything that he owned, as the Lord commanded, he fell into pride and then deception. Later with God's grace, he repented and was found worthy of salvation.
- Holy Martyr Porphyrius the Mimic publicly mocked the Church's Mysteries until he was enlightened and forgiven by God.
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#### HOLY ELDER LEONID OF OPTINA



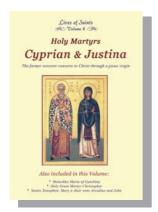
Elder Leonid was the first Optina elder. He had a straightforward manner, yet was both loving and fatherly. For his renewal of ancient Orthodox practices and true Orthodox spirituality, he endured much persecution.

- ♦ Saint Andrew of Crete is the inspired writer of the Great Canon of Repentance.
- Holy Martyr Thomais was killed by her lustful father-in-law because she would not give in to his evil

desires. She especially helps the faithful overcome lustful temptations.

♦ Apostle Simon the Zealot was the bridegroom at the wedding in Cana of Galilee where Christ performed His first miracle. After this, he left his wife and became one of the twelve great Apostles.

#### THE HOLY MARTYRS CYPRIAN & JUSTINA

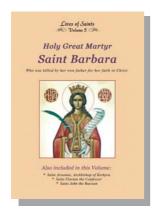


In recent decades there has been much interest and participation in witchcraft and sorcery. Some believe it to be a myth only seen on television or found in books. Others, however, are involved in actual contact with demonic powers, harming their own souls. The life of these two Saints gives the Orthodox Christian a clear example of the Church's teaching on sorcery, dispelling any confusion regarding this most serious matter. Saint Cyprian himself was a former leading servant

of the demons. His example is the surest proof that God's mercy and forgiveness is stretched out even to the most lost of souls. These holy martyrs are especially prayed to for help against witchcraft.

- ♦ Matushka Maria of Gatchina: This sick, clairvoyant nun who consoled those who came to her for guidance, was martyred under the Communist yoke in Russia. She helped and continues to help people that have fallen into depression. She said, "Depression is a spiritual cross; it is sent to help the penitent who do not know how to repent...."
- ♦ The Holy Great Martyr Christopher was a handsome, strong and powerful soldier who was greatly admired by pagan women. When he came to know Christ, he prayed to God to make him ugly because his handsome looks were a cause of temptation. Saint Christopher is recognised as a patron of travellers.
- ◆ Saints Xenophon, Mary and their sons Arcadius & John were a God-fearing family who kept the commandments of Christ. When Holy Xenophon sent his two sons to Beirut to study law, they were shipwrecked and seperated. Not knowing whether they were alive, the pious parents went in search for their sons. This touching story demonstrates clearly how the Lord guides most wonderfully the destinies of those who believe in Him. 68 pp

#### HOLY GREAT MARTYR BARBARA



Even in our own times there are many examples of parents not accepting their children's faith in Christ. In the life of this holy Martyr we see a horrible example of the level one can reach in their hostility towards Christ. Disapproving of his daughter's faith, Saint Barbara's father handed her over to the governor to be tortured, and eventually went to the extreme of killing her himself. This great Saint is prayed to for help in dealing with unbelieving parents.

- Saint Arsenius, Archbishop of Kerkyra
- ♦ Hieromartyr Flavian the Confessor was killed by heretical bishops for defending the dogmas of the Orthodox Church. Also included is the famous letter of Saint Leo, Pope of Rome, to Saint Flavian about the heretic Eutychius.
- ♦ Saint John the Russian remained steadfast in the Christian Faith despite the many enticements and threats of the Moslems.

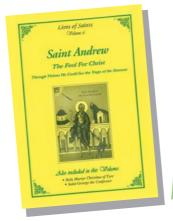
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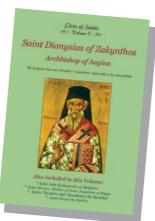
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#### SAINT ANDREW THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

By the grace of God, he was able to discern men's secrets, see angels and demons, drive demons from men, and turn men from sin.

- ♦ Holy Martyr Christina of Tyre was brought to trial for her faith by her own father. She endured harsh tortures for Christ's sake.
- ♦ Saint George the Confessor was dragged through the streets of the city like a criminal for his veneration of the holy icons.



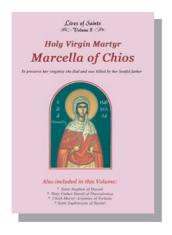


#### SAINT DIONYSIOS OF ZAKYNTHOS

One of the greatest things is to be able to forgive one's enemy. This beautiful and edifying life tells of how, through God's grace, Saint Dionysios was able to forgive his own brother's murderer. Putting away his natural and human pain, he brought the murderer to repentance, saving his soul from eternal damnation, and showing the depth of God's mercy and love for sinners.

- ♦ Saint John Koukouzelis the angel-voiced monk of Bulgaria, composed many of the most beautiful hymns of the Holy Church. Fearing the flattery and praise of men, he fled to Mount Athos and presented himself as a shepherd.
- ♦ Saint Monica was a holy mother who converted her son, Saint Augustine of Hippo, to the Christian Faith through prayer, patience, and great faith in God.
- Saints Theodore & Theophanes the Branded
- ♦ Saint David the Robber was a former notorious bandit who repented and dedicated his life to God as a monk.

## Volume 8 Holy Virgin-Martyr Marcella of Chios



Saint Marcella was left motherless very young. She grew up to be respectful and pious and, most of all, guarded her purity. She fled from her bestial father who wanted to live with her as his wife. She is invoked to heal diseases of the breasts.

♦ Saint Stephen of Decani: This famous Serbian king was, because of slander, blinded by his father and miraculously healed by Saint Nicholas

of Myra. He was murdered by his own son and gained the crown of martyrdom. His wonderworking relics perform many miracles; he is especially called upon to heal diseases of the eyes.

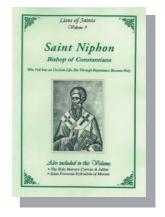
- ♦ Saint David of Thessalonica lived the ascetic life in a shelter built in an almond tree. He purified himself so greatly by fasting, prayer and vigils, that he was made worthy of great gifts from God.
- Child-Martyr Artemius Wonderworker of Verkola.
- ◆ Saint Euphrosyne of Suzdal: A Russian princess who preferred the monastic life rather than the glory and riches of the royal court.

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#### SAINT NIPHON, BISHOP OF CONSTANTIANA

In his youth, this Saint fell away from the Church and led a sinful life. Due to the harsh words of his Christian friend, he turned to a God-fearing life. Through his difficult struggles and sincere repentance he was forgiven by God, and was able to attain holiness.

Holy Martyrs Cyricus & Julitta:
 Saint Julitta was a pious Christian mother. She and her three-year-old

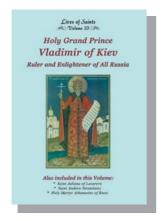


son fearlessly confessed Christ to the governor. They are especially prayed to for help against one of the most serious passions - laziness.

◆ Saint Febronia-Evfrosinia of Murom was a pious peasant who became a princess. She and her husband occupied themselves with works of piety and charity. They are venerated as patrons of newly-weds.

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#### **GRAND PRINCE VLADIMIR OF RUSSIA**

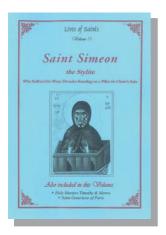


Saint Vladimir was like many people today: he sought the one true religion. His representatives investigated Judaism, Islam, and Roman Catholicism, before becoming convinced that Orthodox Christianity is the True Faith. He became blind before his Baptism, but regained his sight after accepting Baptism; likewise, his spiritual blindness was cured, and he went from being an inhuman tyrant to being a compassionate Christian ruler. He has the title of "Equal to

the Apostles" for converting the ancient Russians to Christianity.

- ♦ Saint Juliana of Lazarevo: This is one of very few detailed lives of a married saint. This life demonstrates that one does not have to enter a monastery in order to be saved, but that one can become a saint while married. Saint Juliana was a housewife who had several children and managed a large home. She attained holiness through her piety, faith, humility, and great care for the poor and sick.
- Saint Andrew Stratelates: A senior officer in the Roman army, St Andrew was also a secret Christian. He won many battles by asking for Christ's help, for which reason those who were jealous of his success betrayed him to the governor. Foreseeing his martyrdom, he was baptised together with 2,593 of his soldiers and then fled to another region to pray.
- ♦ Saint Athanasius of Brest: Uniates are Roman Catholics that disguise themselves as Orthodox Christians. Saint Athanasius was a zealous defender of the Orthodox Church in the struggle against the Latin Unia. He printed religious material, the writings of the Holy Fathers, and works about this false union. He endured inhuman torture, both physical and psychological, at the hands of the Papists. The Roman Catholic Church still uses Uniates in attempting to subject Orthodox faithful to Papal authority. 80 pp

#### SAINT SIMEON THE STYLITE



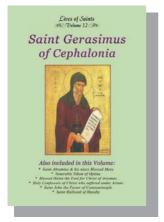
Saint Simeon followed a particular ascesis for the love of Christ, which was until then unknown: standing day and night on a high pillar in unceasing prayer. He was granted the gift of working miracles and healing the sick of soul and body, for which many people gathered around his pillar.

♦ Holy Martyrs Timothy & Mavra: Twenty days after their wedding, this wonderful couple were taken to trial for their Christian Faith. They

strengthened each other in endurance while they were being crucified.

♦ Saint Genevieve of Paris is known as the patron saint of Paris. Through her prayers she saved the city from the invasion of Attila the Hun, and became worthy of heaven through fasting and works of mercy.

#### SAINT GERASIMUS THE NEW OF CEPHALONIA

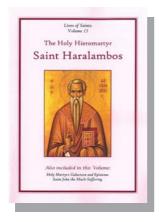


Saint Gerasimus (†1579) was a Greek monk who spent much of his life travelling throughout the East seeking perfect solitude and quiet, so that he could be alone with God. He finally settled in Cephalonia, where he was asked to become the founder of a convent for young women who wished to dedicate their lives to their true Bridegroom, Christ. Even during his lifetime he began to perform miracles, and he continues to work miracles to this very day for all who

turn to him with faith.

- ♦ Saints Abramius and Mary: a very moving account of a young woman, who lived a very pious life, but later, fell into a life of prostitution. Her uncle, Saint Abramius, left his life of solitude in an attempt to bring his niece to repentance.
- ♦ Elder Nikon of Optina (1888-1931) received his spiritual birth and training in Optina under the guidance of Elder Barsanuphius. Although cast out of the Optina monastery by the Communists, he continued to carry the cross of eldership, despite enduring exile, imprisonment and persecution.
- ♦ Saint Helen of Arzamas was forced by her parents to marry. However, on the very day of her wedding, she began to lead the difficult life of a fool-for-Christ.
- ♦ Holy Confessors of Christ who died at the hands of the Arians: The holy clergymen who were imprisoned and exiled because they refused to enter into communion with the heretical Arian bishop.
- Saint John the Faster was a man of prayer and wonderworker. He was chosen as patriarch, but although unwilling to accept at first, was later overawed by a heavenly vision.

## Volume 13 The Holy Hieromartyr Haralambos

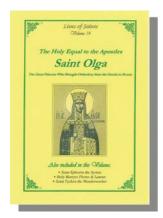


When a violent persecution broke out against the Christian Faith, Saint Haralambos did not hide from his persecutors, but freely and openly, without fear and despite his old age, preached the Christian Faith. He publicly denounced the falsehood of the emperor for which he was arrested by the pagans. During his martyrdom he performed great wonders and brought many to the Faith, including the emperor's own daughter. He is

especially invoked for protection against epidemics and plagues.

- ♦ Holy Martyrs Galacteon & Episteme: After the conversion of Episteme to the Christian faith, both husband and wife agreed to enter into separate monasteries. They were later deemed worthy to martyr together.
- ♦ Saint John the Much-Suffering was of the Kiev Caves and struggled for thirty years to overcome the passion of lust.

#### SAINT OLGA, GREAT PRINCESS OF RUSSIA



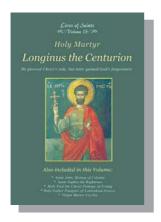
Saint Olga is called "Equal to the Apostles" by the Holy Church because she brought Orthodoxy to Russia after her own conversion and baptism in Constantinople. She is the grandmother of the great Prince Vladimir.

◆ Saint Ephraim the Syrian: Having led a rather wild life in his youth, he suddenly changed and began to lead a godly life. He is especially known

as the apostle of repentance and helps the faithful gain compunction.

- ♦ Holy Martyrs Florus & Laurus were brothers in the flesh, and stonemasons by trade. They are the patron saints of stonemasons.
- ♦ Saint Tychon the Wonderworker: the holy bishop of Cyprus.

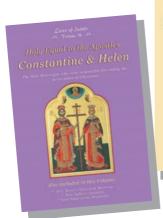
#### HOLY MARTYR LONGINUS THE CENTURION

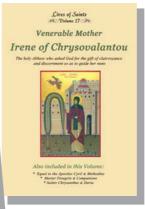


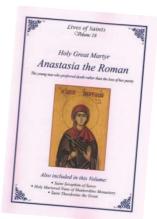
Saint Longinus is the soldier mentioned in the Gospel who stood at the foot of the Cross during the suffering of our Saviour, and exclaimed "Truly, this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54). Church Tradition adds that Longinus was the soldier who thrust his spear into the side of the Lord. His life is a prime example of the depths of God's mercy; that even he who pierced His divine side was able, through repentance, to

gain forgiveness and to be saved.

- ♦ Saint John of Colonia was a holy bishop who hid as a monk to gain humility. He was guided by Saint Savas of Jerusalem.
- ♦ Saint Sophia the Righteous was a holy mother of six children.
- ♦ Holy Fool for Christ Prokopy of Ustiug: the former Roman Catholic who became a Saint through foolishness.
- ♦ Holy Father Patapios of Loutrakion was a great ascetic who cured cancer and other sicknesses. His incorrupt relics are found in a monastery in Loutrakion, Greece.
- ♦ Virgin Martyr Cecilia: Even though she was forced to marry, she preserved her virginity by threatening her pagan husband of punishment by the hand of an Angel.







#### HOLY EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES CONSTANTINE & HELEN

Saint Helen converted her son, Saint Constantine, to Christianity through her prayer and example. He, as Emperor, was responsible for ending the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire. He built churches, spread Christianity throughout the Empire, and convoked the First Ecumenical Council, which composed the first part of the Creed. These saints are invoked for help in marriage.

- ♦ Holy Martyrs Marcian & Martyrius were great preachers of the word of God and defenders of the Church during the Arian heresy. They were glorified as martyrs for their confession that Christ is "true God of true God; begotten, not made; being of one essence with the Father." This inspiring life demonstrates the importance of adhering to Orthodox doctrine, even when threatened with death.
- ♦ Holy Sufferer Agrippina endured a horrible disease from the age of five. This life is an example of Christian patience in sickness. It is often forgotten that one can become a martyr through the patient endurance of a long and tormenting illness.
- ♦ Saint Sampson the Hospitable: Today, when the word "hospitality" has lost its meaning, this life helps one understand its true Christian nature. 64 pp

#### SAINT IRENE OF CHRYSOVALANDOU

Saint Irene was abbess of a great convent. She suffered many attacks from the demons and, while yet a novice, accomplished great ascetical feats. She was granted the gift of clairvoyance and knew the thoughts of all that came to her. Wonderful healings have been performed by her to the present day.

- ♦ Equal to the Apostles Cyril & Methodius converted many to the Christian faith, compiled the Slavic alphabet and translated the service books from Greek into Slavonic.
- ♦ Saint Peregrin & those with him: Eusebius, Vincent, Pontian & Julius. They all chose to suffer cruel tortures rather than deny Christ.
- ♦ Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus & Daria were a married couple who were persecuted for abstaining from marital relations.

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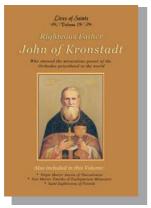
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#### GREAT MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN

Saint Anastasia was orphaned very young, and brought up in a monastery under a holy abbess. She confessed Christ and was martyred at the age of seventeen.

- ♦ Saint Seraphim of Sarov is one of the greatest Russian ascetics and wonder-workers. He was distinguished by his great humility, for which he gained the grace of God and the veneration of countless people, both during his lifetime and after his repose.
- ♦ The Holy Nuns of Shamordino: These extraordinary and courageous nuns suffered heroically during the Communist yoke in Russia.
- ♦ Saint Theodosius the Great: A remarkable Orthodox Emperor.

#### **O**UR RIGHTEOUS FATHER JOHN OF KRONSTADT

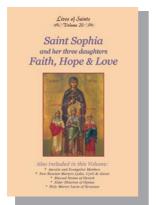


The renowned author of *My Life in Christ*, Saint John was a married priest who lived with his wife in virginity. Through his untiring labours, love, simplicity, and especially prayer, he was granted great gifts of clairvoyance and miracle-working. "The chief thing in prayer, for which we must care above all, is clear-sighted faith in the Lord," said Saint John. "Ask simply, without the slightest doubt: then God will be

everything to you, accomplishing in an instant great and wonderful things." With this faith, he performed countless miracles each day for the thousands of people that flocked to him from all over Russia. His great piety is an example for all Christians today. Saint John is especially called upon to open the mind and comprehension of children.

- Virgin Martyr Anysia of Thessalonica despised her beauty and wealth because they separated her from Christ.
- ♦ New Martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou rescued his captured wife from a Turkish harem, then went to Mount Athos to repent of his sins.
- ♦ Saint Euphrosyne of Polotsk was a princess who many followed because she left the world to become a nun.

#### SAINTS SOPHIA, FAITH, HOPE & LOVE



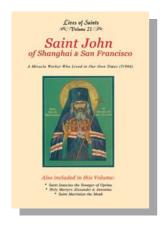
This is the moving story of a mother who encourages her three young daughters to choose martyrdom over freedom. The dialogue between the young girls and the Emperor demonstrates the power, wisdom, and strength that are given to those who would otherwise be weak.

♦ Apostle Matthew: One of the twelve Apostles, he was a tax collector, which was viewed as a sinful occupation. This life is an example of the extreme

suffering and hardship Christ's Apostles endured in spreading the Gospel. Even today, the true descendants of the Apostles, right-believing bishops and priests, suffer persecution for their effort to bring souls to Christ.

- ♦ New Martyrs Lydia, Cyril & Alexei: Cyril was a Communist soldier ordered to participate in the rape of Lydia, a young Christian woman. Suddenly something occurred to prevent him, which often leaves those who read this account in tears.
- ♦ Blessed Stoina of Devich: During a very dangerous period of Turkish occupation in Serbia, blessed Stoina devoted herself to God in monasticism. She was fearless in the face of the Albanian Moslems and called on all to repent, so that the people named her "Repentance".
- Saint Hilarion of Optina: One of the fourteen great Optina Elders, Saint Hilarion was renowned for his discernment during Confession, which he performed with great simplicity and insight.
- ♦ Virgin Martyr Lucia: At first engaged to a young man, she later decided, by divine revelation, to preserve her virginity. As a result, her mother tried to dissuade her and her betrothed betrayed her. 80 pp

## Volume 21 SAINT JOHN OF SHANGHAI & SAN FRANCISCO



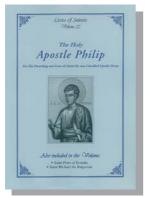
This blessed hierarch lived in our own time (†1966) and was recently glorified by the Holy Church (1994). His life teaches us that evil times are in no way a hindrance to holiness and virtue, and that one can become a saint whatever the external circumstances. His incorrupt relics are found in the "Joy of All Who Sorrow" Cathedral in San Francisco, U.S.A.

#### ♦ Saint Isaacius the Younger of

**Optina** was exiled to Siberia and died a martyr's death as a confessor of the true Faith.

- ♦ Holy Martyrs Alexander & Antonina: the 28-year-old soldier who helped a virgin escape from a brothel.
- ♦ Saint Martinian the Monk was tempted by a woman, but overcame the demon of lust.

#### HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP

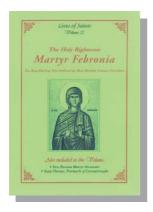


Apostle Philip worked for the Gospel with Saint John the Theologian, the Apostle Bartholomew and his own sister, Saint Mariamna. His teachings and confession of the Faith caused him to be crucified upside down.

- ♦ Saint Peter of Korisha the wonderworker of Serbia, overcame all the fierce attacks of the demons through humility, prayer and fasting.
- ◆ Saint Michael the Bulgarian was a brave Christian soldier who saved a young woman that was to be sacrificed to the demons.

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## Volume 23 HOLY MARTYR FEBRONIA OF NISIBIS

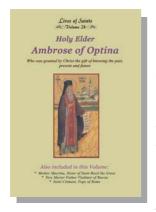


The detailed account of this holy nun's martyrdom causes the reader to marvel at God's power - how such a beautiful young maiden could endure such violent torments while praising Christ and confessing Him unto the end.

- New Russian Martyr Alexander was a former Jew who was arrested by the Communists for preaching the Orthodox Faith amongst the Jews.
- Saint Thomas, Patriarch of

#### Constantinople

## Volume 24 HOLY ELDER AMBROSE OF OPTINA



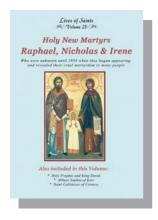
Elder Ambrose is the most famous of Russia's Optina Elders. Because of his great humility, the Lord blessed him with spiritual gifts by which to heal suffering souls. He could see the past, present and future of people, and hundreds flocked to him daily to receive his blessing, prayers and help in their spiritual struggle. He asked, "Why do men sin?" and also gave the answer, "Either because they do not know what they should do, or, if they do know, they forget;

and if they forget, they are slothful and despondent.... This is why we pray to the Queen of Heaven: O All-holy Theotokos my Mistress, with thy holy and omnipotent entreaties drive from me, thy servant, despondency, forgetfulness, foolishness, negligence, and all vile, wicked and bad thoughts."

- ♦ Holy Mother Macrina, Sister of Saint Basil the Great inspired and encouraged her brother to devote himself to the service of God. It was largely through her holy influence that many of her other brothers and sisters (many glorified as saints of the Orthodox Church) also devoted themselves to a life in Christ, and she herself lived as a nun with her mother and a number of pious virgins desiring the spiritual life.
- ♦ New Martyr Vladimir of Russia did not deny his priesthood under the atheists, but continued to preach fearlessly until he was killed. Even after his death he performed miracles and turned people away from Communism.
- ◆ Saint Clement, Pope of Rome: Separated from his family from very young, he was reunited with them by the Apostle Peter in a miraculous way. Due to his virtuous life, he was made a bishop and was martyred for Christ.

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#### THE HOLY MARTYRS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS & IRENE

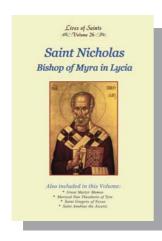


Having martyred during the Turkish occupation of Greece, these Saints did not show themselves until 1959. The Martyrs began to appear to certain pious people, and the story of their lives and martyrdom became known. Saint Raphael was a priestmonk, Saint Nicholas his beloved deacon, and Saint Irene was the twelve-year-old daughter of the mayor. Each day the shrine of their relics receives a multitude of pilgrims seeking

healing, strength and help.

- ◆ The Holy Prophet and King David fell into two grave sins
   adultery and murder but later repented with tears and pain of heart.
- ♦ New Russian Martyr Abbess Sophia of Kiev was a defender of the Faith during the Communist Revolution in Russia.
- Saint Callinicus of Cernica was a model of all Christian virtues.
   This holy bishop remains the most beloved and venerated Saint of Romania.

#### SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP OF MYRA OF LYCIA



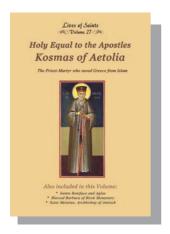
Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker is one of the most venerated saints in the entire Orthodox Church. He defended the Orthodox Faith, helped the poor, freed the wrongly accused, gave safe passage to those who travelled, and everywhere cared for his flock. Even now he helps all those who turn to him in faith.

♦ Saint Mamas was orphaned when his parents were martyred for Christ, and he himself followed their example

by receiving a martyr's crown. While living in the wilderness before his martyrdom he attained such holiness that he lived peacefully with wild animals, just as did Adam in Paradise, even talking and communicating with them. He is the patron saint of shepherds and is prayed to when animals become sick.

- ♦ Holy Martyr Theodosia was a nun in eighth-century Constantinople who bravely defended the veneration of the holy icons at a time when they were being fiercely persecuted. She received the double crown of virginity and martyrdom, and grants healing to those who turn to her with faith.
- ♦ Saint Gregory of Nyssa, the younger brother of Saint Basil the Great, initially preferred to study worldly subjects rather than the Faith. In time, however, he became a bishop and participated in the Second Ecumenical Council. He was one of the greatest Fathers of the Church, and his many brilliant works continue to be studied by many to this day.
- ◆ Saint Anubius was a desert father who lived a perfect Christian life from the time he began to pray to Christ. He taught that all who keep God's commandments would themselves find joy in Heaven. 80 pp

#### HOLY EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES KOSMAS OF AETOLIA

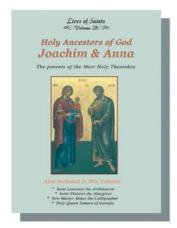


Although a monk who had vowed never to leave his monastery on Mount Athos, he could no longer bear to see his fellow Greek Christians converting to Islam through either fear or convenience. Reading this life, the reader accompanies the saint on his journey through Greece. His sermons and miracles brought many back to the Orthodox faith but also resulted in his martyrdom. His prophesies still astound many to this day.

- ♦ Holy Martyr Boniface & Saint Aglae: Saint Boniface, both Aglae's slave and lover, sincerely desired to correct his life of sin, while his mistress had no desire to cease from indulging in her passion. That which is impossible to man, however, is possible to God, as this life demonstrates.
- ♦ Blessed Nun Barbara the Sufferer: Barbara's wicked sisterin-law, provoked by jealousy, used sorcery to inflict suffering on the blessed one that lasted all her life. Events of this sort are rampart in our own day, but we see in this life that God can turn any misfortune into a means of salvation.
- ♦ Saint Meletius: During a time when both Orthodox and Arians were competing for dominance within the Church, the Arians elected Saint Meletius as Patriarch inasmuch as they imagined that he was one of them. The saint, after becoming Patriarch, demonstrated that he was Orthodox by denouncing the teaching of Arius.

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## Volume 28 The Holy Ancestors of God, Joachim & Anna

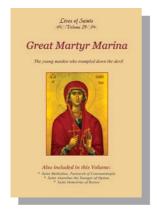


These righteous Old Testament saints, after a lifetime of childlessness, were deemed worthy to become the parents of the Most Holy Mother of God. Their perseverance and faith in the power of God worked the great miracle of holy Anna conceiving a child at an old age, after fifty years of barrenness. They are called upon in prayer by the faithful to protect their

marriages. Saint Anna is especially known to help barren women, and those about to give birth.

- ♦ Holy Martyr Laurence the Archdeacon was roasted in a fire for his faith. He is invoked to heal various ailments, including those of the back, shoulders and kidneys.
- ♦ Saint Philaret the Almsgiver who was despised by his wife and children for giving away all they had to the poor.
- ♦ Saint Tamara the pious and manly-minded Queen of Georgia converted whole Moslem tribes to Orthodoxy by her example.
- New Martyr Ahmet the Calligrapher was a former Moslem who changed to the Orthodox Faith through his pious Russian slave.

#### THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR MARINA



God's power is manifested in the life of this fifteen-year-old maiden, who acquired so much power over the devil that she was able to grab him by the hair and beat him physically. Accordingly, she is especially prayed to for help against demonic temptations.

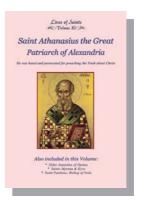
♦ Saint Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople was a strict monk who became one of the Church's most zealous defenders of the holy icons. He underwent

suffering, slander, and imprisonment in an underground tomb for his confession of faith, as well as many temptations from the demons, but emerged victorious through God's grace. He spent his last years guiding the Church as Patriarch of Constantinople.

- Saint Anatolius the Younger was one of the many holy Elders of the Optina Monastery in Russia. He was an attentive and loving spiritual father who advised the sad and depressed to seek comfort by relying on God's will rather than on their own minds and thoughts. He lived to be persecuted by the Red Army, but God found a special way for him to prepare for his final arrest.
- ♦ Saint Demetius of Rostov is best known as the compiler of the standard series of the Lives of the Saints in Russian, much of which is now available in English. He was a man of great education who used his learning for God's glory by preaching, writing, teaching, and administering both monasteries and dioceses. He was strict with his clergy, insisting that they serve the Divine Liturgy reverently, encourage their flock to receive the Holy Mysteries, and provide a Christian example in both word and deed. Nonetheless, he was kind and merciful to the poor, keeping for himself only what was strictly necessary and giving all he could to the needy. 80 pp

#### SAINT ATHANASIUS THE GREAT

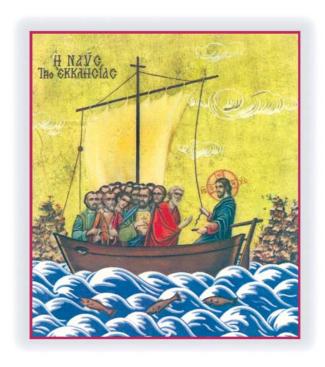
This detailed life of Saint Athanasius shows what persecutions a true hierarch endures in his fight against heresy. This holy hierarch was so hated and persecuted by the heretical Arians that he spent most of his 45 years as a bishop in exile, in hiding, and being subjected to the most outrageous slanders. It is said that because of his stance for the truth, the whole Byzantine Empire was disturbed. The life of Saint Athanasius is very important for the



Orthodox Christian of today; we live in a time when heresy in the Church has spread to such a high level that we are losing the understanding of what a true bishop should be. Instead, we see humanism and compromise among hierarchs in matters of the Faith.

- ♦ Saint Anatolius the Elder was one of the great spiritual fathers of the Optina monastery in Russia. The successor in Eldership to the great Saint Ambrose, he was the loving spiritual father of a multitude of nuns, to whom he emphasised the importance of saying the Jesus Prayer and of maintaining good order in church.
- ♦ Saints Marana & Kyra were the daughters of a rich and famous family. These holy women preferred to work secretly for Christ in prayer, fasting, and silence, rather than to inherit the riches of this vain world.
- ♦ Saint Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, was renowned for his extraordinary generosity, frequently giving away everything he owned to the poor and needy. When a poor widow asked Saint Paulinus for money to ransom her only son, who had been taken captive, having no money to give, he offered to be sold into slavery in the son's place. Becoming a slave, he was able to free many from slavery, imitating the Lord Christ, Who had assumed the form of a servant and delivered the human race from slavery to the devil. 80 pp

# OTHER PUBLICATIONS



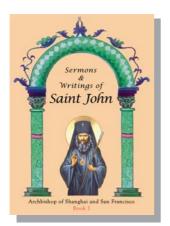
On Various Topics



## SERMONS AND WRITINGS OF SAINT JOHN, ARCHBISHOP OF SHANGHAI & SAN FRANCISCO

Saint John is one of the most popular miracle-working saints of our times. He served the church as an archpastor, a zealous missionary leader, and true father to the people. This series of four books containing his sermons and writings on various issues show his wisdom, love for truth and his care and desire for the salvation of the souls of God's people. His advice is relevant to all Christians today.

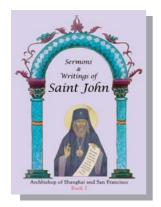
Each book is 64 pages, printed in laser quality and illustrated with colour pictures and icons.



#### Book 1

Topics included are: A Word to the Youth; Humility and Struggle; On Saint Seraphim; Cheese-fare Sunday; On the Sunday of Orthodoxy; On Saint Justin the Philosopher; On Zacchaeus; Christ is Risen!; Saint Vladimir's Day Celebration; On the Fall of Man; On the Feast of All Saints of Russia; Lay Not up Treasures on Earth, But in Heaven Where Nothing is Lost; Come, O Ye

People, Let us Worship the God in Three Persons; The Sin of Regicide; The Meaning of Holy Orthodoxy in the History of the Russian State; and Labouring with Christ.

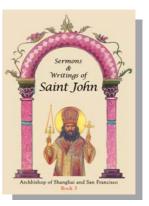


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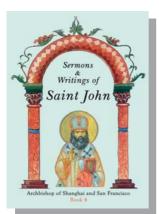
Topics included are: Holy Water; The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist; The Last Judgment; The Canonisation of the Saints of God; The Spiritual Condition of the Russian People in the Diaspora; A Discourse in Iconography; Nothing is Fearful to Him Who Relies on God; and The Church as the Body of Christ.

#### Book 3

Topics included are: Will These Human Bones Come to Life?; The Cross, Preserver of the Universe; The Feast of Apostles Peter and Paul; The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist; A Hymn to God; How to Keep the Church Typicon; Nativity Peace; The Church and the Church's Prayer; The Word "Anathema" and its Meaning; In the Beginning was the Word; The Decline of the Patriarchate of Constantinople; and Rules for Acolytes.

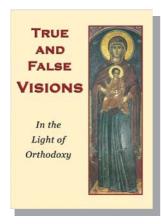


#### Book 4



Topics included are: Open unto Me the Doors of Repentance; Orthodoxy in Action; A Few Words About Russia and Her Martyrs; Participation of Clergy in Public Life; On the Transfiguration; Time to Build; How can we Best Honour our Friends and Relatives who Have Departed this Life?; Christ's Prayer in the Garden; Two Banquets; In Memory of the Royal Martyrs; Watch!; and We Call Ourselves Christian. This volume also includes some of Saint John's pastoral letters.

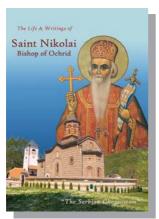
### TRUE AND FALSE VISIONS IN THE LIGHT OF ORTHODOXY



Living in a time of great apostasy from the true Faith of the Orthodox Church, people are flocking more and more to false miracles and visions. This book offers a valuable explanation on how the demons are involved in many visions and dreams. It gives accounts of true and false visions within Othodoxy, true visions to non-Orthodox and false visions outside the church.

68 pp

### THE LIFE & WRITINGS OF SAINT NIKOLAI BISHOP OF OCHRID



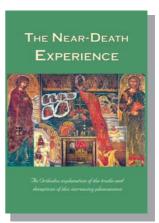
This great Serbian spiritual luminary is often called "The New Chrysostom" of the Serbian land, on account of the remarkable beauty and eloquence of his spiritual writings and homilies. He possessed the gift of being able to transmit the teachings of the Church in such a way that the Faith of Christ penetrated the souls of both the educated and the simple. This book includes a selection of his writings and

sermons such as his *Missionary Letters, On the Suffering of the Russian People* and *What Was Christ Writing on the Ground?* 

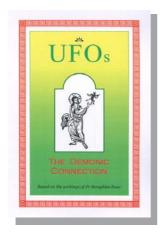
#### THE NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE

The Near-Death phenomenon is not merely the interest of a few occultists and medical researchers; a great number of people have an increasing interest in life beyond the grave. Secular books and newspapers are full of accounts by individuals who have undergone death and then returned to

life. This book gives an Orthodox explanation of the truths and deceptions of this increasing phenomenon. It includes a personal testimony of a Russian atheist about this topic; a commentary revealing the deception of false Near-Death experiences with an explanation by Father Seraphim Rose; and a sermon by Saint John of Shanghai & San Francisco on *Life After Death*. 60 pp



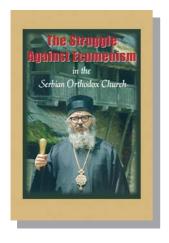
#### **UFOs: THE DEMONIC CONNECTION**



This book gives an Orthodox explanation of the UFO phenomenon based on the writings of Father Seraphim Rose. It covers issues such as Saucers and Contactees, the Occult Connection, UFOs and Witchcraft, the UFO Message and its connection to Antichrist.

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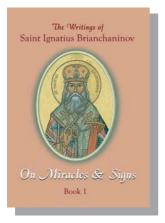
### THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ECUMENISM IN THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Bishop Artemius (Radosavljevich), a spiritual child of Blessed Justin (Popovich), is a bishop of the Serbian Orthodox Church and an active theologian and missionary. This book contains a short biography of Bishop Artemius and his letters to the Serbian Synod revealing the dangers of the World Council of Churches and requesting them to withdraw from this Council. He writes: "The presence of representatives of Orthodox Churches at

various ecumenist gatherings has no canonical justification whatsoever. We do not go there in order to confess boldly, openly and unwaveringly the eternal and unchangeable truth of the Orthodox Faith and Church, but in order to make compromises and, more or less, to agree to all the decisions and formulations the non-orthodox offer us." The book also includes a fiery response to the Synod regarding the un-orthodox practices of Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; an extract from the book Ecumenism in an Age of Apostasy by Hieromonk Sava (Yanjic), a spiritual child of Bishop Artemius; and a sermon by the renowned theologian Blessed Justin titled Humanistic Ecumenism.

# THE WRITINGS OF SAINT IGNATIUS BRIANCHANINOV ON MIRACLES & SIGNS

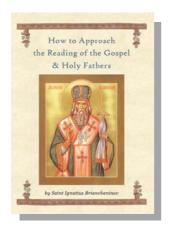


Saint Ignatius Brianchaninov, Bishop of the Russian Church (1857-1867), produced a great number of spiritual writings urging all Christians to embrace a true Christian life. This book is the first of a series of writings by Saint Ignatius - it is a commentary about the false miracles and signs which will occur towards the end of the world and how people will accept them as being from God. He

emphasises that the trusting of these false signs and miracles will be a preparation for the coming of Antichrist. A short biography of the Saint is also included in this publication.

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### How to Approach the Reading of the Gospel & Holy Fathers

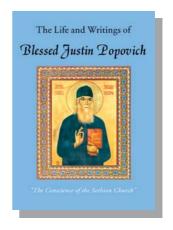


This book contains a series of three articles written by this enlightened contemporary father entitled: On Reading the Gospel; On Reading the Holy Fathers; and On Shunning the Reading of Books Containing False Teachings. A very important book, especially in the confusing times we live in.

28 pp

#### THE LIFE & WRITINGS OF BLESSED JUSTIN POPOVICH

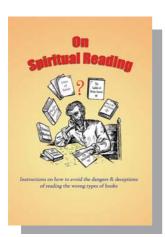
Blessed Justin Popovich (†1979), the renowned Serbian Theologian, was a patristic scholar and true philosopher. He devoted his many talents to defending the Orthodox Faith against ecumenism for which he was appropriately named "The Conscience of the Serbian Church". This book contains a biography and a selection of his writings: How to Read the Bible; From Time to Eternity, The Internal Mission of our Church; and On the



Summoning of the "Great Council" of the Orthodox Church which explains the dangers of the oncoming "Ecumenical Council" which he says will not be based on the correct precepts of the Fathers but on modernism.

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#### ON SPIRITUAL READING



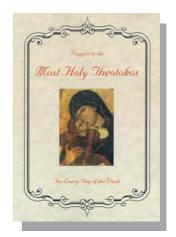
Spiritual reading is very beneficial to the soul but it can also be harmful if, either intentionally or out of ignorance, we read books which are inappropriate for our spiritual level or if we read them in an incorrect manner, or both. This book contains a number of articles from authors, such as Father Seraphim Rose, who explain how to avoid the dangers and deceptions of this otherwise soulsaving activity.

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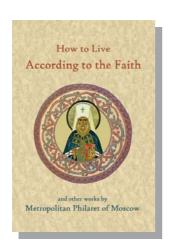
# PRAYERS TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS FOR EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

A beautiful collection of prayers to our most fervent Protectress and Intercessor, the Most Holy Mother of God. An account of the miracle of the icon of the Mother of God "Unexpected Joy" is also included in this book. An excellent book for the icon corner.

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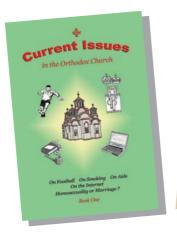


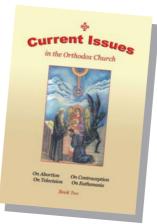
#### How to Live According to the Faith



The saintly Archpastor Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow advises the faithful on how to act as Christians in the world, covering such topics as: What to do in the Morning; The Dwelling and Clothing of a Christian; Attending Church; How to Celebrate Feast Days; and What to do in the Evening. Also included is a short biography of Metropolitan Philaret and some of his writings. 40pp

# CURRENT ISSUES IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH





#### Book 1

# On Football, On Smoking, On the Internet, On AIDS, Homosexuality or Marriage?

This book examines a number of current issues and puts them into an Orthodox perspective. It contains the prophetic warning of Elder Barsanuphius of Optina concerning football; writings on the harmful effects of smoking by Saint Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain and Elder Ambrose of Optina; and Orthodox commentaries on the controversial issues of the Internet, AIDS and Homosexuality.

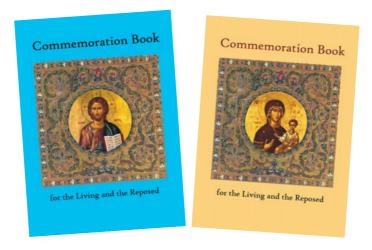
#### Book 2

### On Abortion, On Contraception, On Television, On Euthanasia

Living in an anti-Christian world, it is easy to become influenced by the attitudes portrayed by the media. This informative book explains the Orthodox teaching on current issues such as abortion, contraception, artificial methods of conception, amniocentesis, euthanasia, and the dangers of television.

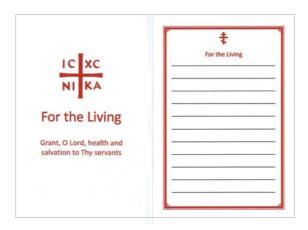
48 pp

### **COMMEMORATION BOOKS**



Russian style Commemoration Books for recording names of the living and reposed for personal remembrance and use in the Divine Services.

These books are in English and include two full colour icons inside.



## BOOKMARKS

## Our Lord Jesus Christ



Heal the wounds of my soul, O Lord Jesus Christ and make me worthy of Thy Heavenly Kingdom.



CHRIST STAVRONIKITA



JESUS
CHRIST,
SOH OF GOD,
HAVE MERCY
OH ME.
THE SINKER

O LORD



CHRIST RUBLEV



risen from the dead, by death has He trampled down death, and on those in the graves has He bestowed life.



CHRIST RESURRECTION



Behold the Bridegroom comes in the middle of the night, and blessed is that servant who He shall find watching.



**B**RIDEGROOM



O my
Saviour,
do not cut me
down like
the unfruitful
fig tree; but
in Thy
compassion
take pity on
me.



CHRIST WITH FIG TREE

## Most Holy Mother of God



O Theotokos and Virgin, rejoice, O Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of the womb; for thou hast born the Saviour of our souls.



THEOTOKOS STAVRONIKITA



O Theotokos and Virgin, rejoice, O Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb; for thou hast born the Saviour of our souls.



THEOTOKOS OF VLADIMIR



O MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS SAVE US

THEOTOKOS GREEK CRETAN



O Most
Holy
Theotokos
save us

THEOTOKOS
RUSSIAN NOVGOROD

## Angels and Saints



Under the shelter of thy godly wings we flee for refuge, O Archangel Michael. shelter and preserve us throughout our life



O divine Archangel Gabriel, by your fervent prayers to our Lord and Saviour, free us from the darkness of our passions



Create in me a clean heart. O God, and renew a right spirit within me.



Holy and Glorie Forerunner, Saint John the Baptist pray to God for me, a sinner and order my life in accordance witi the will of God unto salvation. Saint John the Bapti ommemorated 7 Jan

**A**RCHANGEL MICHAEL

**A**RCHANGEL GABRIEL

HOLY PROPHET KING DAVID

HOLY APOSTLE PAUL

Apostle Paul

ST JOHN THE **B**APTIST



Saint Joachim, pray to God for me, a sinner and order my life in accordance with the will of God unto salvation.



pray to God for me, a sinner, and order my life in accordance with the will of God unto salvation.

O holy

Great-martyr George, pray to God for me

**GREAT-MARTYR** GEORGE



O holy Great-martyr Demetrius, pray to God for me

**GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIUS** 



Great martyr Catherine, pray to God for me, a sinner, and order my life in accordance with the will of God unto salvation.

**G**REAT-MARTYR **CATHERINE** 

ST JOACHIM ANCESTOR OF GOD

ST ANNA ANCESTOR OF GOD

## Angels and Saints



Saint Vladimir, pray to God for me, a sinner, and order my life in accordance with the will of God unto salvation. Great Price Vladimir Commemorated 15 July





Seraphim of Sarov, pray to God for me, a sinner, and order my life in accordance with the will of God unto salvation.



Saint Seraphim of Sarov Commemorated 2 Januar



Come to our aid,
O blessed
Xenia
and deliver us
from sin and
every passion

Saint Xenia of Petersburg Commemorated 24 January

O righteous Saint Alexis, pray to Christ God that He grant peace and great mercy to our souls

Saint Alexis the Man of Go Commemorated 17 March

GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR OF KIEV SAINT OLGA PRINCESS OF KIEV ST SERAPHIM OF SAROV ST XENIA OF PETERSBURG ST ALEXIS
THE MAN OF GOD



SAINT NICHOLAS OF MYRA

Nicholas,

pray to God

for me



O God-bearing Father, Saint Nectarios, heal and sanctify all that hasten to thee and kiss thine icon and relics with reverence

SAINT NECTARIOS OF PENTAPOLIS



Holy
Hieromartyr
Cyprian
pray to God
for me, a sinner,
and order my
life in accordance
with the will
of God unto
salvation.

HOLY HIERARCH CYPRIAN



O Holy
Hierarch Basil,
pray to God
for me, a sinner,
and order
my life
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salvation.

SAINT BASIL THE GREAT



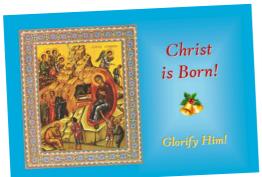
Saint Irene, pray to God for me, a sinner, and order my life in accordance with the will of God unto salvation.

St Irene of Chrysovalanto Commemorated 28 July

ST IRENE OF CHRYSOVALANDOU

# GREETING CARDS

## Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



O Wonder never seen! The God before the ages is now born of the Virgin a little babe in Bethlehem in a crib of senseless beasts.

We worship Thy Birth, O Christ!

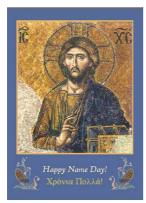
(Hymns from the service of the Nativity of Christ)



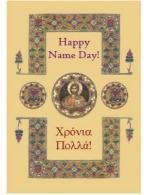


Thou wast born secretly in the cave, O Saviour; but Heaven announced Thee unto all, using the star as its voice. And it brought to Thee the Magi, who worshipped Thee in faith. With them, have mercy on us. (Hymn from Vespers of the Feast)

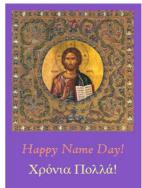
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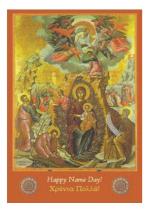
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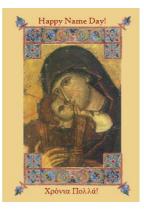
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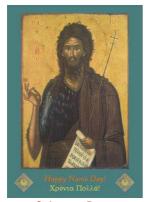
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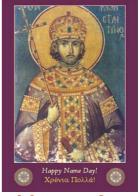
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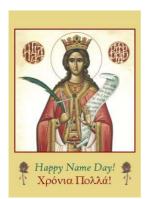


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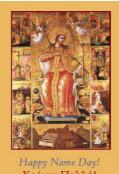


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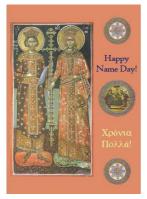
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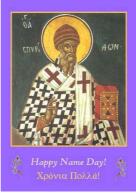
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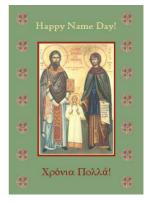
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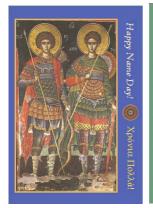
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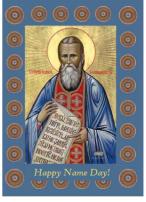
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WEDDING CARD 1



May God bless your Wedding!



WEDDING CARD 2



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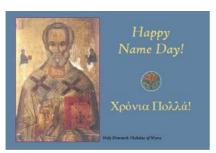


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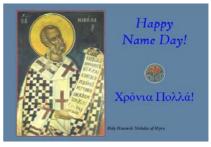
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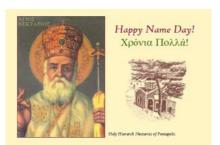




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