



## **Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin**

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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** – Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** – For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**July 21, 2024**  
**Volume 60: Number 29**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of July 21 - 28, 2024**  
**Celebrating our 97<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, July 21 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –Tone 3 – Graduate Sunday

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Rose (40 Yr.); John, Sr (85 Yr); +Theodore (42 Yr); +Matthew (76 Yr); +Theresa (43 Yr); +Carl, Sr. (20 Yr); +Mark (42 Yr); Jon-Matthew (52 Yr); +Frances (26 Yr) & +Mara (23 Yr) – Carl Kraufhauser

Panakhya: +Michael Lahuta (13 Yr.) – Sonya Patronik

Special Coffee Hour

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 AM – Butter and Onions

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Thursday, July 25

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 26

7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes

10:00 AM – Making cheese balls

6:00 PM – Making potato balls

Saturday, July 27

8:00 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, July 28 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Jaroslav Kurtasz – (28 yr) – Pani Liz, Father Stephen and Family  
Coffee Hour

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13

Monday – Romans 12:4-5, 15-21; Matthew 12:9-13

Tuesday – Romans 14:9-18; Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30

Wednesday – Blessed Equal to the Apostles Olha, Princess of Kyiv – Matins: Matthew 25:1-13; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 7:36-50; Day: Romans 15: 7-16; Matthew 12:38-45

Thursday – Romans 15:17-29; Matthew 12:46-13:3

Friday – Romans 16:1-16; Matthew 13:3-9

Saturday – Romans 8:14-21; Matthew 9:9-13

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – St. Volodymyr, Enlightener of Ukraine – Baptism of Ukraine - Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Liturgy: Romans 10:1-10; Matthew 8:28-9:1; St. Volodymyr: Galatians 1:11-19; John 10:1-9

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## GRADUATE SUNDAY

### I'M ALIVE AND LIVING IN A WORLD OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES

None of us can say exactly what the future holds for us. But as we move forward with God as our guide, we can be certain that the future will be full of phenomenal experiences for all of us. And although the future is uncertain, perhaps we can begin to influence the possibilities that abound by establishing a permanent bond of harmony and love in the world around us. Like a seed planted in the ground, this unbridled sense of peace and harmony will soon grow and spread on its own, from person to person, from city to city, until the whole world is infused with good will. Yes, the future holds great things for us, and together we can look forward to it with an expectation of unlimited peace and harmony. "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27)

## HIGH SCHOOL

**Nathaniel Krauthauser** – Nathaniel graduated from Salesianum High School and will be attending Delaware Technical and Community College in the Fall.

**Zahar Smith** – Zahar graduated from Christiana High School Honors Academy where he distinguished himself as a Navy JROTC Cadet and served as President of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Club. Concurrently, he enrolled in honors classes at Wilmington University. Over the past few years Zahar excelled in national BPA competitions, achieving 9<sup>th</sup> place in 2024. Beginning this fall, he will pursue a degree in Business and Finance at the University of Delaware.

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

**Sebastian Krauthouser** – Sebastian graduated from Widener University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Physics. He is currently working at Entrust Solutions as a Design Engineer for the distribution of power through conventional grid and residential solar power.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

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#### 4th Sunday After Pentecost

The healing of the centurion's servant is one of nine miracles described by Matthew following the Sermon on the Mount. These miracles show Jesus' power over sickness, evil and death, and his authority over the laws Of nature. He is revealed as the Messiah of deed, just as his teachings show him as the Messiah of word.

The centurion's faith rested on his understanding of who Jesus was. He must have heard Of him, possibly even watched him and listened to him, and he concluded that Jesus was a man with great authority. It cannot have been Jesus' station in life, his background, accent or wealth that struck the centurion. No, he was impressed with the personal greatness of Jesus, signified by the title "Lord" (Matthew 8:5). We can gain an insight into what it means to have faith from this centurion. He took steps based on what he knew about Jesus, approaching him humbly and expectantly. He had decided that Jesus had the will and the power to help him, and he was not disappointed.

The centurion's faith was pivotal: it astonished Jesus and opened the way for a miracle. Jesus said: "Let it be done for you according to your faith" (Matthew 8:13), indicating the importance of the man's faith. Faith draws down the power of God. The same is true for us today: If we have faith, we will see God work great things in our lives and in the lives of our families. We do not need great knowledge; we need only to act on what we do know about Jesus. The centurion could not have known in his time what we now know, following Jesus' death and resurrection. But he had the courage to approach Jesus and ask for the help he needed. Faith grows in this way; each step taken bears fruit in greater knowledge of the Lord. The centurion had an even deeper knowledge of Jesus after the miracle! As we base our decisions on what we know about Jesus, we will experience him working. Test the goodness of God and we will find the words of the prophet fulfilled in our own lives: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases" (Isaiah 53:4).

"Lord Jesus, show us how to grow in faith in order to see your loving intervention in our lives, in our families, and in the church."

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### **Equal to the Apostles, Princess Olha**

While Olha's birth date is unknown, it could be as early as 890 AD and as late as 925 AD. According to the *Primary Chronicle* Olha was born and lived in Pskov. Little is known about her life before her marriage to Prince Ihor I of Kyiv and the birth of their son, Svyatoslav. Ihor was the son and heir of Rurik, founder of Rurik dynasty. After his father's death Ihor was under guardianship of Oleh, who had consolidated power in the region, conquering neighboring tribes and establishing a capital in Kyiv. This loose tribal federation became known as Kyivan Rus'.

The Drevlians were a neighboring tribe with which the growing Kyivan Rus' empire had a complex relationship. The Drevlians had joined Kyivan Rus' in military campaigns against the Byzantine Empire and paid tribute to Ihor's predecessors. They stopped paying tribute upon Oleh's death and instead gave money to a local warlord. In 945, Ihor set out to the Drevlian capital, Iskorosten (today known as Korosten in northern Ukraine), to force the tribe to pay tribute to Kyivan Rus'. Confronted by Ihor's larger army, the Drevlians backed down and paid him. As Ihor and his army rode home, however, he decided the payment was not enough and returned, with only a small envoy, seeking more tribute. Upon his arrival in their territory, the Drevlians murdered Ihor.

After Igor's death in 945, Olga ruled Kyivan-Rus as regent on behalf of their son Svyatoslav. Little is known about Olha's tenure as ruler of Kyiv, but the *Primary Chronicle* does give an account of her accession to the throne and her bloody revenge on the Drevlians for the murder of her husband as well as some insight into her role as civil leader of the Kyivan people.

In the 950s, Olha traveled to Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire, to visit Emperor Constantine VII. Once in Constantinople, Olha converted to Christianity with the assistance of the Emperor and the Patriarch. While the *Primary Chronicle* does not divulge Olha's motivation for her visit or conversion, it does go into great detail on the conversion process, in which she was baptized and instructed in the ways of Christianity: The reigning Emperor was named Constantine, son of Leo. Olha came before him, and when he saw that she was very fair of countenance and wise as well, the Emperor wondered at her intellect. He conversed with her and remarked that she was worthy to reign with him in his city. When Olha heard his words, she replied that she was still a pagan, and that if he desired to baptize her (be her godfather), he should perform this function himself; otherwise, she was unwilling to accept baptism. The Emperor, with the assistance of the Patriarch, accordingly baptized her. When Olha was enlightened, she rejoiced in soul and body. The Patriarch, who instructed her in the faith, said to her, 'Blessed art you among the women of Kyivan-Rus', for you have loved the light, and quit the darkness. The sons of Kyivan-Rus' shall bless you to the last generation of your

descendants.' He taught her the doctrine of the Church, and instructed her in prayer and fasting, in almsgiving, and in the maintenance of chastity. She bowed her head, and like a sponge absorbing water, she eagerly drank in his teachings. The Princess bowed before the Patriarch, saying, 'Through thy prayers, Holy Father, may I be preserved from the crafts and assaults of the devil!' At her baptism she was christened Helena, after the ancient Empress, mother of Constantine the Great. The Patriarch then blessed her and dismissed her.

While the *Primary Chronicle* notes that Olha was christened with the name "Helena" after the ancient Saint Helena (the mother of Constantine the Great), Jonathan Shepard argues that Olha's baptismal name comes from the contemporary emperor's wife, Helena. The observation that Olha was "worthy to reign with him in his city" suggests that the emperor was interested in marrying her. While the *Chronicle* explains Constantine's desire to take Olha as his wife as stemming from the fact that she was "fair of countenance and wise as well," marrying Olha could certainly have helped him gain power over Kyivan Rus'. The *Chronicle* recounts that Olha asked the Emperor to be her godfather knowing that his baptismal sponsorship, by the rules of spiritual kinship, would make marriage between them a kind of spiritual incest. Though her desire to become Christian may have been genuine, this request was also a way for her to maintain political independence. After the baptism, when Constantine repeated his marriage proposal, Olha answered that she could not marry him since Church law forbade a goddaughter to marry her godfather: After her baptism, the Emperor summoned Olha and made known to her that he wished her to become his wife. But she replied, 'How can you marry me, after yourself baptizing me and calling me your daughter? For among Christians that is unlawful, as you yourself must know.' Then the Emperor said, 'Olha, you have outwitted me.' He gave her many gifts of gold, silver, silks, and various vases, and dismissed her, still calling her his daughter.

*The Primary Chronicle* reports that Olha received the Patriarch's blessing for her journey home, and that once she arrived, she unsuccessfully attempted to convert her son to Christianity: Now Olha dwelt with her son Svyatoslav, and she urged him to be baptized, but he would not listen to her suggestion, though when any man wished to be baptized, he was not hindered, but only mocked. For to the infidels, the Christian faith is foolishness. They do not comprehend it, because they walk in darkness and do not see the glory of God. Their hearts are hardened, and they can neither hear with their ears nor see with their eyes. For Solomon has said, 'The deeds of the unrighteous are far from wisdom. Inasmuch as I have called you, and ye heard me not, I sharpened my words, and ye understood not. But you have set at nought all my counsel, and would have none of my reproach. For they have hated knowledge, and the fear of God they have not chosen. They would none of my counsel, but despised all my reproof.'

This passage highlights the hostility towards Christianity in Kievan Rus' in the tenth century. In the *Chronicle*, Svyatoslav declares that his followers would "laugh" if he were to accept Christianity. While Olha tried to convince her son that his followers would follow his example if he converted, her efforts were in vain. However, her son agreed not to persecute those in his kingdom who did convert, which marked a crucial turning point for Christianity in the area. Despite the resistance of her people to Christianity, Olha built churches in Kyiv, Pskov, and elsewhere.

According to the *Primary Chronicle*, Olha died from illness in 969. At the time of her death, it seemed that Olha's attempt to make Kyivan Rus' a Christian territory had been a failure. Nonetheless, Olha's Christianizing mission would be brought to fruition by her grandson, Volodymyr, who officially adopted Christianity in 988. The *Primary Chronicle* highlights Olha's holiness in contrast to the pagans around her during her life as well as the significance of her decision to convert to Christianity: Olha was the precursor of the Christian land, even as the day-spring precedes the sun and as the dawn precedes the day. For she shone like the moon by night, and she was radiant among the infidels like a pearl in the mire, since the people were soiled, and not yet purified of their sin by holy baptism. But she herself was cleansed by this sacred purification.... She was the first from Kyivan Rus' to enter the kingdom of God, and the son of Kyivan Rus' thus praise her as their leader, for since her death she has interceded with God in their behalf.

**Troparion - Tone 1:** Giving your mind the wings of divine understanding \* you soared above visible creation seeking God the Creator of all. \* When you had found Him, you received rebirth through baptism. \* As one who enjoys the Tree of Life, \* you remain eternally incorrupt, ever-glorious Olha.

**Kontakion - Tone 4:** Today let us praise God the Benefactor of all \* who glorified divinely-wise Olha \* that through her prayers, He may grant our souls remission of sins.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Jelena Bazinov, 7/18, Pani Elizabeth Hutnick, 7/21, Elsie Moroz, 7/25, & Kateryna Bazinov, 7/26. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**MAKING PYROHY** - We will be making pyrohy on Saturday, July 27 & Saturday, August 24.

### MEETINGS

**PARISH BOARD** - Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:30 PM



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

July 21 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

July 28 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

August 4 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

August 11 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

August 18 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

## CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of July 22 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 29 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of August 5- Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of August 12 - Nancy Hlwiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of August 19 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 26 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of September 2 - Mark & Laura Andreas

**UOL FLEA MARKET** - Our UOL is sponsoring their annual Flea Market on Saturday, August 3 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All donations of your treasures will be graciously accepted. **Please note that all donations of clothing must be clean and only gently worn.** All donations will be accepted on the following days: **Sunday**, July 28 - after the Divine Liturgy; **Tuesday**, July 30 - Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM; **Wednesday**, July 31- Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM; **Thursday**, August 1 - Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM Also, any finger snacks like cupcakes, brownies, etc. will be graciously accepted. Please support this event!!!

**AN EVENING TO SUPPORT WOUNDED UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS** – August 31 from 3 – 7 PM – Chambers Memorial Hall of Millcreek Fire Co. (3900 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE). Buffet style dinner with open bar, live Ukrainian Folk Music, an auction to include a Ukrainian Flag signed by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and other items used by the Ukrainian Army. Donation is \$100 per person (children under 13 are free). For reservations, please call Ivan Otamas (215) 962-7236.

## GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 21 - Sonya Patronik

July 28 - David and Eve Lazaration

August 4 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

August 11 – Kathy and Michael Chalfont

August 18 - Sandy Cramer

**We need more Greeters!! If you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen**

**DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas for details.

### **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Atonement Methodist

**SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH** – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

### **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

July 21 - Thomas Sulpizi

July 28 – Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

August 4 – Jean Roeth

August 11 – Linda Hnatow

August 18 – Andrew Duncan

August 25 - Thomas Scholtz

September 1 - Andrew Duncan

**We need more Readers, if you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen**

**SPECIAL THANKS: FEEDING THE HUNGRY** – Special thanks are offered to Chairperson, Linda Hnatow and all who helped making over 200 sandwiches to feed the hungry last Sunday: Michale Tilson, Christopher Belles, Neil Belles, Joyce Belles, Rita Poslysnij, Patricia Kozak, Maria Moldovanova, Alisa Moldovanova, Peter Ge, Wendy Dewhurst, Cristos Kyprianou, Jean Roeth, Nancy Hlywiak, Pani Dobrodyka Elizabeth Hutnick. Special thanks are offered to Jennifer and Earl Robinson for delivering all the food to Emmanuel Dining Hall. May God reward your kindness a hundredfold!

**UOL FLEA MARKET** – is fast approaching: Saturday, August 3. Now is the time to start saving your treasures. More as it comes closer for the drop off dates.

**PATRON'S PATH** – We will be taking orders for replacement bricks that will be engraved and placed in the Path. Just as before, each brick can have the clip art of a three bar Cross or it can be plain. The donation for the bricks is: 4" x 8" engraved brick is \$150 – with the clip art \$175; 8" x 8" engraved brick is \$200 - with the clip art \$225; 12"x 12" engraved brick is \$250 – with the clip art \$275. If you didn't get the chance to be a part of the Patron's Path before, take the opportunity now and tell your family members as well. Please see Father Stephen if you would like to place an order.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Gus Christo, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Gerald Ozlanski, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pain Matka Marianne Ozlanski, Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, , Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Henry, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Marie, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Jonathan Angelo, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Kathy Chalfont, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Michael Dalaski, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Paula Daubert, William Dewhurst, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicja Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Ron Lazaration, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry, Janilyn Bernice Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, David Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Michael Tilson, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

## DISCIPLINE, COMMITMENT & PERSEVERANCE

**A** fourth century saint is featured today on our bulletin. GREAT MARTYR PROCOPIOS was born in the Holy Land to a Christian father and a pagan mother. From an early age he is said to have lived in great purity and abstinence.

As he grew, Procopios began his career in the military under the cruel Emperor Diocletian. Being a soldier, he was sent to control uprisings of disgruntled peoples. It was during one such activity that he is said to have seen a vision of the Cross, and heard a voice saying: ". . . fight not against My servants, lest thou die." His conversion to Christ was completed shortly thereafter, and Procopios the soldier of the pagan emperor became Procopios the warrior for Christ.

In fact, he became a reader of the Church at Scythopolis in the Holy Land. It wasn't long before the soldiers of Diocletian arrested him as a Christian. It was while on a trip to Caesarea that he was taken at the gates of the city and brought to the room of the governor, Flavian. The governor tried to persuade him to sacrifice, but Procopios with a loud and sure voice confessed that there was but ONE GOD, the Creator of all things.

He was taken out of the city and executed with the sword. The account of his martyrdom is given by Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea. Procopios is regarded as a great-martyr, much in the fashion of another soldier of ancient times, St. George.

The passing of centuries have failed to dim the esteem in which the Great Martyr Procopios is held by the Orthodox Church. Much change has come to the world since his day, but the love of a man for the Lord and his desire to serve Him faithfully, has not changed.