Sixth Week of Pentecost



"For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you..."

(Mt 10:20)

Divine Liturgy

Sunday at 4:30 pm St Andrew Church 1899 McCoy Rd Columbus, OH



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Moving to Our Lady of Victory (OLV)

As of <u>July 16</u>, our Mission will be headquartered at Our Lady of Victory (1559 Roxbury Rd), where we will celebrate our Maronite Divine Liturgy <u>every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.</u>

Saint of the Week: Jerome

Saint Jerome was born in Stridon (modern-day Croatia) around 347 AD. He displayed great intellectual curiosity and a deep devotion to his faith from a young age.

While Jerome's intellectual pursuits were remarkable, especially in languages and linguistics, it was his ascetic lifestyle and commitment to spiritual discipline that truly set him apart. Seeking solitude and a life of contemplation, he embarked on several pilgrimages, spending time in Antioch, Trier, and eventually settling in Bethlehem. Through these experiences, he sought to distance himself from worldly distractions and deepen his understanding of the divine.



His most significant contribution to Christianity was his translation of the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate. Recognizing the need for a standardized and accurate version of the Scriptures, he dedicated years of his life to this monumental task. His meticulous approach and profound knowledge of the original languages and cultural nuances allowed him to produce a translation that would become the authoritative text for Western Christianity.

Jerome's fluency in multiple languages allowed him to engage directly with the source texts. His profound scholarship, linguistic expertise, and theological insights allowed him to work on multiple passages simultaneously.

In fact, he would read the original text in one language, such as Hebrew or Greek, and then verbally dictate it in Latin to a team of scribes who would transcribe his words, alternating from one text to another as the scribes wrote what he dictated.

Saint Jerome, the scholarly ascetic, stands as a shining beacon of intellectual rigor and spiritual commitment. He is the patron saint of translators and biblical scholars.

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

- About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.
- After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.
- While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison.
- Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly."
- And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so.
- Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.
- Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

The Gospel: Matthew 10:16-25

- "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves;
- so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.
- Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me,
- as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.
- When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.
- Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name.
- But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
- When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.
- A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"

OLV Festival

Our Lady of Victory is having its annual festival on August 4-5 from 6 to 11 p.m.

As we look forward to our move, we are also planning to have a Lebanese Food booth at this festival.

We will be reaching out to you soon to sign-up for volunteer work/donations to help make our festival a success!

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