

# *Holy Virgin Dormition*

## *Russian Orthodox Church*

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:      17 July 2022

### SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 4)

Romans 10:1-10; Matthew 8:28-9:1

Next Sunday, Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8

*Vespers every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM*

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### REQUIEM MEMORIALS FOR TODAY

ND Martha Martin, offered by Elena & Phil Anischenko

Anna Hatalovich (20 yrs 7/23), offered by family

Serge Andreychek, offered by Tim & Kathy Andreychek

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SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (July 17/4)-  
Czarmartyr Nicholas, *Czarina martyress Alexandra*, Czarevich  
Alexei, *Czarevni: Olga, Tatiana, Maria and Anastasia*; Andrew,  
*Martha, Theodotia*, Theodore, Theodotus, Evfimiy, Tikhon, Basil,  
Nikon, Neal. MON- Athanasius, Sergius, *Anna, Kyrilla,*  
*Elizabeth, Barbara*, Kyprian, John, Igor, Constantine, Vladimir.  
TUE- Sisoius, *Juliana, Martha*, Marinus, Avidfaxus, Kyrinus,  
Valentine, Asterius, Isavrus, Innocent, Felix, Ermius, Basil  
(Vasil), Peregrin, Kointus, *Lucia*, Rex, Anthony, Lukian, *Isidor,*  
Diodor, Kutonius Aronos, Kapikkus, Saturus. WED- Thomas,  
Akakius, Epictetus, Astion, *Kyriakia, Evdokia (Eudoxia, Gloria),*  
Peregrin, Lukian, Pompei, Isichius, Papius, Saturninus,  
Gherman, Evangelos. THUR- Prokopius, Theophilus,  
Anastasius. FRI- Pancratius, Kyrill, Alexander, Patermufius,  
Koprius, Theodore, Anthony. SAT- Anthony, Leonty, Mavriky,  
Daniel, Alexander, Meneus, Ianikitus, Sisinius, Viriladus,  
Vianor, Sylvan, Apollony.

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Parish Council Meeting next Sunday following services

First Votive Cross

Offered by John & Carolyn Greco for health of family.

Second Votive Cross

Offered by Evgeny in memory of Irina.

St. Herman's Shrine

Offered by Simo & Paula Dragovich.

Iconostas Lampadi

Offered by Arthur & Dolores Vidil

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The Holy Royal Martyrs

Tsar Nicholas II was the son of Alexander III, who had reposed in the arms of Saint John of Kronstadt. Having been raised in piety, Tsar Nicholas ever sought to rule in a spirit consonant with the precepts of Orthodoxy and the best traditions of his nation. Tsaritsa Alexandra, a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria of England, and a convert from Lutheranism, was noted for her piety and compassion for the poor and suffering. Their five children were beloved of all for their kindness, modesty, and guilelessness.

Amidst the political turmoil of 1917, Tsar Nicholas selflessly abdicated the throne for what he believed was the good of his country. Although he had abdicated willingly, the revolutionaries put him and his family under house arrest, then sent them under guard to Tobolsk and finally Ekaterinburg. A letter written from Tobolsk by Grand Duchess Olga, the eldest of the children, shows their nobility of soul. She writes, "My father asks that I convey to all those who have remained devoted to him ... that they should not take vengeance on his account, because he has forgiven everyone and prays for them all. Nor should they avenge themselves. Rather, they should bear in mind that this evil which is now present in the world will become yet stronger, but that evil will not conquer evil, but only love shall do so."

After enduring sixteen months of imprisonment, deprivation, and humiliation with a Christian patience which moved even their captors, they and those who were with them gained their crowns of martyrdom when they were shot and stabbed to death in the cellar of the Ipatiev house in Ekaterinburg in 1918.

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