

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy upon us. (3 times)

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O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, now and ever, and unto  
the ages of ages.

*The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be  
gracious to you: The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

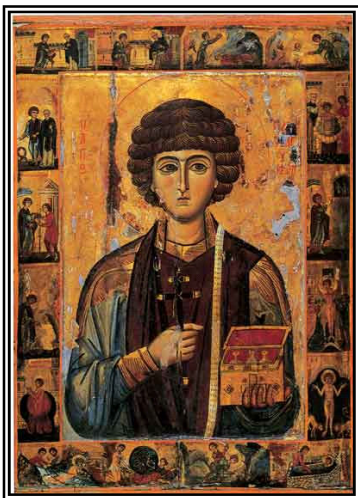
*Numbers 6:24-26*



## Holy Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon

(July 15/August 9)

(✠ 305)



The Holy Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born to a well-to-do family in Nicomedia, Asia Minor. His parents named the boy Pantaleon, which means *like a lion in all things*. Pantaleon's mother raised her son in the Christian faith. She died young, and the little boy was left in the care of his father, Eustorgius, a pagan.

Eustorgius turned his son away from Christ's teachings.

The quiet child grew up beautiful in appearance and exceptionally talented.

Eustorgius wanted Pantaleon to become a doctor and sent him to study medicine with a famous doctor in Nicomedia. Young Pantaleon excelled in his studies, and soon was introduced to Emperor Maximian. The Emperor was very impressed with Pantaleon and decided to make him a court doctor.

Pantaleon heard about Jesus from three priests who had survived a terrible massacre of twenty thousand Christians in 303. One of them, St. Hermolaus, became Pantaleon's close friend and gave him spiritual guidance. The young man learned that a true doctor should not rely on the art of medicine and skill alone; he should pray to the Lord for help in healing.

Once, on the way home from his studies, Pantaleon saw on the ground a dead child who had been bitten by a poisonous snake. Filled with great pity, Pantaleon prayed to the merciful Lord, asking Him to revive the child. The boy came back to life. After this miracle, Pantaleon received Holy Baptism from St. Hermolaus and dedicated his life to the sick, suffering and needy. Pantaleon never took money for his work; he healed people in the name of Jesus Christ. St. Pantaleon's father too became a Christian after he had witnessed his son healing a blind man.

People loved St. Pantaleon and came only to him when they were ill. The other doctors in Nicomedia became envious. They brought a case against Pantaleon before Emperor Maximian. St. Pantaleon confessed that he was a Christian and refused to make sacrifices to pagan gods.

St. Hermolaus and two other priests also were brought before the Emperor. They professed their faith and were beheaded. Pantaleon was subjected to many cruel tortures, but God kept His servant strong.

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Maximian could do nothing to change St. Pantaleon's devotion to the holy faith.

The enraged ruler ordered the saint to be beheaded. As the soldiers were tying Pantaleon to an olive tree, they heard a voice from Heaven calling Pantaleon by the name Panteleimon which means *all-merciful*. Terrified, the soldiers fell on their knees, asking St. Panteleimon for forgiveness. He told them to fulfil their duty. The soldiers cried and kissed the saint's hands before they executed him.

Milk and honey, mixed with blood,  
streamed from the great-martyr's wound.

St. Panteleimon continues to comfort the suffering. Thousands of Christians and non-Christians come to Nicomedia on his feast day and receive healing.

The holy relics of St. Panteleimon rest in many churches all over the world.



Церковь св. Пантелеимона в г. Горно  
Нарези, Македония



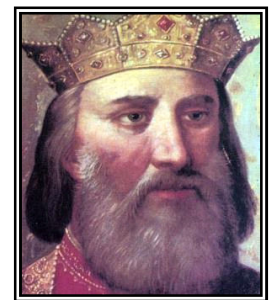
## Holy Martyr Lazar, Prince of Serbia

(June 15/28)

(†1389)

The Holy Martyr Lazar, ruler of Serbia, died for Christ's name at the Battle of Kosovo. He is a beloved hero of the Serbian Orthodox.

Lazar was born in 1329. His father served as an imperial chancellor. Lazar was educated at the court and received the title of *knez* (prince) from Serbian Emperor Stefan Urosh V. After the Emperor's death, Lazar became the country's leader.



Prince Lazar was a faithful servant of the Lord. He built churches and founded many monasteries, including the Monastery of St. Panteleimon on Mount Athos. With the help of St. Lazar, a Synod was called (созван) which elected a new patriarch. At that time there was some disagreement between Serbia and Constantinople. The unity of the Holy Church was very important to the prince, and, in order to heal relations, he sent a delegation of monks to Constantinople. As a result, full communion between the two churches was re-established.

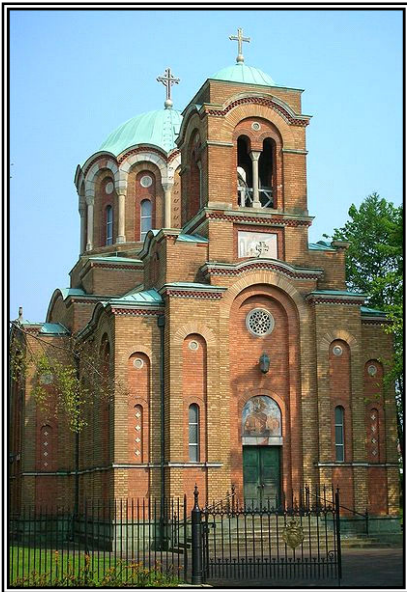
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For a long time Serbia suffered attacks by the Ottoman Empire. Prince Lazar protected his land from invasion and fought against the Turks in many battles. The Battle of Kosovo Field, in June of 1389, was his last.

Sultan Amurat gathered an army of 40,000 soldiers. Lazar had about 15,000 knights, and 12,000 more were in command of Prince Lazar's son-in-law, Vuk Brankovich.

Before the battle, St. Lazar was visited by an angel of God. The angel gave him a choice between an earthly kingdom and a Heavenly Kingdom. It was a choice between surrender and defeat. Lazar and his army decided to fight to the end. "We die for Christ, we live forever," the Holy Prince told his soldiers. They all prepared to die a martyr's death for their country and the Orthodox faith.



Церковь св. Лазаря в Англии,  
г. Бирмингем

Prince Lazar did not know that Vuk Brankovich had made an agreement with the Sultan before the battle. Amurat promised him the crown of Serbia in return for betraying Lazar. At the most critical moment of the battle, Vuk Brankovich left Kosovo Field, taking about 12,000 soldiers with him. Those who followed him thought it was a maneuver to deceive the Turks.

The rest of the Serbian army was defeated. Saint Lazar was captured and beheaded by the Turks.

Soon after his heroic death, Prince Lazar was glorified. His relics now rest in a monastery in Serbia.



### **Saint Martyr Edward, King of England**

**(March 18/31)**

**(✙ 978)**

The Holy Martyr Edward was King of England during the time when the country was Orthodox. Edward's mother passed away shortly after his birth in 962. Edward's father, King Edgar, was the great-grandson of Alfred the Great, one of the most remarkable English kings. Edgar was a wise ruler who reigned for twenty years and brought prosperity to his country, for which he was called Edgar the Peacemaker. After the death of his first wife, King Edgar married Elfreda. Together they had a son, Ethelred. When Edgar died in 975, thirteen-year-old Edward, his eldest son, was crowned King of England.

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Edward was a pious young man, deeply devoted to God. He helped the poor and supported the Church and monasteries. Edward began his reign during difficult times. Famine spread throughout the country. Many noblemen attacked the Church to gain wealth and power, and many monks fled the monasteries.

Opposition to the king formed among the nobility. Edward's step-mother, Elfreda, wanted the crown of England for her son, Ethelred. Elfreda and her supporters plotted to kill the king.

Queen Elfreda invited Edward to visit her and her son in their residence in Corfe Castle. As the king approached the castle on horseback, a few servants came out to greet him. They offered him a cup to drink. Edward was thirsty after the long journey and gladly accepted. Then, one of the servants stabbed him in the back with a knife. As the young king fell, his foot stuck in the stirrup, and the frightened horse ran into the woods. When the horse was finally stopped, Edward was already dead.

Queen Elfreda told her servants to hide the body in the woods. She did not know that God would soon reveal her terrible crime. The first miracle happened on the night of the murder. Before the burial, when the body of the holy king lay in the hut of a blind woman, she suddenly was able to see. Later, near his grave, a spring (источник) appeared. People who bathed in it were healed.

In 980 the body of the king-martyr was taken to Shaftesbury Abby (Аббатство). His resting place became a favourite pilgrimage site for Orthodox Englishmen. King Edward was glorified in 1008.

After Edward's death, his half-brother, Ethelred, became king. He was only a child at the time of the murder, and did not know anything about his mother's plot.

Ethelred regarded King Edward as a saint and martyr. Later, Queen Elfreda sincerely repented. She died as a poor nun in 999.



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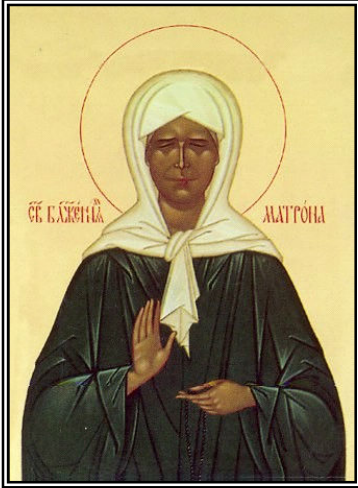


**Blessed Matrona of Moscow**

(April 19/May 2)

(† 1952)

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalms 45:1*



God in His infinite mercy sends His saints to the world to pour out His blessings. Thus He sent His servant, Blessed Matrona of Moscow, to help the weak and sick in times of great spiritual darkness.

Blessed Matrona was born in 1885 to a poor peasant family in the village of Sebino in the Tula Region. At a young age, God gave her spiritual vision and the gift of healing. Without education and blind from birth, everything was revealed to Matrona. She foretold the great suffering that lie ahead for Russia. She saw into each person's heart and inner most thoughts in order to help them. Her prayers healed many people with physical and spiritual afflictions.

Matrona lost the use of her legs at age 17. Accepting it as God's will, she never complained of her condition but considered herself the happiest person. A constant stream of visitors from near and far found their way to Matrona's house in the village. Her wise guidance put many on the path of righteousness.

In 1925 Matrona settled in Moscow where she lived for the rest of her life. Eating very little, she spent her nights in prayer and her days attending to the sick and troubled. As many as forty people a day came to her for help.

Matrona had to move constantly from one apartment to another to avoid arrest. She always knew in advance when the police would come. The Soviet authorities were powerless against a blind, disabled woman supported by the power and grace of God.

During World War II, Matrona told of the fate of relatives on the Front. Some people were reassured that their loved ones were alive; others were comforted and advised to prepare for funeral services. All were instructed to follow the teachings in the Scriptures, marry in the Church, and take Confession and Communion.

People from all walks of life came to Matrona: common people, peasants, intelligentsia and military. Matrona never took credit for the healing or help that others received. She always claimed that God was working through her.

Having foretold the day of her death, Blessed Matrona of Moscow reposed on May 2, 1952. The Orthodox Church remembers her on this day (new calendar).



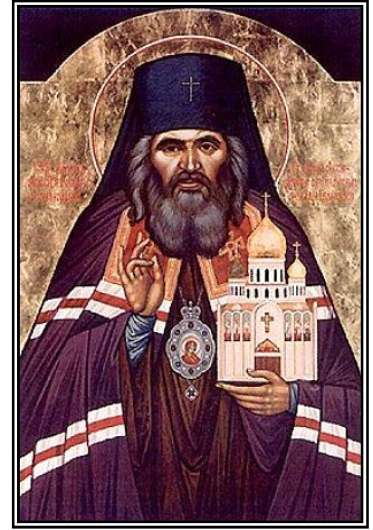
**Blessed John the Wonderworker**

**(June 19/July 2)**

**(†1966)**

Blessed John the Wonderworker was born on June 4, 1896 in the village of Adamovka in Southern Russia. A weak and unhealthy child, he would be a tower of strength for the poor and a source of comfort for the afflicted. Both peacemaker and protector, Vladika helped many people through his spiritual vision and prayers.

During his early years, Blessed John read the lives of many saints and studied diligently in school. After the Russian Civil War, he and his family relocated to Belgrade where he graduated in theology at the University of Belgrade. In 1926 Vladika became a monk and was ordained hierodeacon in the Milkov Monastery. Later on, he taught courses in religion at the Serbian State High School and worked as an instructor at the Serbian Seminary of St. John.



Blessed John quickly rose to the rank of Bishop and then Archbishop. His parishioners recognized that he was no ordinary person. Vladika led the life of a holy ascetic: eating once a day at 11 p.m., praying constantly, serving the Divine Liturgy daily, and sleeping in a sitting position only one or two hours in the early morning. He possessed the gift of clairvoyance, which he used for the benefit of others. Many people were healed by his prayers.

In 1934 Archbishop John was transferred to Shanghai where he served a large population of Russian refugees. Upon his arrival, he restored harmony in the Church and established contacts with Ukrainians, Serbs and Greeks. An orphanage was built that rescued 3,500 homeless street children. During the Japanese occupation, when it was dangerous to be out at night, Vladika visited the sick at all hours, and no harm ever came to him. When the communists came to power, Vladika organized the evacuation of thousands of people to an island in the Philippines. As a result of his visit to Washington D.C., the United States Congress passed legislation that made possible their immigration to the United States.

After serving in Paris and Brussels, Father John was sent to San Francisco at the request of many Russians who had known him in China. Suffering slander and persecution, he ended a bitter controversy in the Church community. He bore all accusations without complaining or judging others. A San Francisco court in 1963 cleared the name of Father John and found him innocent of all wrong-doing. The construction of the Holy Virgin Cathedral of San Francisco was soon

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completed. In 1949 Archbishop John founded the parish of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Washington D.C.

Sometime before his passing, Saint John gave hints of his approaching death. Until the end, he led a life of righteousness in harmony with God's laws.

God chose to make His strength known through a weak, bent man who could not speak clearly. Wondrous are His ways.

*You are the God Who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples. Psalms 76:15*



Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

–Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

### **Jesus, Stand Among Us**

Jesus, stand among us, in Your risen power;  
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;  
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue our way,  
Watching for the dawning of eternal day.

–William Pennefather (1816-1873)



### **We Praise You, O God**

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring,  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us,  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

–Anonymous



**God of Mercy, God of Grace**

God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of Thy face;  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill Thy Church with light divine,  
And Thy saving hand extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord!  
Earth shall then her fruits afford,  
God to man His blessings give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below and all above  
One in joy and light and love.

—Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Let the people praise Thee, Lord!  
Be by all that live adored;  
Let the nations shout and sing  
Glory to their Saviour King,  
At Thy feet their tribute pay,  
And Thy holy will obey.



**Deep River**

Deep river,  
My home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, Lord,  
I want to cross over into campground.

O don't you want to go  
To that gospel feast,  
That promised land  
Where all is peace?  
O don't you want to go  
To that promised land,  
The land where all is peace?

Deep river,  
My home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, Lord,  
I want to cross over into campground.  
—African American spiritual, anonymous.



## Amazing Grace

Traditional, arr: J. Fry

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Thro’ many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
Than when we first begun.

—John Newton, 1779

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# Joy to the World

G. F. Handel

Arr: J. Fry

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth re -

ceive her King! Let ev - ery heart pre -

pare Him with loud acclaim, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture

sing and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing!

2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love.  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessing flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

—Isaac Watts, 1719

## Away in the Manger

Carl Mueller, arr. J. Fry



1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes.  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

—Anonymous

# Silent Night

Franz Gruber  
Arr: J. Fry

1. Silent night, Holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in Heavenly peace  
Sleep in Heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, Holy Night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from Heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night, Holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy Holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

—Joseph Mohr, 1816

