



Tolga Icon of the Most Holy Mother of God appeared on August 8/21, 1314 to Rostov Hierarch Prochor. Traveling through his diocese, Vladyka Prochor visited White Lake and then journeyed along the banks of the Sheksna and Volga Rivers, on the way to Yaroslavl. He stopped at sundown on the right bank of the Volga River, seven miles from the city, opposite the place where the Tolga River joins its waters with the Volga River.

At midnight, when everyone was asleep, Prochor awoke and saw a bright light illuminating the area. The light came from a fiery column on the other bank of the river, to which there stretched a bridge. Taking up his staff, Prochor went to the other bank, and approaching the fiery column, saw the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, suspended in the air. Astonished at this miracle, Prochor began to pray. When he went back to the camp, he forgot to take his staff.

The next day, having served the Matins, Hierarch Prochor was getting ready to continue his journey by boat, his staff, however, could not be found. Then the hierarch remembered that he had left his staff on the other side of the river when he had walked across the miraculous bridge. He then revealed what had occurred and sent servants across on a boat to the other shore. They came back and reported that they had seen an icon of the Mother of God in the forest suspended in the branches of a tree, next to his bishop's staff.

The hierarch quickly crossed over with his retinue to the opposite shore and he

recognized the icon that had appeared to him the night before. After fervent prayers before the icon, the forest was cleared and the foundation for a church was created. When the people of Yaroslavl learned of this, they came out to the spot. By midday the church was already built, and that same evening, the hierarch consecrated it in honor of the Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos. Having installed the icon there, he established a Feast on the day of its appearance. Later, he built the Tolga Monastery near this same church.

Sunday, August 21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:30

Commemoration of Holy Hierarch Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (†820), Venerable Zosimas, Sabbatii and Herman of Solovki and Feast of Tolga icon of the Mother of God

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Wednesday, August 24

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Sunday, August 28

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:30 A.M.

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Edinburgh, Scotland: David Millar - who stabbed frail 82-year-old Lucy Marshall to death - will skip his duties in the laundry because of his new faith – he found it quite convenient to convert to Islam once behind the bars. He will be excused from work on Fridays so he can attend prayers. And he's told pals he'll not have to do chores during the holy month of Ramadan. The 28-year-old will also receive special halal meals such as curries at Dumfries prison. One jail source said: "He works in the laundry but wants to use his new-found faith to get out of it. He's told a few of his cronies he won't have to work for the whole of Ramadan, which is basically like getting a month off his duties. It's so see-through." Jail sources claim Millar - who was just 14 when he knifed Lucy in a Buckfast-fuelled frenzy in 1997 in Cowdenbeath, Fife - showed no previous interest in Islam before his conversion. But it's believed the fitness fanatic thought a Muslim diet would aid his weight training. One guard said: "It came out of the blue. But we're duty-bound to help once a prisoner decides to become Muslim." Millar - who was detained without limit of time - married behind bars after meeting wife Sheree Malik, 29, on an online dating website for cons. Last month a wife killer Malcolm Webster, 52, became a Muslim convert because he fancied better grub, reports the Scottish Sun.



London, U.K.: Relics of a local saint have been found buried under a block of flats. A lead container was uncovered which is thought to contain remains of an Orthodox saint -- Saint Edburg, who was the daughter of a pagan King and born in around 620 AD. Experts think the uncovering of the sacred remains marks the first time a saint's relics have been found in this country. Also known as Edburga, or Eadburh, she was celebrated for building a monastery and is the patron saint of Bicester, Oxfordshire. The simple reliquary discovered at the site was made out of a lead sheet which had been bent over the remains to protect them. It was found alongside 13 skeletons which had been buried underneath a former block of flats. 'It is really exciting. A first-class reliquary is actually the bones of a saint and a second- class is the clothes of a saint,' said archaeologist Paul Riccoboni. Saint Edburg was born in Quarrendon in the seventh century to King Penda of Mercia. She was a nun at Castor, Northamptonshire, under her sister St Cuneburga, before building a monastery on land given to her by her father. Saint Edburg died around 650AD and from 1182 her relics were kept at Bicester Priory, Oxfordshire, until 1500 when Pope Alexander VI ordered her remains to be removed and relocated to Flanders in Belgium. Some of the saint's bones were taken across the Channel, while some remained buried at the Priory site.

Kampala, Uganda: A 14-year-old girl in western Uganda is still unable to walk 10 months after her father tortured her for leaving Islam and putting her faith in Christ. Susan Ithungu of Isango village, Kasese district, has been hospitalized at Kagando Hospital since October 2010 after neighbors with police help rescued her from her father, Beya Baluku. He was arrested shortly afterward but quickly released. "I heard the message of Christ's great love of him dying for us to get everlasting peace, and there and then I decided to believe in Christ," Susan said from her hospital bed. "After a month, news reached my father that I had converted to Christianity, and that was the beginning of my

troubles with him. Our father warned us not to attend church or listen to the gospel message. He even threatened us with a sharp knife that he was ready to kill us in broad daylight in case we converted to Christianity.” Susan was locked up in a room of the semi-permanent house for six months without seeing sunlight, while her younger brother was warned not to tell anyone that Susan was locked up in a room and was not given any food. Her brother said that when their father was away, he roasted bananas for his sister. “I also dug a hole under the door, where I could pour water through,” he said. “My sister could drink the water using her tongue. But most days she could only feed on mud.” A nearby resident who requested anonymity said neighbors became concerned after not seeing her for several months. “Her brother then disclosed to us that Susan was locked up in one of the rooms in the house,” the area resident said. “We then reported the case to the Harukungu local council and then to the Bwera police station. The police went to the house and broke the door. The miserable young Susan was bony, very weak, and not able to talk or walk. Her hair had turned yellow, she had long fingernails and sunken eyes, and she looked very slim, less than 20 kilograms [44 pounds].”

Athens, Greece: Hundreds of churches have been burgled this year and faced with a rapid rise in the number of break-ins over the past few years, Greek Orthodox priests across the country are taking extra measures to protect church property. Sunday’s *Kathimerini* has learned that an increasing number of Orthodox places of worship are being safeguarded with anti-theft systems such as metal fences, locks and alarm systems, in an attempt to protect their contents from burglars. Church raiders, sources said, often do not stop at stealing money from collection boxes, but are targeting sacred items such as portable icons, holy vessels and even relics. Priests are complaining that some burglars go as far as stealing church bells and candle holders, which are then sold to scrap metal dealers for small amounts of cash. *Kathimerini* was told that even lamps left on graves in cemeteries have not escaped the thieves’ attention. Police say that more than 500 churches have been targeted by thieves in the last year, but hundreds more break-ins, especially in small churches in and outside of Greece’s villages, are thought to have gone unreported.



Moscow, Russia: Member of the Expert Council of the Synodal Youth Department and senior lecturer at the bioethics department of Russian State Medical University Hieromonk Dimitrii (Pershin) urged the government to apply abortion money to raise the birth rate. "A woman must be paid at least two thousand rubles (about 75 USD) a month beginning from the third week of her pregnancy. The money will be available, if the government cancels the "abortion rent": today, taxpayers contribute their own money to pay for "free" abortions which cost us several billions a year," Father Dimitrii said in an interview run in an August issue of *Krestovskiy Most*, an Orthodox newspaper. According to him, abortions should be paid for (except for some specific cases) and "those abortion billions have to be paid to women willing to give birth to their children." Besides, the abortion industry should be separated from obstetrics and gynecology sector into a special category and the government should grant special licenses to the dedicated centers and rigidly oversee their work. Every woman intending to make an abortion should be given at least two days to think over her decision, he said and emphasized that this measure has reduced the number of abortions in Estonia by one third.

Washington, D.C.: Twelve Catholic biblical scholars have joined nearly 200 scholars from two dozen Protestant denominations in translating the newly published anti-Christian ‘Common English

Bible' (CEB). "It's an honor and a pleasure to be associated with this good project," said Father Daniel Harrington, SJ, professor at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. The CEB eschews the word "man" in several passages: Christ is referred to as the "Human One" rather than the "Son of man" (Mt. 10:23), and "the human" replaces "the man" in Genesis 2 ("with the rib taken from the human, the Lord God fashioned a woman and brought her to the human being"). "Happy" replaces "blessed" in the Beatitudes. The CEB translates other familiar passages in new ways. The Lord God "formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land" rather than from the "dust of the ground" (Gn. 2:7). The new translation also offers an absurd rendition of the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. August bulletin covers' sponsors are the Springman family — birthdays.
2. This Sunday, two candles on the Altar Table are offered by Anne Springman and Helen Urban for health of Madge Petri.
3. This Sunday, as well as the following three Sundays, the Eternal Light is offered in memory of Joseph Fesko, Barbara Feczko, Michael Feczko, Anna Feczko and for health of the Feczko family.