

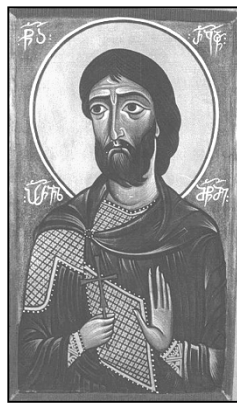
## PROTOMARTYR ST. RAZHDEN OF PERSIA, THE GEORGIAN Commemorated Today, August 3

Saint Razhden the Protomartyr ("First Martyr") of Persia) came from a noble Persian family. When Holy King Vakhtang Gorgasali married the daughter of Persian king Hormuzd III Balunducht, the queen took Razhden with her to Georgia.

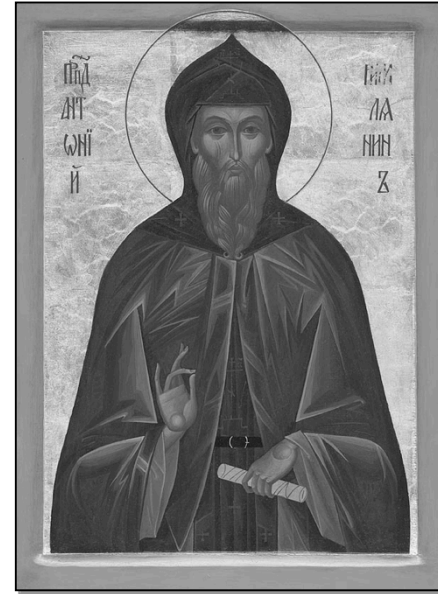
In Kartli Razhden converted to the Christian Faith, and King Vakhtang gave him an estate and appointed him as a military adviser and commander.

At that time Georgia was under heavy political pressure from Persia. Enraged at King Vakhtang's clearly Christian convictions, the Persian king Peroz (Son of Yazgard III.) (457-484) attacked Georgia with an enormous army. In this battle Razhden proved himself a brave and virtuous warrior.

The furious King Peroz ordered that "a certain Persian aristocrat who had converted to Christianity and survived the battle" be taken captive. The Persians surrounded Razhden, bound him, and delivered him to their king. Peroz faked kindness: "Greetings, my virtuous Razhden! Peace be to you! Where have you been all this time, and for what reason have you turned from the faith of your fathers to confess another creed?" (*Continues on previous page*)



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, August 3, 2014**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
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**St. Razhden, Protomartyr of Persia**

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**MEMORY ETERNAL: Emil Purdes**

Emil reposed in the Lord on Tuesday. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery on Friday.  
May Emil's memory be eternal! "*Vechnaya Pamyat!*"



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**St. Anthony the Roman, Abbot of Novgorod; St. Razhden, Protomartyr of Persia**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM [Divine Liturgy](#)

#### Tuesday, August 5

7:00 PM [Great Vespers & Litya](#) with [Blessing of Fruit](#)

#### Wednesday, August 6 – Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 AM [Divine Liturgy](#) with [Blessing of Fruit](#)

#### Saturday, August 9

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM [Great Vespers](#)

#### Sunday, August 10

9:30 AM [Divine Liturgy](#)

#### Thursday, August 14

7:00 PM [Great Vespers & Litya](#) – The Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos

#### Friday, August 15

9:00 AM [Divine Liturgy](#) – Feast of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos

#### Saturday, August 16

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM [Great Vespers](#)

#### Sunday, August 17

9:30 AM [Divine Liturgy](#)

### MARTYR ST. RAZHDEN OF PERSIA (*Continued from back page*)

Razhden fearlessly answered that Christianity is the only true faith, that Christ is the only true Savior of man. King Peroz tried to cunningly lure Razhden to his side, but seeing his efforts were futile, Peroz ordered that the saint be beaten without mercy. The executioners trampled St. Razhden, battered him, knocked out his teeth, dragged him across jagged cliffs, then chained him in heavy irons and cast him into prison.

When the news of Razhden's captivity spread to Mtskheta, the Georgian nobles came to ask Peroz to free Razhden. Peroz consented, but made Razhden vow to return.

Razhden arrived in Mtskheta, bid farewell to his family and beloved king Vakhtang Gorgasali and, despite his loved ones' protests, returned to Peroz. The Persian king tried again to return Razhden to the fire-worshippers's religion. But seeing he would not be broken, Peroz exiled him to a military camp at Tsromi in central Georgia. Peroz ordered the chief of the camp to turn him away from Christ and to execute him if he refused. But Razhden replied, "Your flattery and bribes are insulting to me. With joy I am prepared to endure every suffering for the sake of Christ!"

"If he hopes in the Crucified One, then he also is fit to suffer crucifixion!" Such was the Persians' verdict. They erected a cross, crucified him, and prepared to shoot him with bow and arrow. "Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commit my spirit!" were the martyr's last words.

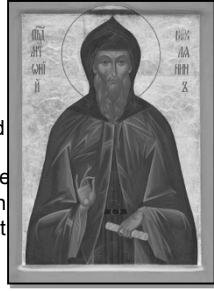
That night a group of Christians stole the cross and buried Razhden's holy relics secretly. A few years later Vakhtang Gorgasali brought the relics from Tsromi to Nikozi and interred them in a cathedral he had built there. Holy King Vakhtang later erected churches in honor of Georgia's first martyr in Ujarma and Samgori in eastern Georgia.

**WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS: It is our joy to have you here today!**  
Please introduce yourself to Fr. David when everyone comes up to venerate the Cross at the end of Liturgy. Then, join us for Coffee Hour next door!

## **SAINT ANTHONY THE ROMAN, ABBOT OF NOVGOROD**

### **Commemorated Today, August 3**

St Anthony was born at Rome in 1067 to rich parents who raised him in the Orthodox Faith. After losing his parents at 17, he began studying the Holy Fathers in the Greek language. He gave part of his inheritance to the poor, and put the rest into a wooden barrel and threw it into the sea. Then he was tonsured a monk at one of the wilderness monasteries, where he lived for 20 years.



A persecution by the Latins against the Orthodox forced the brethren to separate. St Anthony wandered from place to place until he came upon a large rock upon the seashore, where he lived for a whole year in fasting and prayer. On September 5, 1105 a terrible storm tore away the stone on which St Anthony stood, and threw it into the sea. By divine Providence, the stone floated to Novgorod. On the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos, the stone halted 3 versts from Novgorod on the banks of the River Volkhov near the village of Volkhov.

At this place the monk, with the blessing of St Nikita the Hermit (May 14), founded a monastery in honor of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos. In another year, fishermen recovered the barrel containing St Anthony's inheritance, cast into the sea many years before. The saint recognized his barrel, but the fishermen did not want to give it to him. Before a judge, St Anthony described the contents of the barrel, and it was returned to him. The saint used the money to buy land for the monastery. Spiritual asceticism (training) was combined at the monastery with intense physical labor.

St Anthony was concerned that the monastery should help the needy, orphans and widows from its funds. In 1117, the saint built a stone church in honor of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The church, built during 1117-1119 by the renowned Novgorod architect Peter, and adorned with icon frescoes, is still standing. In 1131, St Niphon of Novgorod made St Anthony igumen (leader) of the monastery. St. Anthony died on August 3, 1147.

St Anthony was glorified in 1597. His memory is also celebrated (uncovering of his relics on the first Friday after the Feast of the Foremost Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29), and on January 17, on the same day that St Anthony the Great is commemorated. j

**TODAY'S EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Brethren: Now I plead with you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. 12Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." 13Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. 16Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. 17For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. 18For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL** Matthew 14:14-22 At that time, when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. 22Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

#### COMING UP AT HTOC AND ELSEWHERE...

•**Sat 8/16, 2014, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Church School Teacher Training Event, NYC Deanery: “Leading Our Children to the Experience of God”, with Sylvia Leontaritis, at Holy Trinity Church, 369 Green Avenue, East Meadow NY.** Ms. Leontaritis writes the “Adventures of an Orthodox Mom” blog at [www.orthodoxmom.com](http://www.orthodoxmom.com). All Church School teachers, please plan to attend ... and all those interested in being involved in Christian Education are welcome!

•**Thu 8/21, 2014 Diocesan Youth Day**, planned for the usual venue of Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ. See our Facebook page for details.

#### A NOTE ABOUT THE 2014 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

The Diocesan Assessment is once again set at \$145.00 per person for 2014. So that we may submit our accurate parish census number to the Diocesan Office by Nov. 1, it would be very helpful if parishioners' \$145.00 Diocesan Assessments for 2014 could be received by Sunday, October 5. In order to help everyone understand what is funded with the Assessment, Father David will give a talk at Coffee Hour on a coming Sunday, on “What is the Diocese, and What Does It Do?” Thank you for your cooperation... and please see Father if you have any questions.

#### GOT A COMPUTER? BRING YOUR *FAITH* INTO YOUR *DAY*:

Watch the “Lessons in Our Faith” videos from Bishop Michael – each with “7 Questions and 7 Answers” on a particular topic.

Visit the Diocese’s Website, [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org), and click the “Lessons In Our Faith” picture in the column of pictures mid-page.

**And... click often on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityOrthodox](http://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityOrthodox), and**

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#### PRAYER LIST

**Above all, we are a praying community. Keep this list near your prayer corner, and in your daily prayers, remember our Brothers & Sisters in Christ:** Newly baptized Giovanni Esposito; Matthew & Malek, traveling in the Middle East; Mia & Sadie; Helen Dempsey; Fr. Sergei Glagolev; Nikolette Katechis; Daniel Paprocki; Matushka Juliana Schmemann; Dn. Nicholas Garklavs; Mary Kalakuka; the newly freed Meriam Ishag; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; Leda Dzwonczyk; Joan Giannelli; John; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; George Miroshnikov & Madeline Loving, preparing for marriage; expecting mothers Victoria Statkevics, Melania King, and Dianna Armentrout and their babies; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; John & Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Kulincz Morin; Kelly Ray; Rose; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Deborah Chaiko; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne’s sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nina Kirsanoff; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyzyk; Inga Serniak; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the infants Yelena, Hope and Lucca; the priests Frs. Leonid Kishkovsky, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Paul Kucynda, Stephen Mack; PDn. Peter Skoog; Alvin; Ann Belchyk; Aleksandra Borzova; Helen Delandri; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Olga Pavelchak; Martha Scigliano; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees, especially in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and the Ukraine; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians and their families; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthdays: Lukas & Thomas Skalski (8/8).

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Emil Purdes (+7/29); Metropolitan Volodymyr of Kyiv and All Ukraine (+7/5); Archpriest Macarius Targonsky (+6/25); James Dempsey (+6/22); Francine Knarr; the ever-memorable Vladimir, Vladimir & Vira; and all departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

**Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server.**

**Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise.**

**Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.**

***Emergency Sick Calls*** can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David’s cell phone, 1-(570) 878-5074, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

***Anointing In Sickness:*** The Sacrament of Anointing is available in Church, in the hospital, or in your home, for anyone who is sick, no matter how severe. ***It doesn’t mean “Last Rites!”***

***Marriages and Baptisms*** require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). ***See Father before setting dates and reserving reception halls!***

***Funerals*** are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details.

***The Orthodox Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate a funeral service for persons being cremated.***