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Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia

The Holy Great Martyr Marina was born in Asia Minor, in the city of Antioch of Pisidia (southern Asia Minor), into the family of a pagan priest. In infancy she lost her mother, and her father gave her into the care of a nursemaid, who raised Marina in the Orthodox Faith. Upon learning that his daughter had become a Christian, the father angrily disowned her. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), when she was fifteen years old, Saint Marina was arrested and locked up in prison. With firm trust in the will of God and His help, the young prisoner prepared for her impending fate.

The governor Olymbrios, charmed with the beautiful girl, tried to persuade her to renounce the Christian Faith and become his wife. But the saint, unswayed, refused his offers. The vexed governor gave the holy martyr over to torture. Having beaten her fiercely, they fastened the saint with nails to a board and tore at her body with tridents. The governor himself, unable to bear the horror of these tortures, hid his face in his hands. But the holy martyr remained unyielding. Thrown for the night into prison, she was granted heavenly aid and healed of her wounds. They stripped her and tied her to a tree, then burned the martyr with fire. Barely alive, the martyr prayed: "Lord, You have granted me to go through fire for Your Name, grant me also to go through the water of holy Baptism."

Hearing the word "water", the governor gave orders to drown the saint in a large cauldron. The martyr besought the Lord that this manner of execution should become for her holy Baptism. When they plunged her into the water, there suddenly shone a light, and a snow-white dove came down from Heaven, bearing in its beak a golden crown. The fetters put upon Saint Marina came apart by themselves. The martyr stood up in the fount of Baptism glorifying the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Saint Marina emerged from the fount completely healed, without any trace of burns. Amazed at this miracle, the people glorified the True God, and many came to believe. This brought the governor into a rage, and he gave orders to kill anyone who might confess the Name of Christ. 15,000 Christians perished there, and the holy Martyr Marina was beheaded. Her venerable hand was transferred to Mount Athos, to the Batopedi monastery.

Scripture Readings: EPISTLE- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 GOSPEL-Matthew 14:14-22

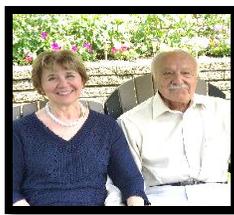
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SERVICE- On Wednesday August 2nd we will celebrate the Holy Prophet Elijah, Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:30 am please attend!

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***DIOCESE DAY- Saturday, August 5th IN SHADLAND**

• **NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH IS OUR**
103RD ANNUAL ST. ELIJAH CHURCH SLAVA CELEBRATION
His Grace the Right Reverend Irinej (Dobrijevic) will be joining us
this year for our celebration
HONORED KUMOVI... GEORGE and MARLENE VOLITICH



We will also recognize our 2017 Church School Graduates at the Slava Banquet
Nick Kosanovich III and Eli Loncar

Since this will be a catered affair by BEYOND PARSLEY
the last day to purchase your tickets will be **TOMORROW- MONDAY , JULY 31ST**
Adults: \$30 Students\$15

Hors d'oeuvres, beverages Menu: Beef tips/Chicken Marsala/Pasta Alfredo/ Roasted Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables/Salad/Rolls /Dessert/Coffee

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It's that time of year again **THE ST. ELIJAH CHOIR** will be selling our annual **CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT**. This year's design (*once again created by our very own Kristen Milanovich*) shares our love for our Musical Heritage. Please pick up a flyer and submit it to Diane Knapp following Divine Liturgy today!

If you placed a second order from last year please see Kathy Loverich for payment and your ornament! HVALA!

