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✠ ✠ ✠ Service Schedule ✠ ✠ ✠

Sunday, October 25th. **20th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3.** Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople (ca. 355). Ven. Martyrii (Martyrius) the Deacon and Martyrii the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th-14th c.). Martyr Athanasius the Fuller, at Salona in Dalmatia (3rd c.). St Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter (1st c.).

3rd and 6th Hours: 9:10 am.

Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Epistle: Gal. 1: 11-19; Gospel: Luke 16:19-31.

Wednesday, October 28th.

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm. Meal and Study Group to follow: Bishop Kallistos Ware's *The Inner Kingdom*.

Saturday, October 31st

Great Vespers of the Resurrection: 5:00 pm.

Sunday, November 1st. **21st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4.** Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmos and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop And Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (Ca. 345). Martyrs Cyrenia and Jiuliana in Cilicia (4th c.). Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586). Martyrs Caesarius, Dacius, Sabbas, Saninia, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.). Monk Martyrs Jacob, Jacob the Deacon, and Dionysius, Of Prodomou (Mt. Athos – 1520).

3rd and 6th Hours: 9:10 am.

Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Epistle: Gal. 2:16-20; Gospel: Luke 8:26-39.

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Forefeast of the Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple

Friday, November 20th, 2009

All-night Vigil Service at Saint Jacob of Alaska Church

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Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, Notaries of Constantinople

Commemorated on October 25

(from oca.org)

The Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, Notaries of Constantinople served in a Constantinople cathedral. Marcian was a reader and Martyrius a subdeacon. They both performed in the capacity of notaries, i.e. secretaries, for Patriarch Paul the Confessor (November 6).

Arian heretics expelled and secretly executed the righteous Patriarch Paul. His throne was given to the heretic Macedonius. The heretics attempted to entice Sts Marcian and Martyrius over to their side by flattery. They offered them gold and promised to consecrate them as archbishop, but all the efforts of the Arians were in vain.

Then the impious threatened to slander them before the emperor, and sought to intimidate them with torture and death. But the saints steadfastly confessed Orthodoxy, as handed down by the Fathers of the Church. Marcian and Martyrius were sentenced to death. Before death, the martyrs prayed, "Lord God, Who have invisibly created our hearts, and directed all our deeds, accept with peace the souls of Your servants, since we perish for You and are considered as sheep for the slaughter (Ps 32/33:15; 43/44:22). We rejoice that by such a death we shall depart this life for Your Name. Grant us to be partakers if life eternal with You, the Source of life." After their prayer, the martyrs, with quiet rejoicing, bent their necks beneath the sword of the impious (+ca. 335).

Their holy bodies were reverently buried by Orthodox Christians. Later, by decree of St John Chrysostom, the relics of the holy martyrs were transferred to a church built in their honor. Believers here were healed of many infirmities through the prayers of the saints, to the glory of the One Life-Creating Trinity.

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Troparian – Tone 3

In holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius
and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence.

Holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius,
unshaken bulwarks of Orthodoxy,
entreat Christ our God to great us His great mercy.

Kontakion – Tone 4

From your youth you were good athletes, wise Marcian and Martyrius,
vanquishing the Arian heretics;
you kept the faith perfect by following in the footsteps of your bishop and teacher Paul;
therefore, you are worthy to be with him in eternal life,
as respected defenders of the Holy Trinity.

