



The Olive Shoots
St. Symeon Orthodox Church
January 26, 2014

† Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia †



“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”
~ Vespers prokeimenon

Upcoming Events:

Today, 4-6 ~ Annual Ice Skating Party at Pelham Skating Rink



Troparion Tone 4

O ye holy hierarchs, royal passion-bearers and pastors, /
monks and laymen, men, women and children, /
ye countless new-martyrs, confessors, /
blossoms of the spiritual meadow of Russia, /
who blossomed forth wondrously in time of grievous persecutions /
bearing good fruit for Christ in your endurance: /
Entreat Him, as the One that planted you, /
that He deliver His people from godless and evil men, /
and that the Church of Russia /
be made steadfast through your blood and suffering, //
unto the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion Tone 2

O ye new passion-bearers of Russia, /
who have with your confession finished the course of this earth, /
receiving boldness through your sufferings: /
Beseech Christ Who strengthened you, /
that we also, whenever the hour of trial find us /
may receive the gift of courage from God. /
For ye are a witness to us who venerate your struggle, /
that neither tribulation, prison, nor death //
can separate us from the love of God.

Today's Bible verse is:

*It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said,
Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.*

~Matthew 15:26-27

What does it mean?

Jesus came for the Jews and wasn't going to help the woman, but she said that even we as ordinary people can get God's salvation. Christ had mercy on her because of her trust and faith in Him.

Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

The Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia were martyred during the Bolshevik Revolution and the Communism that followed. Millions upon millions of Christians were tortured, worked, and killed for their faith by the Bolsheviks. Monasteries and churches were destroyed. The Orthodox Christians throughout Russia stood firm in the Faith and died for Christ.

Some of them are:

The Royal Family- Tsar Nicholas II, Tsarina Alexandra, Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia and Alexei

Grand Duchess Elizabeth

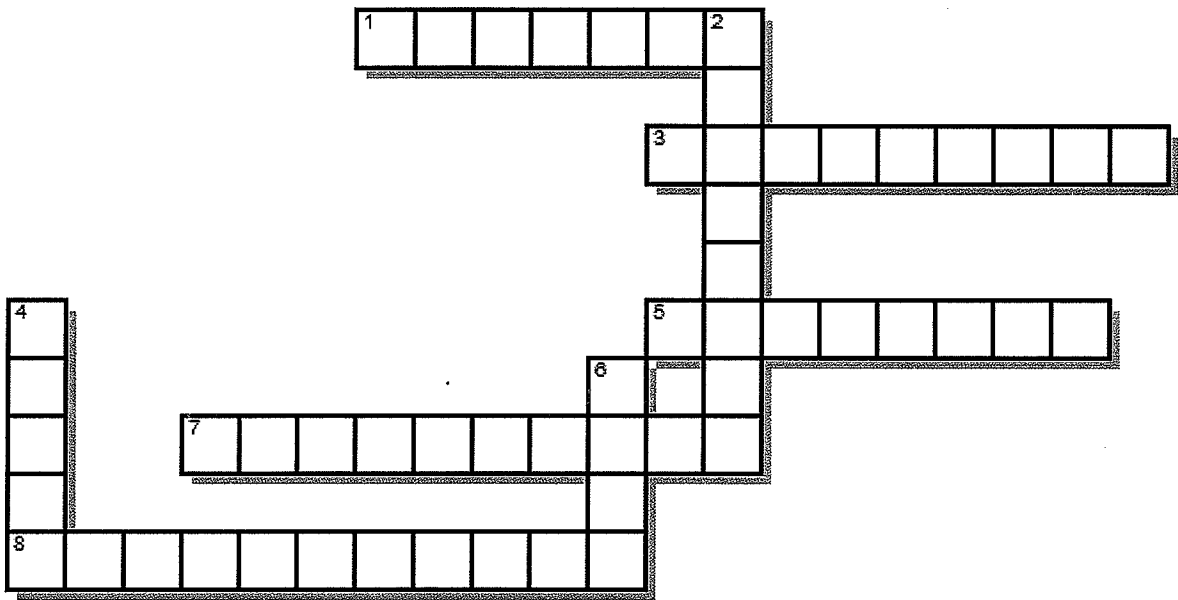
Peter of Phoenica

7 Soldiers In Phoenica

Xenophon of Robika

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Use the underlined words from the story as
your wordbank



ACROSS

- 1 Were killed for their faith
- 3 Grand Duchess
- 5 Of Robika
- 7 Holy Men and Women
who prayed for people
- 8 The Tsar and his family

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- 2 7 of them
- 4 Of Phoenicia
- 6 Saint means