

# Quo Vadis

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“**Quo Vadis?**” is a Latin phrase meaning “Where are you going?” It refers to a Christian tradition regarding St. Peter. According to the apocryphal *Acts of Peter*, Peter is fleeing from likely crucifixion in Rome, and along the road outside the city, he encounters the risen Jesus. Peter asks Jesus “Quo vadis?” Jesus replies “Romam vado iterum crucifigi” (“I am going to Rome to be crucified again”). St. Peter thereby gains the fortitude to return to the city, to eventually be martyred by being crucified upside-down. The phrase also occurs a few times in the Latin *Vulgate* translation of the *Holy Bible*, notably in John 13:36 when Peter asks Jesus the same question, to which He responds, “Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now, but thou shalt follow me.” The Church of Domine Quo Vadis in Rome is built where, according to tradition, the meeting between St. Peter and the risen Jesus Christ took place.

This parish newsletter is called **Quo Vadis** for a reason: to ask the question of where *you* are going in life. Is your life’s journey leading you towards Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? St. Peter, at a pivotal moment in his life, when he understandably felt like running away, found the courage to go where Jesus Christ would have him go. Where are *you* going? Will *you* follow Jesus Christ?

## Rector’s Message

This is the 120th issue of **Quo Vadis**, and for ten years it has been more than simply the monthly parish newsletter of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church of Bayonne, New Jersey. In addition to things typical of a parish newsletter, such as a rector’s message, schedule of services, acknowledgment of donations, and parish news and events, **Quo Vadis** has featured the lives of 121 saints (the May 2020 issue featured two saints), of the East and the West, male and female; 70 recipes; and 120 excerpts from the Church Fathers. It has serialized six books of theology, and in its first 50 issues it provided a comprehensive survey of the history, culture, religion, literature, and economy of the Carpatho-Rusyn people, including the experience of the Carpatho-Rusyns in America. In this issue, the serializing of Fr. Tadros Malaty’s book is completed, and the section “Modern Theological Classics” will be retired. It will be replaced with some of the more frequently asked questions about Eastern Orthodoxy.

The readership of **Quo Vadis** has included not only every parishioner household, but also former parishioners now living at a distance from Bayonne, New Jersey; a few members of neighboring parishes who sometimes visit us for worship, such as on holy days; and even a few Roman Catholic friends and benefactors of our parish. For ten years **Quo Vadis** has sought to inform and inspire, in an irenic way, a diverse readership, but one that is united in the desire to follow Our Lord Jesus Christ more perfectly. “*Quo Vadis? Where are you going?*”

## Excerpt from the Church Fathers

*What came about in bodily form in Mary, the fullness of the godhead shining through Christ in the Blessed Virgin, takes place in a similar way in every soul that has been made pure. The Lord does not come in bodily form, for ‘we no longer know Christ according to the flesh’ [2 Cor. 5:16]. Yet He dwells spiritually in those who have been cleansed of their sins and who live in union with Him. As the Father raises up all who believe in Him*

*and who have been baptized in the name of Jesus, so too does the Son bestow life on all who have believed in Him and who have been baptized in His name.*

— St. Gregory of Nyssa (c. 335–394), Life of Moses, II.2.

## Lives of the Saints

*St. Eulalia of Barcelona, Virgin-martyr – commemorated on August 22nd*

St. Eulalia (289-303), the co-patron saint of Barcelona, was a 13-year-old Roman Christian virgin who was martyred in Barcelona during the persecution of Christians in the reign of Emperor Diocletian, although the *Sequence of Saint Eulalia* mentions the "pagan king" Maximian. She was the daughter of a noble family that lived near the city of Barcelona. Amid the persecutions under Diocletian, governor Dacian arrived in the city intent on enforcing the decrees. Sometime later, St. Eulalia left her home, entered the city and confronted the governor for his merciless persecution of Christians. Unable to dismiss the eloquent arguments of a young girl, Dacian soon had St. Eulalia stripped mostly nude and flagellated, which was followed by bloodier tortures that were not to cease unless she admitted the error of her ways. Resisting to the end, she prayed that God would take her to Heaven, and died of her wounds.

A dove is supposed to have flown forth from her mouth following her death. Then, a sudden snowstorm covered her body like a garment. It is traditionally believed that her tortures culminated in her crucifixion on an X-shaped cross, and she is depicted with this cross as the instrument of her martyrdom. However, it has been posited that she was instead publicly tortured to death on an X frame and her body left on display, artistic depictions of this leading to the later belief that she was crucified.

St. Eulalia's body was originally interred in the church of Santa Maria de les Arenes (now called Santa Maria del Mar). It was hidden in 713 during the Moorish invasion, and only recovered in 878. In 1339, it was relocated to an alabaster sarcophagus in the crypt of the newly built Cathedral of Santa Eulalia. The festival of St. Eulalia is held in Barcelona for a week around her [Roman Catholic] feast day on February 12. St. Eulalia is commemorated with statues and street names throughout Barcelona. For example, Eulalia is traditionally believed to have been placed in a barrel with shards of glass and rolled down the street named Baixada de Santa Eulalia ("Saint Eulalia's descent"). Her feast day in the Roman Catholic Church is February 12, the day of her repose, but the Eastern Orthodox Church observes her feast day on August 22.

There is some dispute as to whether St. Eulalia of Barcelona is the same individual as St. Eulalia of Mérida, as their martyrologies are similar; in particular, the details mentioning the "pagan king" Maximian and the governor Dacian, and a dove flying from the virgin-martyr's mouth as she expired. St. Eulalia of Mérida is also linked with St. Julia of Mérida, with both being commemorated together on December 10.

## Modern Theological Classics

### Quadratus

It appears that he was an Asian, therefore some called him "Quadratus the Asiatic." Quadratus was the oldest apologist for Christianity. We are indebted to Eusebius for all that we know about him. He says: *But Trajan having ruled for nineteen years and six month was succeeded in the imperial office by Aelius Hadrian. To him, Quadratus addressed a discourse, as an apology for the religion that we profess; because certain malicious persons attempted to harass our brethren. The work of Quadratus is still in the hands of some of the brethren, as well as in our own; from which anyone may see evident proof, both of the understanding of the man, and of his apostolic faith. This writer shows the antiquity of the age in which he lived, in these passages: "The deeds of our Savior" he says, "were always before you, for they were true miracles; those who were healed, those who were raised from the dead, who were seen, not only when healed and when raised, but were also*

*present with us. They remained living a long time, not only while our Lord was on earth, but likewise when He left the earth. So that some of them have also lived to our own times." Such was Quadratus.*

Quadratus presented his apology to the emperor while he was a resident in Asia Minor, about 123-124, or in 129. Perhaps he was in Athens when he visited the emperor in 125 or 129. St. Jerome was not correct when he stated that Quadratus was the Bishop of Athens, who lived in the days of Marcus Aurelius.

*(Fr. Tadros Y. Malaty, "The Apostolic Fathers," p. 174)*

## **Recipe of the Month**

### Zucchini Pizza Casserole

*This award-winning casserole showcases yet another way in which the versatile zucchini may be prepared. Entered by Lynn Bernstetter of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, it won the grand prize of the "Taste of Home" recipe contest. It can be made vegetarian by skipping the meat and increasing the vegetables, by adding, for example, mushrooms or finely chopped cauliflower (or a combination of the two).*

#### **Ingredients:**

- 4 cups shredded unpeeled zucchini
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 can (15 oz.) Italian tomato sauce
- 1 medium green or sweet red pepper, chopped

#### **Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Place zucchini in colander; sprinkle with salt. Let stand 10 minutes, then squeeze out moisture.
2. Combine zucchini with eggs, Parmesan and half the mozzarella and cheddar cheeses. Press into a greased 13 x 9-in. or 3-qt. baking dish. Bake 20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, breaking meat into crumbles; drain. Add tomato sauce; spoon over zucchini mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheeses; add green pepper. Bake until heated through, about 20 minutes longer. Makes eight servings.

#### **Can you freeze Zucchini Pizza Casserole?**

Cool baked casserole; cover and freeze. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 350°. Unwrap casserole; reheat on a lower oven rack until heated through and a thermometer inserted in center reads 165°.

## **Parish News**

### Parish Confessions

All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Virgin Mary's Fast. Confessions may be heard after any Vespers during the month of August or call the Rectory for an appointment.

## Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

## DDB Appreciation Dinner

DDB donors are cordially invited to the DDB Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, October 8, 2023, 5:00 PM, at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 605 Washington Avenue, Manville, New Jersey. Bringing family members and parish guests is encouraged. RSVP by Monday, September 25, 2023, to Fr. James Parsells at his email: [frjames@ssppoc.org](mailto:frjames@ssppoc.org) or phone (906) 685-1452.

## St. Tikhon's Seminary Fundraiser

St. Tikhon's Seminary is planning a Tricky Tray/Basket Raffle fundraiser in Waymart, Pennsylvania on October 28, 2023. The Seminary is asking for your help by donating gift certificates or gift cards, any *new* merchandise items, or monetary donations to be raffled off at this event. Donations can be picked up or sent to St. Tikhon's Seminary, PO Box 130, 178 St. Tikhon's Rd., Waymart, PA 18472. For more information, contact Martha Spreen at [martha.spreen@stots.edu](mailto:martha.spreen@stots.edu) or Kathy Kowalczyk at [kathy.kowalczyk@stots.edu](mailto:kathy.kowalczyk@stots.edu).

## **Schedule of Services**

### August 5-6, 2023 [Holy Transfiguration]

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

### August 12-13, 2023

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

### August 14-15, 2023 [Dormition of BVM]

5:00 PM (Monday) – Great Vespers w. Lity  
9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy

### August 19-20, 2023

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

### August 26-27, 2023

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

### August 29, 2023 [Beheading of St. John the Baptist]

9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy

## **Daily Bible Readings**

- 1 Cor. 12:12-26; Matt. 18:18-22, 19:1-2, 13-15
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5; Matthew 20:1-16
- 1 Corinthians 14:6-19; Matthew 20:17-28
- 1 Cor. 14:26-40; Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20
- Romans 14:6-9; Matthew 15:32-39
- 2 Peter 1:10-19; Matthew 17:1-9
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-19; Matthew 21:18-22
- 1 Corinthians 15:29-38; Matthew 21:23-27
- 1 Corinthians 16:4-12; Matthew 21:28-32
- 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 21:43-46
- 2 Corinthians 1:12-20; Matthew 22:23-33
- Romans 15:30-33; Matthew 17:24-18:4
- 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 17:14-23
- 2 Corinthians 2:4-15; Matthew 23:13-22
- Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
- 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 23:29-39
- 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Matthew 24:13-28
- 2 Cor. 4:13-18; Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Matthew 19:3-12
- 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35
- 2 Corinthians 5:10-15; Mark 1:9-15
- 2 Corinthians 5:15-21; Mark 1:16-22
- 2 Corinthians 6:11-16; Mark 1:23-28
- 2 Corinthians 7:1-10; Mark 1:29-35
- 2 Corinthians 7:10-16; Mark 2:18-22
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 20:29-34
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 19:16-26
- 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 3:6-12
- 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5; Mark 3:13-19
- 2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7; Mark 3:20-27
- 2 Corinthians 10:7-18; Mark 3:28-35

## Special Donations

*Special Donations may be offered at \$10/week for the Altar Vigils, and \$5/week for any one of the following: Sanctuary Lamp, St. John's Cross, St. Nicholas' Cross, and Triple Candelabra, and may be offered in memory of the departed or in honor of the living. Please note that for Special Donations in September to be acknowledged in "Quo Vadis," the donation must be recorded in the Special Donations register in the church vestibule by August 20, 2023.*

August 6, 2023

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Mitrofan Wasilewski (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by the Bavolar Family in memory of Thomas A. Bavolar (anniversary of repose).

August 13, 2023

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by the Zuber Family in memory of Tatiana Korbelak (anniversary of repose).

August 27, 2023

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by the Zuber Family in memory of Frances Zuber (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by the Zuber Family in memory of Michael J. Zuber (anniversary of birth).

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