

JUNE 11, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
and SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

## Fr. Mitrophan and the Holy Martyrs of China

The priest Mitrophan (also Metrophanes), whose Chinese name was Ji Chong or Tsi Chung (the English transliterations vary), was born on December 10, 1855. At 25 he was ordained to the priesthood by Nikolai, bishop of Japan.



Mitrophan was a humble person, very cautious and quiet, peaceful and dispassionate; even when faced with great insults, he did not try to justify himself. From the time of his arrival in Beijing (Peking), Archimandrite Pallady charged Mitrophan, as did his teacher Long Yuan, to try to attain the priesthood. Mitrophan, however, did not want to accept ordination and constantly refused it, saying "how can a person with insufficient abilities and charity dare to accept this great rank?" But under the forceful urging of Archimandrite Flavian, successor to Pallady, and the persuasion of the teacher, Mitrophan obeyed, even though he knew that by accepting the priesthood, his end would be inevitable. Under Archimandrite Flavian, Mitrophan assisted in translating and checking books. For fifteen years, he tirelessly served God while suffering many hurts and insults, both from his own people and outsiders. He finally had a mild breakdown. Sometime after this he spent three years living outside the mission, receiving half of his previous salary. All his life Father Mitrophan was never greedy, and many took advantage of this.

On the evening of June 1, 1900 (which was the 17th day of the 5th month on the Chinese calendar), the Boxers (Yihetuan Movement) burned the buildings of the mission. About seventy Christians, hiding from danger, assembled in St Mitrophan's home. Although Fr. Mitrophan's former ill-wishers were among them, he did not drive them out. Seeing that some people were dispirited, he strengthened them, saying that the time of troubles had come and would be difficult to avoid. He himself several times daily went to look at the burned church. On the 10th of June, towards 10 in the evening, soldiers and Boxers surrounded Fr. Mitrophan's dwelling. Up to seventy Christians were there at the time; the stronger among them fled, while Fr. Mitrophan and many others, primarily women and children, remained and were tortured. Fr. Mitrophan sat in his courtyard when the Boxers punctured his chest, and he fell under a date tree. His neighbors removed his body to the mission's almshouse. Later the Hieromonk Avraamy picked up Fr. Mitrophan's body and, in 1903, during the first commemoration of the martyrs, it and those of the others, were placed under the altar in the martyrs' church.

*Text & Icon from [https://orthodoxwiki.org/Martyrs\\_of\\_China](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Martyrs_of_China)*

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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June 11, 2017

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### COMMEMORATIONS:

HOLY, GLORIOUS APOSTLES BARNABAS AND  
BARTHOLOMEW (1ST C.)

COMMEMORATION OF THE APPEARANCE (10TH C.)  
OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL TO A MONK ON  
ATHOS AND THE REVELATION OF THE HYMN "IT IS  
TRULY MEET"

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST. ARCADIUS,  
MONK OF VYAZMA AND NEW TORZHOK (1077)

UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS (1572) OF ST.  
EPHRAIM, ABBOT OF NEW TORZHOK (1053)

MARTYRS OF THE BOXER REBELLION (CHINA, 1900)

**Tone 8**

Eothinon 1 (St. Matthew 28:16-20)

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:33 - 12:2

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 10:32-33,  
37-38, 19:27-30

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 8 - From the heights thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou mightest deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection; O Lord, glory to thee!

**TROPARION FOR ALL SAINTS** - Tone 4 - Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of thy martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying: Turn with thy compassion to thy people, and grant peace to thy city, and to our souls the great mercy.

**TODAY:** High School Graduate Recognition.  
Coffee Hour after Liturgy.  
Summer Reading Kickoff / Read-Aloud  
Women of St Philip's meet.

**SAINT PHILIP'S** is a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Road, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted this week by Steve & Carolyn Kaminsky, in thanksgiving for blessings received (Carolyn's birthday - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to all who participated in today's potluck Coffee Hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Teens

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Young Adults

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

MANY THANKS to all who contributed to our Camp Scholarship Donation Luncheon last week. Over \$1400 was received. If you didn't get a chance to contribute, it's not too late! Our campers thank you!



## Mark Your Calendar:

### Akathist

Wednesdays 7 pm, June 21 - July 26

### Parish Life Conference

June 28 - July 2, Morristown, NJ  
(Hosted by St George, Little Falls)  
[www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#](http://www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#)

### Sacred Music Institute

July 12-16  
At the Antiochian Village

### Vacation Church School

August 7-11 - The Parables of Christ

### Fr Boniface Memorial & Retreat

August 12-13

### International Food Festival

Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

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So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ

Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

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OUTREACH COLLECTION: Bath & Shower Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Don't say "boo, boo" when you only have to say "boo".

## This Week: APOSTLES' FAST JUN 12-28

Tuesday, Jun 13: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.  
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Wednesday, Jun 14: COMPLINE & BIBLE STUDY, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jun 17 : VESPERS, 6 p.m. - Confessions  
Bible Bowl study, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jun 18: ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA  
MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour after Liturgy.

## Everyday Evangelist

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* (Jn 20:21)

Join a friend in an activity or hobby.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Saturday, Jun 3: 56 At the Divine Services on Sunday, Jun 4: 188 At Pentecost Kneeling Vespers: 25 OFFERINGS: Candles, \$239.62 Collections, \$205. Youth, \$4. Camp Schol, \$1,424. Cemetery Plot, \$500. Stewardship, \$5,477. Total received: \$8,249.62

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital and would like a visit, please call the church office.