

**MAY 21, 2017**  
**SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**Sts. Michael & Theodore the Wonderworkers of Murom**

Saints Michael and Theodore of Murom were sons of the holy Prince Constantine, and lived during the eleventh-twelfth centuries.

The prince sent his son Michael as emissary to the people of Murom, but the pagans murdered him. When Prince Constantine arrived in the city with his retinue, the people quieted down and accepted him, but for a long time they would not give up paganism.



Once, they went to the prince's home, intending to kill him, but the prince came out to the crowd holding the Murom Icon of the Mother of God. The mutinous people unexpectedly quieted down and agreed to accept holy Baptism at the River Oka.

At the place of the murder of his son Michael, Saint Constantine built a church in honor of the Annunciation, and later on another church named for the holy Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb. Prince Constantine zealously assisted his son, Prince Theodore in spreading the Christian Faith among the people of Murom.

Saint Constantine died in 1129, and was buried in the church of the Annunciation beside his sons, Saints Michael and Theodore.

*Text & Icon from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/05/21/101455-st-michael-the-wonderworker-of-murom>*

**Everyday Evangelist**

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

Organize a dinner party. Introduce a few non-Christian friends to a few Christian friends who are living out John 13:34-35 ("Love one another").

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Skin Care

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B.:** It takes 10 years to become Orthodox

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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 Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:30 - 4:00

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**COMMEMORATIONS:**

EQUALS-TO-THE-APOSTLES CONSTANTINE (337)  
 AND HELEN HIS MOTHER(327)  
 CONSTANTINE (1205) , PRINCE OF MUROM, AND HIS  
 SONS MICHAEL AND THEODORE, THE  
 WONDERWORKERS  
 ST. CYRIL, BISHOP OF ROSTOV (1262)  
 ST. BASIL, BISHOP OF RYAZAN (1295)  
 ST. HELEN OF DECHANI, SERBIA (1350)  
 ST. CASSIAN THE GREEK, MONK, OF UGLICH (1504)  
 ST. AGAPITUS, ABBOT OF MARKUSHEV (VOLOGDA)  
 (1578)  
 ST. HOSPICIUS OF TRIER (GAUL)

**Matins Gospel:**

St. John 20: 11-18  
 Tone 5 - Eothinon 8  
**Epistle:** Acts 16:16-34  
**Gospel:** Saint John 9:1-38

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY  
 DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection!

**TODAY:** Sunday School, Teens, & Coffee Hour.  
**BAPTISM** (Morrash), 1 p.m.

**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.

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**THE ALTAR CANDLES** are lighted this week to the glory of God.

**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:** Don & Maryann Reigle

**THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM:** Olena Marquardt, Mary Kompass, Tadesse Abay

**THANK YOU** to all who fulfill these ministries!

**IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS.** Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

## Mark Your Calendar:

### Pentecost

*Sunday, June 4* - Kneeling Prayers, 1 p.m.

### High School Graduate Recognition

*Sunday, June 11*

### Apostles' Fast - June 12-28

### 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#)*

### 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!

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ... Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." *Acts 1:1-3; 9:11*

## This Week:

**Monday, May 22: MORNING PRAYERS & Bible Study, 10 a.m.**

**Tuesday, May 23: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 NOON**

**Wednesday, May 24: LEAVETAKING OF PASCHA**

AT HOLY ASCENSION,  
WEST CHESTER

**VIGIL for Ascension, 4:45 p.m.  
LITURGY for Ascension, 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 25: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**Saturday, May 26: Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.  
VESPERS at 6 p.m. - Confessions  
Bible Bowl Study, 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 27: SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE  
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, Coffee Hour, & Teens**

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Saturday, May 13: 42 Divine Services on Sunday, May 14: 179 OFFERINGS: Candles, \$246.63 Collections, \$877.25 Youth, \$3. BookShelf, \$125. Food for Hungry, \$137. Needy, \$70. Stewardship, \$8,422. Total received: \$9,880.88

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.