

August 21, 2016
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Martyr Bassa and her sons

The Martyr Bassa with her sons Theognis, Agapius and Pistus, lived in the city of Macedonian Edessa and she was married to a pagan priest. From childhood she had been raised in the Christian Faith, which she passed on to her sons.

During the reign of the emperor Maximian Galerius (305-311), the husband denounced his wife and children to the governor. In spite of threats, the boys refused to offer sacrifice to idols, so they were tortured and put to death.

St Bassa was thrown into prison and was weakened by hunger, but an angel strengthened her with heavenly food. Under successive tortures she remained unharmed by fire, water and beasts. When they brought her to a pagan temple, she shattered the statue of Zeus. Then they threw the martyr into a whirlpool in the sea. But to everyone's surprise a ship sailed up, and three radiant men pulled her up (St Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) suggests that these were her children, martyred earlier). After eight days St Bassa came by ship to the governor of the island of Alona, not far from Cyzicus, in the Propontis or Sea of Marmora. After beating her with rods, they beheaded her.

By the year 450 there was already a church in honor of the holy martyr Bassa at Chalcedon.

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



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COMMEMORATIONS:

AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE
THEOTOKOS

APOSTLE THADDEUS OF THE SEVENTY (44)

MARTYRS BASSA AND HER SONS THEOGNIOS,
AGAPIOS, AND PISTOS OF EDESSA (4TH C)

ST. AVITUS, BISHOP OF CLERMONT (GAUL, 594)

ST. SARMEAN, CATHOLICOS OF KARTLI, GEORGIA
(779)

VENERABLE ABRAHAM OF SMOLENSK (1220) AND
HIS DISCIPLE, VENERABLE EPHRAIM (1238)

ST. MARTHA, SCHEMANUN OF DIVEYEVO (1829)

HIEROMARTYR RAPHAEL OF SISATOVAC, SERBIA
(1941)

Tone 8

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Matins Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matt 14:22-34

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

TODAY: Coffee Hour after Liturgy.

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 NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, and who are dressed modestly and arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

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 Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today to the glory of God.

MANY THANKS to John & Doris Dudash and the Bushelli family for sponsoring today's coffee hour. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Jim & Doris Eggers

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Young adults

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

YOUR CHRISTMAS IN JULY/AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERINGS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED, and benefit the Camp Scholarship Fund, Middle East refugees, and the St Philip's Cemetery. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!



Mark Your Calendar:

Beheading of the Forerunner

Monday, August 29 - **STRICT FAST DAY** - Divine Liturgy 10 am

Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday, Sept 7 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Matins 7 pm,
Thursday, Sept 8 - Liturgy 10 am

Sunday School resumes Sept 11

Elevation of the Cross

Tuesday, September 13 - Vespers & Artoklasia, 7 pm
Wed, September 14 - **STRICT FAST DAY** - Matins 9 am, Liturgy 10 am

International Food Festival

September 16-17, noon - 8 pm

Introduction to Orthodoxy

Saturdays, September 24 - November 19, 4:30 pm

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

AUGUST: Paper Products

BABY STEPS TO HOLINESS:

AUGUST: Don't take it personally.

This Week:

Tuesday, Aug 23: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug 24: AKATHIST, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 27: Bible Study (Ephesians), 5 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 28: **MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.**
Coffee Hour

VESPERS & ARTOKLASIA for Beheading 6 pm

Everyday Evangelist

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

August: Love your neighbor as yourself. (*Matt 22:39*)

Love is something you DO!

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Sat Aug 13: 29 Divine Services on Sun, Aug 14: 136
Vespers for Dormition: 30 Divine Services for Dormition: 57 **OFFERINGS:**
Candles, \$371. Collections, \$81. Youth, \$2. Camp Schol, \$1,345. Choir,
\$750. Needy, \$25. St Andrew, \$200. Stewardship, \$8,431. Total received:
\$11,205.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & DN 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.