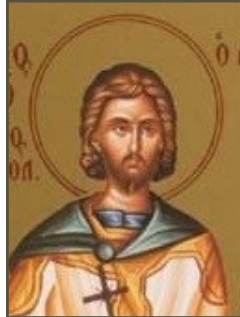


November 20, 2016

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Theoctistus the Confessor

Saint Theoctistus the Confessor was an influential senior Byzantine official during the first half of the 9th century. He was well known for his administrative and political competence, for his involvement in the ending of iconoclasm, and for promoting a major renaissance in education within the Empire.



In 843 AD, Theoctistus prevailed upon the Empress Theodora to officially reintroduce the veneration of icons, ending the second period of official iconoclasm. With the enthronement of a new patriarch, Methodius I, a Synod was convened in Constantinople to condemn iconoclasm -- an event that is commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy." In the same year, Theoctistus invited his nephews, Cyril and Methodius, to the imperial capital to study and to arrange the placement of Methodius as a commander of a Slavic administrative region. He also is credited with initiating a far-reaching educational program and establishing the University of Magnaura.

After a series of long-standing political intrigues involving the imperial family, he was arrested and put to death by his adversaries in 855 AD.

Text & Icon from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2016/11/20/205417-st-theoctistus-the-confessor>

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



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NEW! Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00

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: Coffee Hour after Liturgy.
Teen SOYO & Sunday School.
Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, for Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

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.

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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYR DASIUS OF DOROSTOLUM (ROMANIA, 303)
MARTYRS EUSTACE, THESPESIUS, AND ANATOLIUS
OF NICAEA (312)

ST. ISAAC, BISHOP OF ARMENIA (440)

PROCLOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE (447)

VENERABLE GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS (816)

ST. THEOCTISTUS THE CONFESSOR (855)

ST. EDMUND, KING OF ENGLAND AND MARTYR
(869)

WONDERWORKER SOZOMEN OF CYPRUS (12TH C.)

ST. DIODORUS OF GEORGE HILL (SOLOVKI, 1633)

NEW WOMAN HIEROMARTYR TATIANA (AFTER
1937)

Tone 5

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Matins Gospel: St. John 21:14-25

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Liturgy Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

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 by the Ibrahim family, in supplication for the health of Georges Khair.

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: Jim & Doris Eggers

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Kim Berman; Todd & Kristi Moore

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

SPECIAL APPEAL: Please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund** and **Pastoral Discretionary Fund**. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Understanding the Nicene Creed

Presented by Fred Kompass

Saturdays at 4:30 - December 3, 10, 17

Services for St Nicholas

Monday, December 5 - Vespers & Artoklasia 7 pm,
followed by youth activity

Tuesday, December 6 - Matins 9 am, Liturgy 10 am

Christmas Program rehearsal - Sat Dec 17, 4pm

Christmas Program - December 18th

Nativity Services (Special Schedule)

Friday, December 23 - 9 am Royal Hours, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 24 - 9 am Divine Liturgy, 6 pm Great Vespers,
Artoklasia, and Festal Orthros

Sunday, December 25 - 9 am Divine Liturgy

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.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

WISDOM FROM FATHER B:

It's not time yet. Wait until ...

This Week: 40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues

Monday, Nov 21: *Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple*
MATINS 9 a.m., DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov 22: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov 23: THANKSGIVING CANON & AKATHIST, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov 24: DIVINE LITURGY, 9 a.m. - *Give Thanks!*

Saturday, Nov 26: Youth Choir, 5 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 27: MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Everyday Evangelist

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

Volunteer with community organizations.

ATTENDANCE: At Saturday Liturgy: 9 Vespers on Sat Nov 12: 39 Divine Services on Sun, Nov 13: 181 Vespers & Matins for St Philip: 28 St Philip Liturgy: 27 Tuesday Liturgy: 8 Wednesday Liturgy: 8 Thursday Liturgy: 12
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$356.01 Collections, \$107. Youth, \$2. BookShelf, \$50. Christmas Cards, \$500. Needy, \$1,025. Ordination gift, \$25. Stewardship, \$8,916. Total received: \$10,981.01

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY