

**January 8, 2017**  
**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

**Saint Erhard of Regensburg**

Saint Erhard was bishop of Regensburg in the 7th century. He is identified with Abbot Erhard of Ebersheimmunster, mentioned in a Merovingian diploma of 684. Ancient documents call him also Erard and Herhard.



Erhard was born in Ireland. Like many of his countrymen he went to the Continent as missionary bishop or *chorepiscopus*, and coming to the Vosges met there St. Hildulf, said to have been Archbishop of Trier, and who lived there as a hermit (666-671). He is called Erhard's brother, but very likely spiritual relationship was meant.

It is said that each of them founded seven monasteries. Thence Erhard went to Regensburg and founded the nunnery of Niedermünster. By Divine inspiration he was recalled to the Rhineland to baptize St. Odilia, blind from her birth, but who received her eyesight at her baptism. He sent a messenger to her father, Duke Attich, and reconciled him with his disowned daughter. According to another account, St. Odilia was baptized by Hildulf, Erhard acting as her sponsor. Theodo of Bavaria acted as Erhard's patron.

The year of his death is not known. He was interred in the still-extant Erhard-crypt at Niedermünster, and miracles were wrought at his grave, that was guarded in the Middle Ages by Erhardinonnen, a religious community of women who observed there a perpetual round of prayer until the Reformation.

*Text & Image from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erhard\\_of\\_Regensburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erhard_of_Regensburg)*

**THE 2017 MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY** will take place at the National Mall in Washington, DC at noon on Friday, January 27th. A delegation of hierarchs from the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America will be participating. Details may be found at <http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/>

**HOME BLESSING SCHEDULES** available in the Narthex. Or email or call Fr Noah, Fr James, or Fr Herman.

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:**  
Oral Care products

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B:**  
What you want is what you get.

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



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

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COMMEMORATIONS:

RIGHTEOUS MOTHER DOMNICA OF  
CONSTANTINOPLE AND HER COMPANIONS (395)  
ST. SEVERINUS, APOSTLE OF NORICUM, AUSTRIA  
(482)

ST. THEODORE OF CONSTANTINOPLE (595)  
HOLY VIRGIN GUDULA OF BRUSSELS (659)  
VENERABLE GEORGE THE CHOZEBITE (7TH C.)  
ST. ERHARD, BISHOP OF REGENSBURG (BAVARIA,  
700)

MARTYR ABO THE PERFUMER OF BAGHDAD, WHO  
SUFFERED AT TBILISI, GEORGIA (GEORGIA, 786)  
ST. GREGORY OF OCHRID, BISHOP OF MOESIA  
(BULGARIA, 1012)

**Tone 4**  
Eothinon 7

**Matins Gospel:** St. John 20:1-10  
**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:7-13  
**Liturgy Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-17

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

**TODAY:** Coffee Hour, Sunday School, & Teens after Liturgy.  
Women of St Philip's  
Outdoor Blessing of Water 1 p.m.  
at Lake Lenape Park

**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.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today by the Psomiadis family, in thanksgiving for blessings received (Peter's 21st birthday - MANY YEARS!).

TODAY'S DONATION COFFEE HOUR is offered by Rachel Howanetz and family, to benefit Rachel's Real Break mission trip. Please be generous!

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Steve & Carol Kaminsky

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Teens

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

SCHEDULE YOUR HOME BLESSING in the Narthex or by phone or email.

## Mark Your Calendar:

### NEW TO THE WEEKLY ROUTINE

*Mondays 10 am - Morning Prayers & Bible Study*

*Tuesdays Noon - 6th Hour*

*Wednesdays 7 pm - Compline & Adult Study*

*Thursdays 10 am - Divine Liturgy*

*Fridays 10 am or 7pm - Paraklesis*

### Desert Fathers Reading Group 2017

*Selected Thursdays from Noon - 2 pm*

*January 12 - St. Anthony the Great*

*February 9 - St. Arsenius*

*March 9 - St. John the Dwarf*

*April 6 - St. Macarius the Great*

*May 11 - Abba Moses of Nitria*

*June 1 - Abba Poemen*

### Meeting of the Lord

*Wednesday, February 1*

**Vespers & Artoklasia (w/candle blessing) 6 pm, Matins 7 pm**

**Thursday, February 2 - Divine Liturgy 10 am, Candle blessing**

*Publican & Pharisee - February 5*

*Prodigal Son - February 12*

*Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) - February 19*

**Soul Saturday, February 18 - Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.**

**Forgiveness Sunday, February 26 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 p.m.**

**PASCHA - April 16, 2017**

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.

**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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Naomi - Ken H. - Chris H. - Doris E.

## This Week:

**Monday, Jan 9: MORNING PRAYERS & Bible Study, 10 a.m.**

**Tuesday, Jan 10: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 noon**

**Wednesday, Jan 11: COMPLINE & Adult Study, 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, Jan 12: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.  
Desert Fathers Reading Group, 12 p.m.**

**Friday, Jan 13: PARAKLESIS 10 a.m.**

**Saturday, Jan 14: Intro to Orthodoxy 4:30 p.m.  
VESPERS 6 p.m.  
Bible Bowl Study 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, Jan 15: MATINS 8:50 a.m., DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour, Sunday School, Teens  
Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.**

## Everyday Evangelist

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

Spend time deepening your relationship with God, allowing Him to form you into the image of Christ. When we're walking with God, spending time in prayer and Scripture reading, we have a full well from which we can offer Christ's living water to others.

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Dec 31: 42 Liturgy on Jan 1: 129 **OFFERINGS:**  
**Corrected Dec 25:** Candles, \$69. Collections, \$643. BookShelf, \$20.  
Camping, \$100. Christmas Cards, \$25. Honorarium, \$2,000. Needy, \$1,055.  
Pastoral Discr, \$1,250. Smerkanich Schol, \$34.20 IOCC Syrian Relief, \$70.  
Stewardship, \$6,941.54 Total received: \$12,207.74  
Jan 1: Candles, \$622.16 Collections, \$546.25 Youth, \$25. BookShelf, \$68.  
Camping, \$200. Pastoral Discr, \$100. St. Andrew, \$25. Capital Improvement,  
\$50. Stewardship, \$5,696. Total received: \$7,332.41

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY