

**March 5, 2017**  
**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

**Martyr Conon of Isauria**

The Holy Martyr Conon of Isauria was born in Bethany, a village near the Asia Minor city of Isauria, whose inhabitants had accepted Christianity from the Apostle Paul. From his youth, Saint Conon was accorded the special protection of the "Archistrategos" ("Leader of the Heavenly Hosts") Michael, who appeared to him and assisted him in many difficult circumstances in life.

At the insistence of his parents, Conon was betrothed to a maiden named Anna. He persuaded her to live with him in virginity after the wedding. The young couple lived as brother and sister, devoting themselves entirely to God. Saint Conon brought also his parents to the Christian Faith. His father, Saint Nestor, received a martyr's death for denouncing idol-worshippers.

After burying both his mother and wife, Saint Conon continued his service to God, devoting himself entirely to monastic works, fasting and prayer. In his declining years the holy ascetic was glorified with the gift of wonderworking. By virtue of his preaching and miracles many pagans were converted to Christ. It is said that even the evil spirits were forced to serve him.

When a persecution against Christians broke out in Isauria, one of the first to suffer was Saint Conon. He was subjected to fierce torments for his refusal to offer sacrifice to idols. When the people of Isauria learned of the tortures to which the saint was being subjected, they came forth bearing arms to defend the martyr. Frightened by the people's wrath, the torturers fled, and the Isaurians found the martyr wounded and bloodied at the place of torture.

Saint Conon wished to endure martyrdom for the Lord, but he lived two more years. Saint Conon died in the second century and was buried beside his parents and wife.

*Text & Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/03/05/100659-martyr-conon-of-isauria>*



**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Baby Care products

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B:** A Prayer Assignment for you ...

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



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

**March 5, 2017**  
**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

COMMEMORATIONS:

HIEROMARTYR KONON OF ISAURIA (2ND C.)  
 ST. THEOPHILUS, BISHOP OF CAESARIA IN PALESTINE  
 (200)

MARTYR CONON THE GARDENER (251)  
 VIRGIN-MARTYR IRAIS (RHAIS) OF ANTINOE IN  
 EGYPT (3RD C.) AND WITH HER MARTYRS  
 ARCHELAOS AND HIS 152 COMPANIONS IN EGYPT  
 ST. KIERAN (CIARAN) OF SAIGHER, MUNSTER  
 (IRELAND, 5TH-6TH C.)

STs. BASIL (1249) AND CONSTANTINE (1257),  
 PRINCES OF YAROSLAVL

NEW-MARTYR JOHN THE BULGARIAN (MT. ATHOS),  
 AT CONSTANTINOPLE (1784)

**Tone 4**

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**Matins Gospel:** St. Luke 24:1-12  
**Epistle:** Hebrews 11.24-26, 32-40  
**Liturgy Gospel:** St. John 1:43-51

**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:** MEMORIAL (40 day) for Helen Smerkanich  
 Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens 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.

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

MANY THANKS to the Kyriakos families for sponsoring today's coffee hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Colin & Sandy Miller

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Serge & Alex Kaminsky

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

### Everyday Evangelist

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

Practice intentional acts of kindness out of love for God.

### Mark Your Calendar:

The Lenten Services calendar has been posted and distributed.  
Pick up a copy from the literature rack.

#### Youth Choir

Rehearsals: Saturdays at 5 pm, March 4-18  
Singing 2nd Akathist (Mar 10) and 4th Presanctified (Mar 22)

#### Missionary Visit

Jesse Brandow, home from Guatemala on furlough.  
Saturday, March 18, following Vespers.

#### Services for Annunciation

Friday, March 24 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Matins 7 pm  
Saturday, March 25 - Liturgy 9 am, potluck (fish, wine, oil)

#### Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 25  
Dr Christopher Veniamin - St Silouan of Mt Athos

PASCHA - April 16, 2017

#### Parish Life Conference

June 29 - July 2, Morristown, NJ (Hosted by St George, Little Falls)  
[www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#](http://www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#)

International Food Festival - Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

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 C. - Ken H. - Victor - Jim R.  
Newly-departed Helen S. - Chris H. - Steve B.

This Week: Great Fast continues

Monday Mar 6: GREAT COMPLINE 7 p.m.

Tuesday Mar 7: Matushka Olga Sewing Club 11 p.m.  
6th HOUR 12 noon

Wednesday Mar 8: Confessions 6 p.m.  
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 7 p.m.; Fasting potluck

Thursday Mar 9: ORTHROS 10 a.m.  
Desert Fathers Reading Group, 12 noon

Friday Mar 10: PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Fasting potluck  
AKATHIST 7 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m.

Saturday, Mar 11: Adult Study (Proverbs) 4:45 p.m.  
Creative Art Workshop (Film/Media) 1-4 p.m.  
Youth Choir 5 p.m.  
VESPERS 6 p.m.  
Confessions 7 p.m.  
Bible Bowl Study 7 p.m.

Sunday, Mar 12: *St Gregory Palamas*  
MATINS 8:50 a.m., DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, Teens, Coffee Hour  
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Feb 25: 33 Liturgy on Feb 26: 159 Forgiveness  
Vespers: 62 Monday Compline: 32 OFFERINGS: Candles, \$200. Collections,  
\$260. Youth, \$24. Endowment, \$350. Pastoral Discr, \$1,925. Smerkanich  
Schol, \$50. St Andrew, \$25. Women, \$70. Memorials, \$650. Grave Sale,  
\$500. Stewardship, \$4,801. Total received: \$20,990.05

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY