

**April 2, 2017**

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - ST MARY OF EGYPT**

## St. George Matskevereli

A few biographical details about Saint George of Atsquri have been preserved in the writings of the famous 10th-century Georgian hagiographers George Merchule and Basil of Zarzma.

Saint George of Atsquri lived at the end of the 9th and the beginning of the 10th centuries. A member of the aristocratic and pious Shuartaqeli family, Saint George was raised and educated in the environs of Georgia's renowned Opiza Monastery in Klarjeti.

Four years after the death of the great feudal lord George Chorchaneli, Saint George succeeded him as ruler of the Samtskhe region. At that time a bitter conflict arose over who was the rightful heir to Chorchaneli's inheritance.

While serving as the chief political leader of Samtskhe, Saint George also directed the region's spiritual life, wisely administering the ancient Atsquri diocese for many years. According to tradition, the diocese of Atsquri was founded by the holy Apostle Andrew the First-called, who left there the "Not-Made-By-Hands" icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (known as the Atsquri Icon of the Mother of God) as an offering to the Georgian Church.

Though his literary works have not been preserved, Saint George is also commemorated as a great writer of the Church.

In his book *The Life of Saint Grigol of Khandzta*, Saint George Merchule notes that Saint George of Atsquri made some of the most significant contributions to the biographical writings on Saint Grigol of Khandzta. Saint George of Atsquri was a close companion of Saint Serapion of Zarzma. He was present at his burial and contributed much to the hagiographical writings on his life and works.

*Text & Icon from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/04/02/103834-st-george-matskevereli-of-georgia>*



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



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Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00

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### COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS AMPHIANUS (APPHIANUS) AND  
EDESIIUS (AEDESIUS) OF LYCIA (306)  
VIRGIN-MARTYR THEODORA OF PALESTINE (4TH  
c.)

MARTYR POLYCARP OF ALEXANDRIA (4TH c.)

ST. NICETIUS OF LYONS (GAUL, 573)

ST. TITUS THE WONDERWORKER (9TH c.)

ST. GEORGE OF MATSKVERI MONASTERY  
(GEORGIA, 9TH c.)

ST. SABBAS, ARCHBISHOP OF CRIMEA (11TH c.)

ST. GREGORY, ASCETIC OF NICOMEDIA (1290)

**Tone 8**

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**Matins Gospel:** St. Luke 20:11-18

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. John 1:43-51

**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:** St Tikhon Mission Choir singing the Liturgy  
Donations for tuition fund will be received at coffee hour.  
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 by the Acker family, in thanksgiving for blessings received.

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

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Angie Drăghici

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: The Teens

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

FLOWER OFFERINGS for the beautification of our church for the Sunday of the Cross, Holy Week, and Pascha are gratefully received. Envelopes are in the literature rack. God bless you!

### 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 Holy Week & Pascha calendar has been posted and distributed. Pick up a copy from the literature rack. (Check the online calendar for updates.)

PASCHA - April 16, 2017

THOMAS SUNDAY - Cemetery Blessing

#### 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!

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Naomi C. - Victor - Jim R. - Dianna G & family - Pregnant Mothers  
Newly-departed Dina S - Robert G.

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Cleaning products

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B:** Camelot cannot go on forever ...

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.

### This Week: Great Fast continues

Monday Apr 3: GREAT COMPLINE 7 p.m.

Tuesday Apr 4: Matushka Olga Sewing Club 11 p.m.  
6th HOUR 12 noon

Wednesday Apr 5: Confessions 6 p.m.  
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 7 p.m.  
Fasting potluck

Thursday Apr 6: ORTHROS 10 a.m.  
Desert Fathers Reading Group, 12 noon

Friday Apr 7: PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Fasting potluck  
COMPLINE & LAZARUS CANON 6 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.  
Confessions 7 p.m.

Saturday, Apr 8: DIVINE LITURGY for Lazarus Saturday 10 a.m.  
Fasting potluck  
VESPERS & ARTOKLASIA 6 p.m.  
Confessions, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Apr 9: *Palm Sunday*  
MATINS & Blessing of Palms 8:45 a.m.  
DIVINE LITURGY & Procession 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, Teens, Coffee Hour  
BRIDEGROOM MATINS 7 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** At Wednesday Presanctified: 60 Friday Presanctified: 21  
Vespers for Annunciation: 48 Matins for Annunciation: 17 Liturgy for  
Annunciation: 48 Vespers on Mar 25: 48 Liturgy on Mar 26: 164 **OFFERINGS:**  
Candles, \$344. Collections, \$362.25 Youth, \$1. BookShelf, \$541. Camp  
Schol, \$100. Endowment, \$200. Festival, \$1,000. Food for Hungry, \$100.  
Smerkanich Schol, \$50. St. Andrew, \$25. Women, \$146. Stewardship, \$6,696.  
Total received: \$6,565.25

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY