

July 9, 2017
5TH AFTER PENTECOST

Hieromartyr Pancratius of Sicily

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth.

The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily.

Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith.

Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

The saint's relics are in the church named for him in Rome. He is also commemorated on February 9.

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COMMEMORATIONS:

HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS, BISHOP OF
TAORMINA IN SICILY (1ST C.)
HIEROMARTYR CYRIL, BISHOP OF GORTYNA IN
CRETE (250-252)
MARTYRS PATERMUTHIUS, COPRIUS, AND
ALEXANDER THE SOLDIER, IN EGYPT (361)
STs. PATERMUTHIUS AND COPRIUS, ASCETICS OF
EGYPT (4TH C.)
ST. EVERILD, NUN, OF ENGLAND (700)
ST. THEODORE, BISHOP OF EDESSA (848)
ST. THEODOSIUS, STYLITE OF EDESSA (9TH C.)
NEW HIEROMARTYR METHODIUS OF AMARIA,
CRETE (1793)

Tone 4

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Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Romans 9:1-7

Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 8:28 - 9:1

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 & Teens after Liturgy.
Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

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 Fred & Mary Kompass 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: Serge & Alex Kaminsky

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

Mark Your Calendar:

Romania Presentation

Saturday, July 22, following Vespers

Fr Noah will present a slideshow of his recent pilgrimage.

Parish Festival Meeting

Sunday, July 23, 12:15 p.m.

All interested parties invited.

Past team leaders especially encouraged to attend.

Vacation Church School

August 7-11 - The Parables of Christ

Fr Boniface Memorial & Retreat

August 12-13 - Fr Joseph Morris, speaker

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 17, 2-7 pm

Sign up at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: saint philip

International Food Festival

Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

Plan, work, invite!

Village at Home

Saturday, November 11 - more details to come

Bp Thomas visit rescheduled for December 15-17.

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.

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

Everyday Evangelist

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

Be available.

This Week:

Tuesday, Jul 11: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Wednesday, Jul 12: AKATHIST, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jul 14: PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.
Men's Fellowship, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jul 15: VESPERS, 6 p.m. - Confessions

Sunday, Jul 16: MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Oral Care Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: How are you, Father?
"Never Better!"

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Jul 1: 24 **OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$283.35
Collections, \$245. Youth, \$3. Camp Schol, \$225. Stewardship,
\$6,437. Total received: \$7,593.35

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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