

**October 29, 2017**  
**21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Saint Serapion of Zarzmeli**

Saint Serapion of Zarzmeli (Zarzma) (Georgia) was the son of a pious aristocrat. He wanted to become a monk since childhood, and he was tonsured after his parents' death. The Lord told his spiritual teacher, Saint Michael of Parekhi, that Saint Serapion should found a monastery in Samtskhe.

Saint Serapion and his companions walked over unexplored territory, through dense forests, and over rocky paths. Two local residents, the God-fearing Ia and Garbaneli, accompanied them. But not all the local people received the monks so warmly: the residents of Tsiskvili met them with hostility and tried to block their path.

That very same night a miracle occurred: an earthquake split the rocks that were holding back Lake Satakhve and washed away the entire village of Tsiskvili. Only two brothers survived. To this day this place has been called "Zarzma" [the word "zari" is often used to denote a tragic occurrence].

After three years of construction, the monastery was completed, and the wonder-working icon of the Transfiguration was placed in the altar of the church. The monks fashioned cells, and Saint Serapion established the rules of the monastery.

When the blessed Serapion sensed the approach of death, he summoned the brothers, bade them farewell, and appointed Hieromonk George his successor as abbot. He was buried with great honor on the eastern side of the altar at the monastery church.

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Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!  
 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.  
 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;  
 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:4-7*



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**Office Hours:**  
 Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00  
 Friday 10:00 - 3:00

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COMMEMORATIONS:

VENERABLE MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN (256)  
 VENERABLE ABRAHAM (360) AND HIS NIECE MARY (397) OF MESOPOTAMIA  
 ST. ANNA (KNOWN AS EUPHEMIANUS) OF CONSTANTINOPLE (826)  
 SERAPION OF ZARZMELI, GEORGIA (900)  
 ABRAHAM, BISHOP OF ROSTOV (1073)  
 NEW HIEROMARTYR ATHANASIOS OF SPARTA (1653)  
 VENERABLE MARTYR TIMOTHY OF ESPHIGMENOU MONASTERY ON ATHOS (1820)

**Tone 4**  
 Eothion 10

**Matins Gospel:** St. John 21:1-14  
**Epistle:** Galatians 2:16-20  
**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Luke 8:41-56

**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:** **Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship continues.**  
 Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens.  
 Sacrament of BAPTISM (Hernandez & Strickland), 3 p.m.

**SAINT PHILIP'S** is a place of prayer and repentance and 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 are following the commandments and 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 Naomi Cardell (in celebration of Taylor's birthday – Many Years!) for sponsoring today's Coffee Hour. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS** are needed for much of the rest of the year. Please take a turn.

**THIS WEEK'S GREETERS:** Justin & Kate Gohl, and family

**THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM:** Ken, Chris, & Natalia

**THANK YOU** to all who fulfill these ministries!

## Mark Your Calendar:

### Village at Home

*Saturday, November 11*

Flyer and registration form on the bulletin board.

### Metr. Ephraim Kyriakos Visit

*November 10-17*

### Holy Apostle Philip

*Monday, November 13 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Orthros 7 pm*

*Tuesday, November 14 - Divine Liturgy 10 am*

### Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

*Monday, November 20 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Orthros 7 pm*

*Tuesday, November 21 - Divine Liturgy 10 am*

### Advent Retreat

*Saturday, December 9*

Drs. David & Mary Ford: *When the Foundations Are Shaken: Biblical & Patristic Wisdom for Living through Spiritual Upheaval*

### Bp Thomas Visit

*December 15-17*

### Nativity of Christ

*Sunday, December 24 - Orthros 8:45 am, Liturgy 10 am*

*Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Festal Orthros 7 pm*

*Monday, December 25 - Festal Liturgy 9 am; Vespers for Synaxis 6 pm*

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

## Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship 2018

*"I have a holy task for you"*

*(Father Boniface)*

### Everyday Evangelist

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

Say genuinely, "God willing," and "Thank God."

### This Week:

**Monday, Oct 30:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct 31:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov 1:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
COMPLINE 7 p.m.  
Chanting Workshop, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov 2:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Friday, Nov 3:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov 4:** Men's Fellowship, 8-10 a.m.  
Sacrament of BAPTISM (Matczak), 1 p.m.  
VESPERS, 4 p.m. (NOTE time change)

**Sunday, Nov 5:** MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.  
Women of St. Philip's, 12 p.m.  
Sacrament of MARRIAGE (Morelli/Korban), 2 p.m.

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Turkeys.

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B.:** Prayer is key.

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Oct 21: 40 Divine Services on Oct 22: 181  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$251. Collections, \$169.60. Youth, \$6. Book Shelf Ministry, \$15.50. Endowment, \$465. Pastoral Discretion, \$200. Stewardship, \$3,465. Total received: \$4,572.10.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN** are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.