

**December 3, 2017**

**26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## Hieromartyr Theodore the Archbishop of Alexandria

The Hieromartyr Theodore, Bishop of Alexandria, was born in Egypt in the city of Alexandria. This city was famous for its many martyrs and confessors: from the holy Evangelist Mark, Protomartyr of Alexandria (April 25), to Saint Athanasius the Great (January 18 and May 2), a pillar and confessor of Orthodoxy.

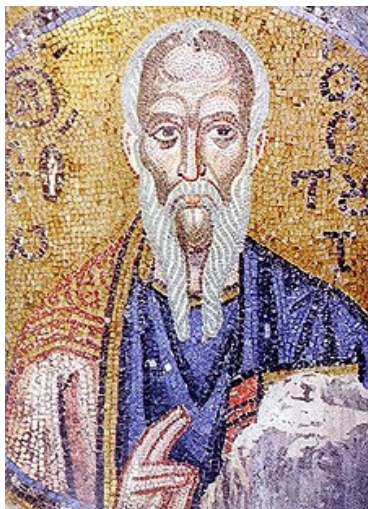
Regrettably, historical records do not give us precise details of Saint Theodore's life and deeds, but the Church of Christ has preserved the name of the hieromartyr in its diptychs for all time.

A fiery preacher, powerful of word and church activity, Bishop Theodore evoked an angry hatred in the boisterous pagans of Alexandria, who did not like his preaching.

During one of his sermons they surrounded and seized the saint. They beat him and jeered at him, but he did not offer resistance. They placed a crown of thorns on his head, and led him through the city.

Then they led him to the seacoast and threw him from a cliff into the sea, but the wind and the waves carried him back to dry land. The astonished pagans brought Saint Theodore to the prefect of the city, who commanded that he be subjected to harsh tortures. Not a word did the torturers hear from the tortured confessor, except his prayer to the Lord. Then the holy martyr was handed over to Roman soldiers and executed in the manner of the Apostle Paul, he was beheaded with a sword.

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"They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!' Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them!' Having said this, he fell asleep."

*Acts 7:59-60*



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### COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY PROPHET ZEPHANIAH (635 BC)  
MARTYRS AGAIOS, SELEUKOS AND MAMAS  
VENERABLE THEODOULOS, EPARCH OF  
CONSTANTINOPLE (440)

HIEROMARTYR THEODORE, ARCHBISHOP OF  
ALEXANDRIA (606).

ST. BIRINUS, BISHOP OF DORCHESTER (649-650)

ST. SABBAS, ABBOT OF ZVENIGOROD (1406).

HIEROMARTYR GABRIEL, BISHOP OF GANOS AND  
PRUSA (1659)

NEW-MARTYR ANGELIS OF CHIOS (1813)

ST. COSMAS OF ST. ANNE SKETE ON ATHOS

**Tone 1**

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**Matins Gospel:** St. Luke 24:1-12

**Epistle:** Ephesians 5:8-19

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Luke 18:35-43

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 -** While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

**TODAY:** Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am  
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am  
Women of St. Philip's, 12pm; Choir Rehearsal, 12:30pm

**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 for the well-being of the von Hoyer and Costas families.

THE HOLY BREAD OFFERING today is provided by Kristi Moore.

MANY THANKS to Habib & the Shaheen's for sponsoring today's coffee hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

The new 2018 Coffee Hour sponsorship chart is posted! Enlist a friend, choose a Sunday, and sign up!

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Celia-Marie Khouri & Sharon Yezdimir

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Chris & Natalia

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Thank you!

## Mark Your Calendar:

Bp Thomas Visit  
December 15-17

Friends & Family Sunday / Tonsure & Ordination

Sunday School Christmas Program

Rehearsal: Saturday, December 16, 5 p.m.

Program: Sunday, December 17, 1 p.m.

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

Circumcision & St. Basil - New Year's Services

Sunday, December 31 - Vespers & Artoklasia, 6 pm, Orthros, 7 pm

Talent Show, 8 pm, New Year's Prayers, 10 pm

Monday, January 1 - Divine Liturgy 10 am, New Year's Prayers 11:30 am

Theophany

Friday, January 5 - Royal Hours, 10 am

Vesperal Liturgy, 6 pm & Great Blessing of Water, 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am

Great Blessing of Water, 11:30 am

Sunday, January 7 - Outdoor Blessing of Water @ Lenape Park, 1 pm

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

## Everyday Evangelist

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* (Jn 20:21)  
Make time to sit and talk with your neighbors.

### This Week: – NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES –

- Monday, Dec 4: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec 5: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
St. Nicholas Vespers & Artoklasia, 7 pm  
Youth Activity, 8 pm
- Wednesday, Dec 6: Feast of St. NICHOLAS  
ORTHROS, 9 a.m.; Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.  
Fasting Potluck Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.  
Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec 7: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Philokalia Reading Group, 12:30 pm
- Friday, Dec 8: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec 9: Advent Retreat, 2-7:30 pm  
Drs. David & Mary Ford: *When the Foundations Are Shaken:*  
*Biblical & Patristic Wisdom for Living through Spiritual Upheaval*  
VESPERS, 6 p.m. & Pre-Baptismal Prayers  
(Chilbert)
- Sunday, Dec 10: MATINS 8:30 am, Baptismal LITURGY 9:45 am  
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm;  
Parish Council, 12:45 pm

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Grow Up!

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Nov 25: 16 Divine Services on Nov 26: 187  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$295. Collections, \$167. Flowers, \$55. Youth, \$20. Book Shelf, \$10. Christmas Card Fund, \$50. Stewardship, \$3,957. Total received: \$4,554.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & 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.