

**January 14, 2018**

**LEAVE-TAKING OF & SUNDAY AFTER THE  
THEOPHANY OF CHRIST**

## **Martyr Moses and his Disciple Moses slain at Sinai and Raithu**

Saint Moses was one of the Holy Monastic Fathers Slain at Sinai and Raithu. There were two occasions when the monks and hermits were murdered by the barbarians. The first took place in the fourth century when forty Fathers were killed at Mt. Sinai, and thirty-nine were slain at Raithu on the same day.

Mount Sinai, where the Ten Commandments had been given to Moses, was also the site of another miracle. Ammonios, an Egyptian monk, witnessed the murder of the forty holy Fathers at Sinai. He tells of how the Saracens attacked the monastery and would have killed them all, if



God had not intervened. A fire appeared on the summit of the peak, and the whole mountain smoked. The barbarians were terrified, and fled, while the surviving monks thanked God for sparing them.

That day, the Blemmyes (an Arab tribe) killed thirty-nine Fathers at Raithu (on the shores of the Red Sea). Igumen Paul of Raithu exhorted his monks to endure their suffering with courage and a pure heart.

The second massacres occurred nearly a hundred years later, and was also recorded by an eyewitness who miraculously escaped: Saint Nilus the Faster (November 12). The Arabs permitted some of the monks run for their lives. They crossed the valley and climbed up a mountain. From this vantage point, they saw the bedouin kill the monks and ransack their cells.

The Sinai and Raithu ascetics lived a particularly strict life: they spent the whole week at prayer in their cells. On Saturday they gathered for the all-night Vigil, and on Sunday they received the Holy Mysteries. Their only food was dates and water. Many of the ascetics of the desert were glorified by the gift of wonderworking: the Elders Moses, Joseph and others. Mentioned in the service to these monastic Fathers are: Isaiah, Sava, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius and Elias.

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## **ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**A Parish of the  
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### COMMEMORATIONS:

HOLY FATHERS SLAIN AT SINAI AND RAITHU  
VIRGIN-MARTYR AGNES  
VENERABLE THEODOULOS, SON OF NEILOS THE  
WISE OF SINAI  
NINA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES AND  
ENLIGHTENER OF GEORGIA  
SABBAS, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA

**Tone 7 - Eothinon 10**  
**Matins Gospel: St. John 21:1-14**  
**Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13**  
**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!**

**TROPARION OF THEOPHANY - Tone 1 - When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.**

**TODAY:** Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am  
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens  
Parish Council Meeting, 12:45 pm  
Outdoor Water Blessing @ Lenape Park, 2 pm

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

Fr Noah & Fr James 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.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week:
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Carolyn Kaminsky	BethAnn Hyatt
<b>EPISTLE READER:</b>	Irene Forssen	Joe Kyriakos
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	Carol Habre <small>(in memory of the birthday of her father, Robert Schadt – Memory Eternal!)</small>	Fr. Noah (St. Nina feast day)
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Todd & Kristi Moore	Don & Maryann Reigle
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Kim, Todd & Kristi Moore	Teens
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	Potluck	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. **Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.**

**Coffee Hour sponsors needed!** Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?

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

## Mark Your Calendar:

**HOUSE BLESSINGS - Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!**

### Adult Education - "Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy"

Jan 3 - Feb 14, Wednesdays after Compline

### Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Thursday, February 1 - Vespers & Artoklasia, 7 pm

Friday, February 2 - Matins & Liturgy w/ Candle blessing, 9 am

### Great Lent Begins

Monday, February 19 - Clean Monday

### Choir Concert

Sunday, March 11, 1 pm

### Lenten Retreat - "A Christian Ending"

Saturday, March 17

**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, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

## Everyday Evangelist

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

Pray for your relatives who do not know the Lord.

**This Week:** *Fr. Noah in Texas for Conference (1/16-1/21)*

**Monday, Jan 15:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan 16:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan 17:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Compline & Adult Education, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan 18:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Friday, Jan 19:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan 20:** Intro to Orthodoxy,  
4:30 pm  
**VESPERS 6 pm,**  
**Confessions 7 pm**  
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm

**Sunday, Jan 21:** **MATINS 9 a.m.,**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 am**  
Parish Council, 12:45 pm

<b>Pray For:</b>	
Living	Departed
AP Anthony	Assaad
R Maxime	Sylvia
Michael I	Patricia D
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
Patricia & family	
John D	
John G	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Mark L	
Robert C	Faith
Kristen C	Michael
Stephanie	Mary Stella
Helen	
R Herman E	
Nicholas A	
Thomas	

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Oral Care Products.

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B.:** This is EARTH!

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Jan 6: 32    Divine Services on Jan 7: 186  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$390. Collections, \$1,498.55. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf, \$11. Camping Fund, \$250. Choir Fund, \$100. One-time Donation, \$10,000. Stewardship, \$8,921.05. Total received: \$19,673.05.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**