

June 4, 2017

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Venerable Sophia, Mother of Orphans

Our venerable Mother Sophia was born in the province of Ainos in southeastern Thrace, and was the daughter of pious Christian parents. When she was of age, her parents arranged for her to be married. She and her husband had six children. Though she was occupied with worldly cares and responsibilities, she still kept the commandments of God and lived a virtuous life. She loved to attend the Church services, and so she progressed in virtue.



After sickness carried off Sophia's husband and all her children in succession, she did not despair, but became even more devoted to God. Within a period of twenty years, she adopted one hundred children, and raised them to love God. Because of this, she is sometimes called Saint Sophia the Mother of Orphans. She sold her property and gave the proceeds to the poor and to widows. She led an austere life, eating nothing but bread and water. She preferred to do without the necessities of life herself rather than allow any poor person to leave her home empty-handed. The Psalms of the Prophet-King David were always on her lips, and tears flowed continuously from her eyes.

Because of her humility and her love for the poor, God blessed her in the following way. In her home there was a container of wine which she reserved for the poor. She noticed that no matter how much she took from the container, it remained full. However, as soon as she told someone about the miracle and glorified God, the container became empty. Saint Sophia became sorrowful, believing that the wine had failed because of her unworthiness. Therefore, she increased her ascetical labors until her health suffered.

Sensing that the end of her life was near, she received the monastic tonsure. From that time, she devoted herself completely to the worship of God. Saint Sophia reposed peacefully at the age of fifty-three. It is not known exactly when she lived.

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



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COMMEMORATIONS:

STS. MARY AND MARTHA, SISTERS OF ST. LAZARUS
(1ST C.)

ST. METROPHANES, FIRST PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE (325)

MARTYRS ZOTICUS, ATALLUS, CAMASIUS, AND PHILIP
OF NICULITEL (ROMANIA, 4TH C.)

ST. ZOSIMAS OF CILICIA, BISHOP OF NEW BABYLON
(EGYPT, 6TH C.)

ST. PETROC OF CORNWALL (BRITAIN, 594)

ST. SOPHIA OF THRACE (10TH-11TH C.)

Old Testament Readings:

Num. 11: 16-17, 24-29

Joel 2: 23-32

Ezek. 36: 24-28

Matins Gospel:

St. John 20: 19-23

Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11

Gospel: Saint John 7: 32-52, 8: 12

PENTECOST TROPARION - Tone 8 - Most blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who when thou hadst made the fishermen most wise, did send down upon them the Holy Spirit, and by them didst draw the world into thy net! O Lord of mercy, glory to thee!

PENTECOST KONTAKION - Tone 8 - When coming down He brought confusion on mortal tongues, God Most High brought disunion to nations, and again when He apportioned the tongues of fire, He summoned all mankind to unite once more; and with one accord we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.

TODAY: Last Day of Sunday School. Attendance recognition.
Coffee Hour & Teens following Liturgy.
PENTECOST KNEELING PRAYERS, approx. 1:00 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 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 Road, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted this week by the Psomiadis family (Victoria's birthday - MANY YEARS!).

TODAY'S DONATION LUNCHEON is sponsored by the Antiochian Village Camper families, benefiting the Camp Scholarship Fund. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Please be generous.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Jim & Doris Eggers

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Natalia Mamardashvili, Chris Stavrou, Ken Hedrick

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

Mark Your Calendar:

Apostles' Fast - June 12-28

Akathist

Wednesdays 7 pm, June 21 - July 26

Parish Life Conference

*June 28 - July 2, Morristown, NJ
(Hosted by St George, Little Falls)
www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#*

Sacred Music Institute

July 12-16

At the Antiochian Village

Vacation Church School

August 7-11 - The Parables of Christ

Fr Boniface Memorial & Retreat

August 12-13

International Food Festival

Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

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.

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 20-21

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Bath & Shower Products
WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Don't say "boo, boo" when you only have to say "boo".

This Week:

**NO FASTING OR ABSTINENCE THIS WEEK
(WEEK OF PENTECOST)**

Tuesday, Jun 6: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Wednesday, Jun 7: **COMPLINE & BIBLE STUDY, 7 p.m.**

Saturday, Jun 10: **VESPERS, 6 p.m.**
Bible Bowl Study, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jun 11: **SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**
MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
High School Graduate recognition.
Coffee Hour & Teens.

Everyday Evangelist

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

Join a friend in an activity or hobby.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Saturday, May 27: 44 At the Divine Services on Sunday, May 28: 142 OFFERINGS: Candles, \$196. Collections, \$163. Youth, \$20. Beautification, \$6,000. Bookshelf, \$17. Food for Hungry, \$46.08 Romania trip, \$60. Stewardship, \$3,252. Total received: \$9,754.08

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY