

May 14, 2017
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

CHRIST IS RISEN!

St. Serapion the Sindonite

Saint Serapion lived during the fifth century in Egypt. He was called the linen cloth-wearer (Sindonite) since he wore only a coarse linen garb called a "sindon." From his youth the monk lived like the birds of the air, without a shelter.

For several days at a time he did not eat, not having the means to buy bread. He gave away his sindon to a beggar who was shivering from the cold, and he himself was naked.

A certain Greek philosopher, wishing to test the non-covetousness of the monk, gave him a gold coin and watched him. The saint went to the bakery, bought one loaf of bread, gave the merchant the gold coin and left, having no regard for the value of the money.

Saint Serapion led many on the way of salvation. Once, he was the servant of a Greek actor, whom he converted to Christ. The actor, imitating the example of the holy life of the saint, believed and was baptized together with all his family. He asked Saint Serapion to remain with him not as a servant, but as a guide and friend, but the monk went away, not taking any of the money offered him.

Traveling to Rome, Saint Serapion got on a ship, but paid nothing to the ship owners. At first they began to reproach him for this, but noticing that the Elder had gone five days already without eating, they began to feed him for the sake of God, and in this they fulfilled the command of the Lord.

At Rome, the saint continued to wander about, going from house to house, having nothing, accumulating only spiritual wealth for himself and for his neighbor.

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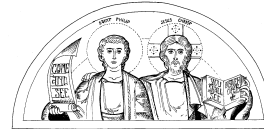


Everyday Evangelist

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

Organize a dinner party. Introduce a few non-Christian friends to a few Christian friends who are living out John 13:34-35 ("Love one another").

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



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Office Hours:
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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYR MAXIMUS, UNDER DECIUS (250)

MARTYR ISIDORE OF CHIOS (251)

ST. SERAPION THE SINDONITE, MONK, OF EGYPT
(542)

ST. NICETAS, BISHOP OF NOVGOROD AND RECLUSE
OF THE KIEV CAVES (1108)

ST. LEONTIUS, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM (1175)

VENERABLE ISIDORE OF ROSTOV, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST
(1474)

NEW-MARTYRS MARK OF CRETE (1643) AND
JOHN OF BULGARIA (1802)

Tone 4

Eothinon 7 (St. John 20: 1-10)

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30
Gospel: St John 4: 5-42

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY
DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.

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 Apostles, saying, "Death hath been spoiled! Christ-God is risen, granting to the world the great mercy!"

TROPARION FOR MID-PENTECOST - Tone 8 - In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

TODAY: Sunday School and Coffee Hour after Liturgy.
Teens meet.

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.

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THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted this week by the Psomiadis family, in thanksgiving for blessings received (Sue's birthday - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to the Men of St Philip's for sponsoring today's coffee hour in honor of Mother's Day. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Heveran family

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Teens

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

Mark Your Calendar:

Services for Ascension

**** Held at Holy Ascension Church, West Chester ****

Wednesday, May 24 - Vigil & Artoklasia 4:45 pm, Liturgy 6:30 pm

Pentecost

Sunday, June 4 - Kneeling Prayers, 1 p.m.

High School Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 11

Apostles' Fast - June 12-28

Akathist

Wednesdays 7 pm, June 21 - July 26

Services for Sts. Peter & Paul

**** Held at St Paul Church, Emmaus ****

Wednesday, June 28 - Matins 6 pm, Liturgy 7 pm

Parish Life Conference

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

International Food Festival

Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:

- ✦ We say or sing the Resurrection Troparion every day with our devotions.
- ✦ We continue to share the good news with the greeting, "Christ is risen!"
- ✦ We read the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John in our family Bibles.
- ✦ There is no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays. (Communion fast continues as usual.)
- ✦ In honor of the Resurrection, there is no kneeling, in Church or at home, until the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers.

This Week:

Monday, May 15: MORNING PRAYERS & Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 16: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 NOON

Wednesday, May 17: COMPLINE & Adult Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 18: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.

Friday, May 19: PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.
Men's Fellowship, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 20: Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:15 p.m.
VESPERS at 6 p.m.
Bible Bowl Study.

Sunday, May 21: SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN
MATINS 8:50 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Coffee Hour, & Teens after Liturgy.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Skin Care

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: It takes 10 years to become Orthodox

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Saturday, May 6: 39 Divine Services on Sunday, May 7: 153 OFFERINGS: Candles, \$239. Collections, \$101. Youth, \$3. Beautification, \$425. BookShelf, \$55. Camp fund, \$200. Cemetery, \$200. Endowment, \$30. Food for Hungry, \$43.65 Stewardship, \$5,088. Total received: \$5,408.72

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 and would like a visit, please call the church office.