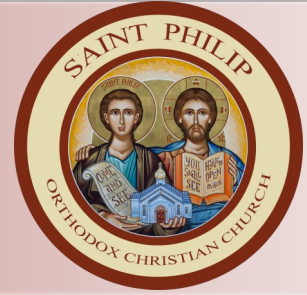


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Mark Your Calendar:

Dormition Fast - August 1-14

Paraklesis (or Vespers) weekdays thru the Feast of the Dormition

Services for Transfiguration

Thursday, August 5

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

Orthros 7:30 p.m.

Blessing of harvest

Friday, August 6

Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Blessing of harvest

Potluck - Fish, wine & oil

Services for Dormition

Saturday, August 14

Vespers, Artoklasia, & Lamentations

Blessing of herbs & flowers
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 15

Orthros 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Blessing of herbs & flowers

Student Blessing & Special Guest



Beheading of the Forerunner

Saturday, August 28

Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm

Sunday, August 29 - **STRICT FAST DAY**
Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am

Nativity of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 7

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

Orthros 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Sunday School begins September 12

Elevation of the Cross

Monday, September 13

Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14 -

Strict Fast Day

Orthros 9 a.m., Liturgy 10 a.m.

International Food Festival

September 17-18

How will you be helping?

Whom will you invite?

Bp THOMAS Visit

October 2-3

We live Pascha to Pascha!

April 24, 2022

NEWS ~ N ~ NOTES

+MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Thank you for your generosity to the needy of our community! In August, we are collecting **Paper Products**.

+NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION:

We continue to collect non-perishables of all kinds for the food pantries.

Festival Preparations Continuing!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Our **9th International Food Festival** is scheduled for Friday and Saturday **September 17 & 18**.



All parishioners, your help is needed! Sign-up sheets to volunteer are in the Narthex. Also, take a **Festival Packet in the Narthex**, and ask those who you do business with to be a **sponsor**. Let's work together to make this the best Food Festival yet!

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAITHFUL GIVING & SERVICE!

Vacation Church School

"PHILO AND THE SUPERHOLIES"

August 9-13

9 a.m.-12 Noon



Student Registration is open online at <https://www.st-philip.net/vcs>

Are you able to be a volunteer in this important ministry? For more information, contact Kate Gohl (kategohl@gmail.com).

A Message from Fr. Noah

Dear Saint Philip's Family,

I write this brief message in the midst of our parish kids' Iconography Workshop—which I have been able to join, and try my hand at iconography for the first time!

The words from Rdr. Karsten several weeks ago resonated with me when he said that, as we paint the Icon, we gradually see the Face of our Creator appear before us. What a wonderful mystery! This is the Christian Life in a nutshell: we are all unfinished icons of Christ, our Creator, and by God's grace and our cooperation with Him, we become—increasingly finished—icons of Christ who is Himself the Perfect Icon of the Father.

If nothing else, this teaches us again that our life in Christ is a *process*. We know this, but it is good to be reminded. Process requires *patience*, with ourselves, with one another, and in a sense with God, as He works His mysterious will in the world and in and through us.

For Christ to be fully formed in us, we can't carve out a short-cut—skipping this part of the preparation of materials, or that layer of paint, or that small stroke of detail.

Thankfully, God is patient *with us*, and He has not left us to make up our



own "icon," our own pattern. The Father has given us His own Son as the Pattern, and the Church, as the "studio" in which to craft and be crafted, by the power of the Spirit.

Grateful to be Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

+Fr. Noah




Holy Mysteries

Congratulations to Newly-Crowned **John & Asena Sophia** who were married on July 17.

MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!

Did You Know?

- **The Dormition Fast** (August 1-14) is a time to tune up our souls and bodies with escalated prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other spiritual disciplines to bring us closer to Christ and His Holy Mother! Please plan on attending at least one Paraklesis.
- Please **save the date for our Food Festival** – to help out and to bring a friends, families, colleagues, and neighbors! Pray for a successful outreach event. 
- An Orthodox Christian ought to **come to confession** about four times per year and as needed.
- There is a new yellow **Sign-up sheet for Altar candles** on the bulletin board next to the literature rack in the hallway. Let's revive our use of this special offering to God and our parish! Mark an offering envelope (\$10) for "Altar Candles" and place in offering box.

Missions Minute

Have you checked out **OCMC.org** recently?

We were blessed recently with a visit from Fr. John and his presentation about Orthodox missions in Guatemala! Glory to God for the many people turning to the Orthodox Faith! The **OCMC website (ocmc.org)** is full of opportunities to give, volunteer (virtually and in-person), and otherwise assist Orthodox missions around the world. For example:

Benue State, in North Central Nigeria, is named after the Benue River which plays a prominent role in the lives of those who call this home. It is here, in the 'Food Basket of the Nation,' that 2 dedicated Orthodox clergy minister to 700 Orthodox, in 21 parishes. Support of this project will purchase necessary equipment to enable Virtual Teams that will provide retreats for representatives from all the Orthodox communities in Benue State. (<https://www.ocmc.org/how-we-serve/orthodox-mission-projects>)

Everyday Evangelist

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

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink"
(Prov 25:21).

St. Justin Academy **UPDATE**

- ✦ Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Readathon** in any way. **Our 17 Readers read more than 12,000 minutes over two weeks, raising more than \$2,000.** This money will help us buy necessary supplies (like tissues, paper towels, cleaning supplies) and materials that will enrich the students' learning (paper and paints, a globe and maps, iconography supplies, etc).
- ✦ **Mark your calendars:** Our first official St. Justin's event will be a **Back-to-School Stargazing Party.** This event will kick off our study on earth science and Ancient Civilizations, as we will be watching the Perseid meteor shower on **August 11th, 8:00p.m.** We will also be celebrating the success of the Readathon with ice cream! All St. Philip's families are welcome. More details to come. (Trivia question: do you know what the meteor shower's specific connection to the Ancient World is?)
- ✦ All families currently homeschooling or interested in homeschooling/classical education are invited to **join St. Justin's on Fridays this school year.** We will be doing enrichment activities on a variety of topics, like practicing chant, doing science experiments, or going on field trips. Younger children (0-PreK) will have an opportunity for early literacy-rich playtime, while moms fellowship and discuss education. If you're interested, please contact **Mindi (teacher@saintjustinacademy.org)** for more information.
- ✦ Finally, **please pray for us.** Our goal, far above any other, is to glorify God, so we especially need your prayers that we will grow in love, humility, and courage for His name's sake!

Watermelon Sorbet

- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup light corn syrup or light agave nectar (*the syrup or nectar makes the resulting texture quite smooth*)
 - 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime or lemon juice
 - 3 fresh mint leaves
 - 3 pounds watermelon, rind and seeds removed, cut into chunks
1. In a small saucepan, bring the sugar, corn syrup or agave nectar, lime or lemon juice, and mint to a boil, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and let cool.
 2. In a blender, puree half of the watermelon chunks. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer into a large bowl. Repeat with the remaining watermelon.
 3. Add the slightly cooled syrup to the watermelon and mix well. Place in a 2-quart container, cover, and freeze for 3 to 4 hours. Flake the mixture with a fork. Scoop it up and serve in pretty bowls.
- <http://leitesculinary.com/76386/recipes-watermelon-sorbet.html>

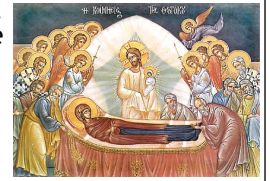


Ask Abouna

Question: Tell me about the Dormition Fast.

Answer: The Dormition fast has been kept since at least the year 450 (St. Leo the Great mentions it). St. Symeon of Thessalonica (early 15th Century) writes, "The fast in August was established in honor of the Mother of God the Word; Who, foreknowing Her repose, ascetically labored and fasted for us as always, although She was holy and immaculate, and had no need for fasting. Thus, She especially prayed for us in preparation for being transported from this life to the future life, when Her blessed soul would be united through the Divine Spirit with Her Son. Therefore, we also should fast and praise Her, emulating Her life, urging Her thereby to pray for us."

This ancient holy time is a gift from God for us to draw near to Him and also to the Panagia. Don't neglect the fast or the feasts!



Challenge for 2021:

"Your Body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit"

"But He has spoken of these things [i.e., body and spirit] as God's, not only because He brought them into being, but also because, when they were alienated, He won them again a second time, paying as the price, the blood of the Son. Mark how He brought the whole to completion in Christ, how He raised us up into heaven. 'Ye are members of Christ,' saith he, 'ye are a temple of the Spirit.' Become not then 'members of a harlot;' for it is not your body which is insulted; since it is not your body at all, but Christ's. And these things he spake, both to make manifest His loving-kindness in that our body is His, and to withdraw us from all evil license."

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 18 on 1 Corinthians (NPNF1 12.102)

Parenting Suggestion

From *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* by Philip Mamalakis: "Understand struggles in terms of the values and the virtues of the Kingdom of God."

