

October 9, 2016
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Righteous Forefather Abraham & Righteous Lot

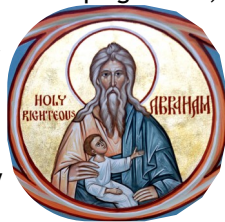
The Righteous Forefather Abraham (“Father of a multitude”) and his nephew Lot (“veil”) lived around 2000 B.C. Their story is found in the Book of Genesis, Chapters 12-25.

God told Abraham that all the nations of the earth would be blessed in his seed (Genesis 22:18), and ordered him to leave his home and his relatives and go to Canaan, the country between the Mediterranean and Jordan. Because God gave this land to Abraham and his posterity (Genesis 12:7), it became known as “the Promised Land.”

The Righteous Lot is regarded as the progenitor of the Moabites and the Ammonites. He lived in Sodom with his wife and two daughters, a righteous man living in the midst of wicked people. The citizens of Sodom despised him as a newcomer, and also hated him for his upright life, hospitality, and obedience to God.

Lot’s efforts to turn them from their wickedness only increased their wrath. As fire consumed the city, Lot and his family were led to safety by an angel.

Abraham and Lot are also commemorated with Christ’s ancestors according to the flesh on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (between December 11 and 17).



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St Publia the Confessor and Deaconess

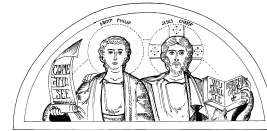
The holy Martyr Publia the Confessor, a deaconess of Antioch, became a widow at a young age and devoted all her strength to raising her son John in the Christian Faith. John became a presbyter, and Publia, for her prudent and ascetic life, was found worthy of becoming a deaconess. She undertook the guidance of widows and young women who wished to devote themselves to the service of God, and she organized a monastery in her home. During the persecution of Christians under the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363), St Publia and the sisters denounced the reprobate.

When the emperor made his way to Publia’s house, the sisters loudly sang Psalm 113/114, denouncing idol-worship. The emperor’s soldiers fiercely beat the venerable abbess, but she endured the beating with forbearance.

St Publia did not live long after this, but peacefully fell asleep in the Lord.

Text from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2016/10/09/102913-st-publia-the-confessor-and-deaconess-of-antioch>

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



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COMMEMORATIONS:

RIGHTEOUS FOREFATHER ABRAHAM AND HIS
NEPHEW THE RIGHTEOUS LOT (2000 BC)
THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, SON OF ALPHEAUS (1ST
C.)

DIONYSIOS (DENYS), BISHOP OF PARIS (258)
VENERABLE PUBLIA THE CONFESSOR AND
DEACONESS OF ANTIOCH (360)

VENERABLE ANDRONIKOS AND ATHANASIA OF
EGYPT (500)

ST. PETER OF GALATIA (9TH C.)

STEPHEN THE YOUNGER, KING OF SERBIA (1427)
NEW HIEROMARTYR CONSTANTINE, PRIEST (1937)

Tone 7

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Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

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!

TODAY: Ordination of Dn Herman to the Holy Priesthood
Coffee Hour after Liturgy.
Sunday School & Teen SOYO.

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 NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who 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.

WELCOME BISHOP THOMAS!

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today by Tafya Zemelak & family, in thanksgiving for blessings received (2nd birthday - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to the Women of St Philip's for sponsoring today's coffee hour, and to all who helped. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Steve & Carolyn Kaminsky

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Young Adults

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

Mark Your Calendar:

Forty Days of Liturgies celebrated by Fr Herman

Please sign up to read/chant/sing responses.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DA5A728ABFD0-frhermans>

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, October 23 , 1:00 pm

Services for St Philip

Sunday, November 13 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Matins 7 pm

Monday, November 14 - Divine Liturgy 10 am

ADVENT FAST - November 15 - December 25

Visit of Kardiotissa Icon from Taylor PA

Friday, November 18, 6 pm

Advent Paraklesis & Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

Nativity Services (Special Schedule!)

Friday, December 23 - 10 am Royal Hours

Saturday December 24 - 9 am Divine Liturgy, 6 pm Great Vespers, Artoklasia, and Festal Orthros

Sunday, December 25 - 9 am Divine Liturgy

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

OCTOBER: Bath & Shower Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B:

OCTOBER: Fly under the radar.

This Week:

Monday, Oct 10: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct 11: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct 12: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.
AKATHIST, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct 13: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.

Friday, Oct 14: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Oct 15: DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 16: 40 Days of Growth in Stewardship begins
MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, Sunday School, & Teens
Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

Everyday Evangelist

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

October: In a crisis situation, let others see your faith.

ATTENDANCE: At Friday Paraklesis: 8 Vespers on Sat Oct 1: 42 Divine Services on Sun, Oct 2: 175 Wednesday Akathist: 10 **OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$313.20 Collections, \$271.25 BookShelf, \$26. Needy, \$60. St Andrew, \$25. Women (bazaar), \$124. Stewardship, \$7,646. Total received: \$8,531.45

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & DN 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.