

**November 27, 2016**  
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Greatmartyr James the Persian**

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, St James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture St James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

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



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**NEW! Office Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00

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**COMMEMORATIONS:**

17 MONK-MARTYRS IN INDIA (4TH C.)  
ST. PINUPHRIUS OF EGYPT (4TH C.)  
GREAT-MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN (421)  
ST. MAXIMUS OF RIEZ (460)  
ST. ROMANUS THE WONDERWORKER OF CILICIA  
(5TH C.)  
VENERABLE NATHANAEL OF NITRIA IN EGYPT (6TH  
C.)  
VENERABLE PALLADIOS OF THESSALONICA (6TH-  
7TH C.)  
ST. THEODOSIUS OF TURNOVO (1363)  
JAMES THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF ROSTOV  
(1392)

**Tone 6**

Eothinon 1

**Matins Gospel:** St. Matthew 28:16-20

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Liturgy Gospel:** Luke 18:18-27

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

**TODAY:** Coffee Hour after Liturgy.

**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.

**THE ALTAR CANDLES** are lighted today by Steve & Carol Kaminsky, in thanksgiving for blessings received (Steve's birthday - MANY YEARS!); and by the Acker family, in thanksgiving for the grace of God and the love of the St Philip's family.

**MANY THANKS** to all who participated in today's potluck Coffee Hour. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. **Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.**

**THIS WEEK'S GREETERS:** Teens

**THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM:** Teens

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

**SPECIAL APPEAL:** Please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund** and **Pastoral Discretionary Fund**. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

**YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS** support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Thank you!

## Mark Your Calendar:

### Understanding the Nicene Creed

*Presented by Fred Kompass*

Saturdays at 4:30 - December 3, 10, 17

### Services for St Nicholas

*Monday, December 5* - Vespers & Artoklasia 7 pm,  
followed by youth activity

*Tuesday, December 6* - Matins 9 am, Liturgy 10 am

**Christmas Program rehearsal - Sat Dec 17, 4pm**  
**Christmas Program - December 18th**

### Nativity Services (Special Schedule)

*Friday, December 23* - 9 am Royal Hours, 10 am Divine Liturgy

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

*Sunday, December 25* - 9 am Divine Liturgy

**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.

## OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

## WISDOM FROM FATHER B:

You must have a reason to say that.

## This Week:

**Monday, Nov 28:** DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.  
ADVENT COMPLINE, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov 29:** DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Nov 30:** DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.  
ADVENT PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec 1:** DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.

**Friday, Dec 2:** ADVENT PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec 3:** Adult Study - The Creed, 4:30 p.m.  
VESPERS, 6 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec 4:** MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour, Sunday School, & Teens

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:4-7*

## Everyday Evangelist

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

Ask questions, then listen - really listen.

Attendance and Offerings will be included next week.