

December 4, 2016
GREAT MARTYR BARBARA

Martyr Juliana at Heliopolis, in Syria

Saint Juliana, a virtuous woman of Heliopolis, was in the crowd when Saint Barbara was tortured. Her heart was filled with sympathy for the voluntary martyrdom of the beautiful and illustrious maiden. Wishing to suffer for Christ, Juliana denounced the torturers in a loud voice, and they seized her.

For a long while they tortured both holy martyrs: they raked and tore their bodies with hooks, and then led them naked through the city amidst derision and jeers. Through the prayers of Saint Barbara the Lord sent an angel who covered the nakedness of the holy martyrs with a splendid robe. The steadfast confessors of faith in Christ, Saints Barbara and Juliana, were then beheaded.



Text from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2016/12/04/103475-martyr-juliana-at-heliopolis-in-syria>

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We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

1 John 4:19-21

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:

GREAT-MARTYR BARBARA OF SYRIA (306)

MARTYR JULIANA (306)

ST. JOHN, BISHOP OF POLYBOTUM (716)

VENERABLE JOHN OF DAMASCUS (760)

ST. GENNADIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF NOVGOROD
 (1504)

NEW HIEROMARTYR SERAPHIM, BISHOP OF PHANAR
 (GREECE, 1601)

NEW HIEROMARTYRS ALEXIS, JOHN, ALEXANDER
 AND NICOLOS, PRIESTS; BASIL, DEACON; AND WITH
 THEM 10 MARTYRS (1918)

NEW HIEROMARTYR DAMASCENE, BISHOP OF
 GLUKHOV (1935) AND HIS FATHER PRIEST NICOLOS
 (TSEDRIK)

Tone 7

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Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Galations 3:23 - 4:5

Liturgy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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: 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 the Drăghici family, in thanksgiving for blessings received (Daniela's birthday - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to the Drăghici family and Sharon Yezdimir for sponsoring today's coffee hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Colin & Sandy Miller

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Olena Kulbachna, Mary Kompass, Tadesse Abay

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

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

YOUR DONATION WITH A CHRISTMAS CARD TO THE ST PHILIP'S FAMILY supports missions, ministries, and monasteries. May God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

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

Synaxis of the Theotokos

Sunday, December 25 - 6 pm Vespers
Monday, December 26 - 9 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Circumcision of Christ and Feast of St Basil

Saturday December 31 - 6 pm Vespers & Artoklasia
followed by potluck refreshments and New Year's Eve Talent Show
Sunday, January 1 - 9 am Matins, 10 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, Dec 5:** VESPERS & ARTOKLASIA for St Nicholas 7 pm followed by youth activity
- Tuesday, Dec 6:** *Saint Nicholas*
MATINS 9 a.m., DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec 7:** ADVENT PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec 8:** DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.
- Friday, Dec 9:** ADVENT PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec 10:** Adult Study - The Creed, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m. followed by confessions
- Sunday, Dec 11:** 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)
Ask questions, then listen - really listen.

ATTENDANCE: At Icon visit: 149 Vespers on Sat Nov 19: 34 Divine Services on Sun, Nov 20: 184 Vespers for Entry: 13 Entry Liturgy: 27 Thanksgiving Liturgy: 20 Vespers on Sat Nov 26: 29 Divine Services on Sun, Nov 27: 152
OFFERINGS (2 weeks): Candles, \$624. Collections, \$718.53 Flowers, \$20. Youth, \$4. BookShelf, \$6. Christmas Cards, \$325. Needy, \$60. Pastoral Disc, \$300. St Andrew, \$25. Taylor Icon, \$700. Stewardship, \$8,140. Total received: \$10,922.53

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY