

**March 12, 2017**

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - ST GREGORY PALAMAS**

### Righteous Phinehas

*You are Phinehas, who are near to God  
Indeed you atoned souls by scattering sedition*



Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, was a grandson of Aaron. He was a zealous priest. During the desert wandering, Phinehas killed Zimri, an Israelite, and Cozri, a Midianite woman, whom Zimri had brought into the camp (Numbers 25:11-13).

This act ended a plague by which God had judged Israel for allowing Midianite women to corrupt Israel with idolatry and harlotry. For such zeal Phinehas and his descendants were promised a permanent priesthood. "Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned My anger away from the Israelites. Since he was as zealous for My honor among them as I am, I did not put an end to them in My zeal. Therefore tell him I am making My covenant of peace with him. He and his descendants will have a covenant of a lasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made atonement for the Israelites" (Num. 25:11-13).

Phinehas became the third high priest of Israel, serving for 19 years. In other events in Phinehas' life, he accompanied an army of 12,000 in a war against Midian, in which the Israelites won decisively. He averted a war between the 10 tribes west of the Jordan and the tribes east of the Jordan, when he learned that the altar built by the east tribes was only a reminder "that the Lord is God," and that it was not an act of idolatry.

He also conveyed the Lord's order to the Israelites to attack the tribe of Benjamin in retaliation for the rape and murder of a woman traveling through the land. In the battle, 25,100 Benjamite warriors died.

For Phinehas' strong defense of the Lord's law, he became a model to zealots of later generations. His descendants were named among those returning from exile in Babylon.

*Text & Image from <http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2015/09/the-righteous-priests-eleazar-and.html>*

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Baby Care products

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B:** A Prayer Assignment for you ...

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



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Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00

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#### COMMEMORATIONS:

RIGHTEOUS PHINEHAS, GRANDSON OF AARON THE  
HIGH PRIEST (NUM. 25; C. 1500 BC)

ST. PAUL, BISHOP OF LEON IN BRITANNY (572)

GREGORY THE DIALOGIST, POPE OF ROME (604)

ST. THEOPHANES THE CONFESSOR OF SIGRIANE  
(818)

ST. ALPHEGE, BISHOP OF WINCHESTER, ENGLAND  
(951)

VENERABLE SIMEON THE NEW THEOLOGIAN (1022)

MARTYR DIMITRIUS THE BRAVE, KING OF GEORGIA  
(1289)

ST. THEOCTISTUS DRAGUTIN OF SERBIA (1316)

**Tone 5**

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**Matins Gospel:** St. Luke 24:12-35

**Epistle:** Hebrews 1.10 - 2:3

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Mark 2:1-12

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 -** Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

**TODAY:** Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens after Liturgy.  
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

**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.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today to the Glory of God.

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: Celia-Marie Khouri & Sharon Yezdimir

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Chris Stavrou, Natalia Mamardashvili, and Ken Hedrick

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

FLOWER OFFERINGS for the beautification of our church for the Sunday of the Cross, Holy Week, and Pascha are gratefully received. God bless you!

### Everyday Evangelist

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

Practice intentional acts of kindness out of love for God.

### Mark Your Calendar:

The Lenten Services calendar has been posted and distributed. Pick up a copy from the literature rack. (Check the online calendar for updates.)

#### Youth Choir

Rehearsals: Saturdays at 5 pm, March 4-18  
Singing 2nd Akathist (Mar 10) and 4th Presanctified (Mar 22)

#### Services for Annunciation

Friday, March 24 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Matins 7 pm  
Saturday, March 25 - Liturgy 9 am, potluck (fish, wine, oil)

#### Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 25  
Dr Christopher Veniamin - St Silouan of Mt Athos

PASCHA - April 16, 2017

#### Parish Life Conference

June 29 - July 2, Morristown, NJ (Hosted by St George, Little Falls)  
[www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#](http://www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#)

International Food Festival - Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

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.

**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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Naomi C. - Victor - Jim R. - Dianna G & family  
Newly-departed Steve B. - Dina S - Robert G.

### This Week: Great Fast continues

Monday Mar 13: GREAT COMPLINE 7 p.m.

Tuesday Mar 14: Matushka Olga Sewing Club 11 p.m.  
6th HOUR 12 noon

Wednesday Mar 15: Confessions 6 p.m.  
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 7 p.m.; Fasting potluck

Thursday Mar 16: ORTHROS 10 a.m.  
VESPERS & ARTOKLASIA for St Patrick, 7 p.m.

Friday Mar 17: PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Fasting potluck  
AKATHIST 7 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m.

Saturday, Mar 18: Adult Study (Proverbs) 4:45 p.m.  
Youth Choir 5 p.m.  
VESPERS 6 p.m.  
Potluck refreshments  
Missionary Jesse Brandow, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Mar 19: *Sunday of the Holy Cross*  
MATINS 8:50 a.m., DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, Teens, Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Mar 4: 56 Liturgy on Mar 5: 175 Monday Compline: 16 Wed Presanctified: 77 OFFERINGS: Candles, \$491. Collections, \$465. Youth, \$8. BookShelf, \$74.75 Building, \$350. Camp, \$865. Cemetery, \$300. Needy, \$4,805. Women, \$50. Stewardship, \$8,057. Total received: \$15,425.75

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY