

**March 26, 2017**

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - ST JOHN CLIMACUS**

## St. Malchus of Chalcis

Saint Malchus was the only son of a farmer, and lived near Antioch, Syria. Upon attaining the age of maturity, his parents had arranged a marriage for him, but Malchus secretly left home and received monastic tonsure in one of the monasteries, where he fulfilled various obediences for many years.

Upon learning of the death of his father, he wished to visit his mother. The igumen of the monastery would not bless him to go, but Malchus disobeyed him. He joined a group of pilgrims, and set out for his native district.

Along the way, Saracens attacked them, and enslaved them. Malchus' master compelled him to marry one of his slaves. With the consent of his wife, Saint Malchus kept his vow of chastity, and eventually converted her to Christianity.

One day, Saint Malchus and his wife ran away. The master pursued them, but they hid in a cave, which proved to be the den of a lioness. The lioness did not harm the fugitives, but killed one of the pursuers who tried to enter the cave and capture them.

Saint Malchus sent his wife to a women's monastery as she requested, while he returned to his own monastery. By then the igumen was no longer alive, and Saint Malchus never left the monastery again. For the edification of monks he often recounted his trials, which were the result of his disobedience. Saint Malchus labored in asceticism in the monastery until the end of his life. He died in peace in the fourth century.

*Text from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/03/26/100909-st-malchus-of-chalcis-in-syria>*

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



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

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### COMMEMORATIONS:

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE  
THEOTOKOS

THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL  
HIEROMARTYR IRENAEUS, BISHOP OF SREM  
(SIRMUM), SERBIA (304)

ST. MALCHUS OF CHALCIS IN SYRIA (4TH C.)

ST. BRAULIO OF SARAGOSSA IN IBERIA (646)

ST. LUDGER, BISHOP OF MUNSTER (809)

STEPHEN THE CONFESSOR, ABBOT OF TRIGLIA (815)

ST. BASIL THE YOUNGER, ANCHORITE NEAR  
CONSTANTINOPLE (944)

NEW MARTYR GEORGE OF ADRIANOPLE (1437)

**Tone 7**

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**Matins Gospel:** St. Luke 20:1-10

**Epistle:** Hebrews 6:13-20

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Mark 9:17-31

**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, Sunday School & Teens 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.

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: Angie Drăghici

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Kim Berman; Todd & Kristi Moore

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. Envelopes are in the literature rack. 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 Holy Week & Pascha calendar has been posted and distributed. Pick up a copy from the literature rack. (Check the online calendar for updates.)

PASCHA - April 16, 2017

THOMAS SUNDAY - Bp Thomas visit & Cemetery Blessing

#### 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!

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Baby Care products

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

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.

### This Week: Great Fast continues

Monday Mar 27: GREAT COMPLINE 7 p.m.

Tuesday Mar 28: Matushka Olga Sewing Club 11 p.m.  
6th HOUR 12 noon  
LITTLE COMPLINE & LIFE OF ST MARY 7 pm

Wednesday Mar 29: Confessions 6 p.m.  
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 7 p.m. (Youth Choir)  
Fasting potluck

Thursday Mar 30: ORTHROS 10 a.m.  
LITTLE COMPLINE & GREAT CANON 7 pm

Friday Mar 31: PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Fasting potluck  
AKATHIST 7 pm  
Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m.

Saturday, Apr 1: Adult Study (Proverbs) 4:45 p.m.  
VESPERS 6 p.m.  
Bible Bowl study, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Apr 2: *St Mary of Egypt*  
MATINS 8:45 a.m., DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.  
St Tikhon Mission Choir singing the Liturgy  
Donations for tuition fund will be received at coffee hour.  
Sunday School, Teens, Coffee Hour

**ATTENDANCE:** At Wednesday Presanctified: 50 Friday Akathist: 31 Vespers on Mar 18: 53 Liturgy on Mar 19: 197 **OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$384. Collections, \$604. Youth, \$95. Flowers, \$95. BookShelf, \$20. Cemetery, \$20. Endowment, \$550. Needy, \$25. Pastoral Discr, \$250. Stewardship, \$6,671. Total received: \$8,626.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY