

September 17, 2017

SUNDAY AFTER ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

## Martyr Agathokleia

The Holy Martyr Agathokleia was a servant in the home of a certain Christian named Nicholas. His wife Paulina was a pagan. For eight years Agathokleia underwent abuse from her mistress because of her faith. Paulina fiercely beat the servant, and made her walk barefoot over sharp stones.

Once in a fit of nastiness, Paulina broke her rib with a blow from a hammer, and then cut out her tongue. Nothing could make the saint give in to the demand of her mistress to worship idols. Then Paulina locked the martyr in prison and exhausted her with hunger. But Agathokleia did not perish: birds brought her food each day. Finally, in a fit of evil, Paulina went to the prison and murdered the holy martyr.

*Text & Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/09/17/102643-martyr-agathokleia>*



### Everyday Evangelist

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* (Jn 20:21)  
Teach English as a Second Language classes.

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:

MARTYRS SOPHIA AND HER DAUGHTERS FAITH,  
LOVE AND HOPE (137)

HIEROMARTYRS HERACLEIDES AND MYRON,  
BISHOPS OF TAMASUS IN CYPRUS (1ST C.)

MARTYRS THEODOTA AND AGATHOKLEA AT NICAEA  
(230)

MARTYRS LUCY AND HER SON GEMINIAN OF ROME  
(303)

ST. LAMBERT, HIEROMARTYR OF MAASTRICHT  
(NETH, 704)

VENERABLE ANASTASIOS PERISTERON OF CYPRUS  
(12TH C.)

EUXIPHIOS OF CYPRUS, THE BISHOP

#### Tone 6

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**Matins Gospel:** St. Luke 24:1-12

**Epistle:** Galatians 2:16-20

**Liturgy Gospel:** Mark 8:34 - 9:1

**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:** POTLUCK Coffee Hour - Hurricane Harvey relief collection.  
Sunday School resumes.  
Teens meet.

**SAINT PHILIP'S** is a place of prayer and repentance and 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 are following the commandments and 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 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.

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS** are needed for most of the rest of the year. Please take a turn.

**THIS WEEK'S GREETERS:** Colin & Sandy Miller

**THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM:** Serge & Alex Kaminsky

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

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE** in support of Hurricane Harvey relief! A basket will be placed during coffee hour to collect your donations to IOCC.



## Mark Your Calendar:

### CHANT WORKSHOPS

Every other Wednesday after Compline, Sept - Nov  
*Free-chanting, Prosomia, and Byzantine Notation*  
Sept 6 & 20, Oct 4 & 18, Nov 1 at 7:30 p.m.

### ADULT STUDIES

Every other Wednesday after Compline, Sept - Nov  
*What is a Parish? A Place of Repentance, Hospitality, Rejoicing, & Edification*  
Sept 27, Oct 11 & 25, Nov 8 at 7:30 p.m.

### Intro to Orthodoxy - Fall Series

*Saturdays at 4:30, Sept 23 - Nov 18 (exc. Nov 4)*

### Village at Home

*Saturday, November 11*  
Flyer and registration form on the bulletin board.

### Advent Retreat

*Saturday, December 9*

Drs. David & Mary Ford: *When the Foundations Are Shaken: Biblical & Patristic Wisdom for Living through Spiritual Upheaval*

Bp Thomas visit  
*December 15-17*

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

*Joshua 24:15*

## This Week:

- Monday, Sep 18:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sep 19:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sep 20:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
COMPLINE 7 p.m.  
Chanting Workshop, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sep 21:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Friday, Sep 22:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sep 23:** Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.  
VESPERS, 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Sep 24:** MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.  
Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Cleaning Products

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B.:** I guess you didn't want a blessing.

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers & Matins for Nativity of the Theotokos: 30  
Liturgy for the Feast: 30 Vespers on Sep 9: 36 Divine Services on Sep  
10: 175 **OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$216.77 Collections, \$168. Youth, \$4.  
Camp Schol, \$50. IOCC (Harvey), \$50. Needy, \$70. Stewardship,  
\$8,579. Total received: \$7,932.38

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN** are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.