

October 8, 2017
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saint Pelagia the Penitent

Saint Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christianity by Saint Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa. Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution.

One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where Saint Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. "We... take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls," he said.

On the following day, when Saint Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her.

By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished.

Three days after her baptism, Saint Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, "Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness." After this Saint Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in a cell, disguised as the monk Pelagius, living in ascetic seclusion, and attaining great spiritual gifts. When she died, she was buried in her cell.

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



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Office Hours:
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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARYTR PELAGIA THE VIRGIN OF ANTIOCH (303)
 RIGHTEOUS MOTHER PELAGIA THE PENITENT OF
 ANTIOCH (457)

VENERABLE THAÏS OF EGYPT (4TH C.)
 ST. ANTHONY, BISHOP OF NOVGOROD (1232)
 ST. TRYPHON, ABBOT, OF VYATKA (1612)

MARTYR IGNATIUS THE MONK OF BULGARIA (1814)
 NEW HIEROMARTYR BASIL (AFTER 1937)
 NEW-MARTYR IGNATIUS OF PRODROMOU SKETE ON
 ATHOS

VENERABLE PHILOTHEOS, PATRIARCH OF
 CONSTANTINOPLE

Tone 1
 Eothinon 7

Matins Gospel: St. John 20:1-10
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Liturgy Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

TODAY: **Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship continues.**
 Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens.
 MEMORIAL for BP ANTOUN

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 by the Fitzgerald family, in thanksgiving for blessings received (wedding anniversary and family birthdays - MANY YEARS!).

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: Angie Drăghici, Martha Korban, & Nick Morelli

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Teens

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

Mark Your Calendar:

Village at Home

Saturday, November 11

Flyer and registration form on the bulletin board.

Metr. Ephraim Kyriakos Visit

Nov 11-14

Holy Apostle Philip

Monday, November 13 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Orthros 7 pm

Tuesday, November 14 - Divine Liturgy 10 am

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Monday, November 20 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Orthros 7 pm

Tuesday, November 21 - Divine Liturgy 10 am

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

Nativity of Christ

Sunday, December 24 - Orthros 8:45 am, Liturgy 10 am

Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Festal Orthros 7 pm

Monday, December 25 - Festal Liturgy 9 am; Vespers for Synaxis 6 pm

Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship 2018

"I have a holy task for you"

(Father Boniface)

Everyday Evangelist

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

Get to know your neighbors and their needs. Volunteer to help.

This Week:

Monday, Oct 9: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 10: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct 11: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
COMPLINE 7 p.m.
Adult Study, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct 12: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Friday, Oct 13: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 14: Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 15: MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.
Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Bath & Shower Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: He's already had his reward.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Sep 30: 45 Divine Services on Oct 1: 175
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$224. Collections, \$457. Youth, \$4.
Stewardship, \$4,469. Total received: \$5,254.

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.