

October 22, 2017
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Abercius the Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis, Equal of the Apostles

Saint Abercius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis lived in the second century in Phrygia. The city of Hieropolis was inhabited by many pagans and very few Christians. The saint prayed to the Lord for the salvation of their souls and that they might be numbered among God's chosen flock. An angel appeared and bade Saint Abercius to destroy the idols in the pagan temple. He fulfilled the command of God with zeal. Hearing that the idol-worshippers wanted to kill him, the saint went to the place where the people had gathered and openly denounced the failings of the pagans. The pagans tried to seize the saint.



At this moment three demon-possessed youths in the crowd cried out. The people were dumbfounded, as the saint expelled the devils from them by his prayers. Seeing the youths restored to normal, the people of Hieropolis asked Saint Abercius to instruct them in the Christian Faith, and then they accepted Holy Baptism.

After this the saint went to the surrounding cities and villages, healing the sick and preaching the Kingdom of God. With his preaching he made the rounds of Syria, Cilicia, Mesopotamia, he visited Rome and everywhere he converted multitudes of people to Christ. For many years he guarded the Church against heretics, he confirmed Christians in the Faith, he set the prodigal upon the righteous path, he healed the sick and proclaimed the glory of Christ. Because of his great works, Saint Abercius is termed "Equal of the Apostles."

Saint Abercius returned home to Hieropolis, where he soon rested from his labors. After his death, many miracles took place at his tomb. He wrote his own epitaph, and it was carved on his tombstone, which is now in the Lateran Museum.

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Everyday Evangelist

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

Shop at neighborhood garage sales. Learn your neighbors' names and remember them.

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



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Office Hours:
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 Friday 10:00 - 3:00

October 22, 2017
**20TH SUNDAY AFTER
 PENTECOST**

COMMEMORATIONS:

HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES ABERCIUS, BISHOP AND WONDERWORKER OF HIERAPOLIS (167).
 7 HOLY YOUTHS ("7 SLEEPERS") OF EPHEBUS: (250).

MARTYRS ALEXANDER THE BISHOP, HERACLIUS, ANNA, ELIZABETH, THEODOTA AND GLYCERIA, AT ADRIANOPOLIS (2ND-3RD C.).

BISHOP EULALIOS (4TH C.)

ST. LOT OF EGYPT (5TH C.).

STS. THEODORE AND PAUL, ABBOTS, OF ROSTOV (1409).

NEW HIEROMARTYRS NICOLOS PRIESTS AND MARTYR GREGORY (1937).

Tone 3

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Matins Gospel: St. John 20:19-31
Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

TODAY: 5-Year Memorial for Ted Horoschak
 Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.
 Annual Parish Meeting, approx. 1 pm

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 Larry & Louise Shaheen, in memory of Louise's mother, Dorothy Jacques (Memory Eternal!).

MANY THANKS to Jeff & BethAnn Hyatt for sponsoring today's coffee hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

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

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Steve & Carolyn Kaminsky.

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

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

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse,
that there may be food in my house.
And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts,
if I will not open the windows of heaven for you
and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Malachi 3:10

This Week: Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship

Monday, Oct 23: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 24: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct 25: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
COMPLINE 7 p.m.
Adult Education, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct 26: *Great Martyr Demetrius,*
DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.

Friday, Oct 27: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Paraklesis, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 28: Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 29: MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.
BAPTISM (Hernandez & Strickland), 3 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Paper Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.:

Well, I wouldn't emphasize that so much.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Oct 14: 37 **OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$202.51
Collections, \$737. BookShelf, \$43. Choir Fund, \$500. Missions,
\$500. Needy Fund, \$70. Teen Fund, \$519. Women's Fund, \$1,000.
Sunday School, \$525. Stewardship, \$8,072. Total received: \$12,168.51.
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.