

November 19, 2017
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prophet Obadiah (Abdia)

The Holy Prophet Obadiah [or Abdia] is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichern, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun to offer sacrifice to Baal, but Obadiah faithfully served the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in secret.

When Ahab's wife, the impious and dissolute Jezebel, hunted down all the prophets of the Lord (because of her quarrel with the Prophet Elias), Obadiah gave them shelter and food (3/1 Kgs 18:3ff). Ahab's successor King Okhoziah [Ahaziah] sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias (July 20). One of these detachments was headed by Saint Obadiah. Through the prayer of Saint Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but Saint Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord 4/2 Kgs 1).

From that moment Saint Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterwards, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of Saint Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains predictions about the New Testament Church. The holy Prophet Obadiah was buried in Samaria.



Text and Image <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/11/19/103326-prophet-obadiah-abdia>

Be filled with the Spirit,
speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart
to the Lord,
giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-20



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

- THE HOLY PROPHET OBADIAH (9TH C. B.C.)
- MARTYR BARLAAM OF ANTIOCH (304)
- MARTYR AZI THE WONDERWORKER OF ISAURIA IN ASIA MINOR AND 150 SOLDIERS WITH HIM (284)
- MARTYR AGAPIOS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE
- MARTYR HELIODOROS OF MAGIDUM IN PAMPHYLIA
- VENERABLE ABBOT BARLAAM OF THE KIEV CAVES (1065)
- ST. EGBERT, ARCHBISHOP OF YORK (766)
- "THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" (1863) ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.
- ST. PHILARET, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW (1867)

Tone 7
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Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8
Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 12:16-21

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: Churaching of Francis Anthony Chilbert, 9:45 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens.
Choir Practice, 12:30 pm
Parish Council, 12:45 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 Olga Von Hoyer, for Thanksgiving and blessings received.

MANY THANKS to the Kaminsky's for sponsoring today's coffee hour (in celebration of Serge & Steve's birthdays – MANY YEARS!). EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

The new **2018 Coffee Hour sponsorship chart** is posted! Enlist a friend, choose a Sunday, and sign up! (There are a few unsponsored Sundays left this year, too.)

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Jim & Doris Eggers

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Olena, Mary, & Tadessa

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

Mark Your Calendar:

Advent Paraklesis

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7 p.m.
Beginning November 29

St. Nicholas

Tuesday, December 5 - Vespers & Artoklasia w/ Youth Choir, 7 pm
Youth Activity, 8 pm

Wednesday, December 6 - Orthros 9 am, 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

Friends & Family Sunday / Tonsure & Ordination

Sunday School Christmas Program

Rehearsal: Saturday, December 16, 5 p.m.

Program: Sunday, December 17, 1 p.m.

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

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

YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Thank you!

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
Say genuinely, "God willing," and "Thank God."

This Week: – NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES –

Monday, Nov 20: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
VESPERS & ARTOKLASIA for the Entrance of the Theotokos, 6 p.m.
MATINS for Entrance, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov 21: Entrance of Theotokos Divine LITURGY, 10 am
Potluck Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov 22: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Thursday, Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day (*office closed*)
Divine LITURGY, 9 a.m.

Friday, Nov 24: *Office closed.*

Saturday, Nov 25: VESPERS, 6 p.m. & CONFESSION, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 26: MATINS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Prayer is key.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Nov 11: 67 Divine Services on Nov 12: 196
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$396. Collections, \$1,101. Youth, \$7. Book Shelf, \$37. Camping Fund, \$200. Needy Fund, \$70. Pastoral Discretion, \$200. Stewardship, \$6,019. Total received: \$8,030.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & 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.