

December 10, 2017

27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessed Angelina Brankovich the Princess of Serbia

Saints Angelina and Stephen were the parents of Saint John of Serbia. The life of the Serbian ruler Stephen Brankovich and his family was filled with instability and misfortune. After Serbia was seized in 1457 by the Turks, the then Serbian ruler's middle son, Stephen (October 9), distinguished by a meek disposition and fine knowledge of Holy Scripture, went to the capital of Turkey after his sister had been given to Sultan Murat in marriage. Learning that the Turks had burned the Mileshevska monastery with fanatic cruelty, Saint Stephen rose up to defend Serbia from oppression.

When he married Angelina (July 1 & 30), the daughter of the Prince of Albania, the Turks threatened Saint Stephen and his family with punishment. With his wife and three children he was forced to hide first in Albania, and then in Italy, where he died.

Saint Angelina transferred the incorrupt relics of her spouse to Kupinovo. At the end of the fifteenth century, their son Saint John, became ruler of Serbia. The incorrupt relics of Saint John and his parents were afterwards glorified by many miracles.

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"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man."

St. Luke 6:20-22



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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS MENAS, EUGRAPHOS & HERMOGENES OF
ALEXANDRIA (310)

MARTYR GEMELLUS OF PAPHLAGONIA (361).

VENERABLE THOMAS DEPHOURKINOS OF BITHYNIA
(10TH C.).

BLESSED JOHN, KING OF SERBIA (1503), AND HIS
PARENTS STEPHEN (1468) AND ANGELINA
BRANCOVICH (16TH C.).

JOASAPH, BISHOP OF BELGOROD (1754)

NEW HIEROMARTYR JACOB AND ALEXANDER
PRIESTS, HIEROMARTYR EUGRAPH AND HIS SON
(1918).

Tone 2

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Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 13:10-17

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

TODAY: Orthros, 8:30 am, & Baptismal Liturgy, 9:45 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm; Parish Council, 12:45 pm
Congratulations to the Chilbert family!

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 Fr. Herman & Kh. Vera, in thanksgiving for blessings received (30 years Orthodox – Many Years!).

THE HOLY BREAD OFFERING today is provided by Carolyn Kaminsky.

MANY THANKS to Youm Fesseha for sponsoring today's coffee hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

The new 2018 Coffee Hour sponsorship chart is posted! Enlist a friend, choose a Sunday, and sign up!

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Colin & Sandy Miller

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Kim, Todd & Kristi

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

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

Mark Your Calendar:

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

Circumcision & St. Basil - New Year's Services

Sunday, December 31 - Vespers & Artoklasia, 6 pm, Orthros, 7 pm
Talent Show, 8 pm, New Year's Prayers, 10 pm

Monday, January 1 - Divine Liturgy 10 am, New Year's Prayers 11:30 am

Theophany

Friday, January 5 - Royal Hours, 10 am
Vesperal Liturgy, 6 pm & Great Blessing of Water, 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am
Great Blessing of Water, 11:30 am

Sunday, January 7 - Outdoor Blessing of Water @ Lenape Park, 1 pm

Men's Fellowship - "Becoming Men of Prayer"

Saturday, January 13 - 8-10 am

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Thursday, February 1 - Vespers & Artoklasia, 7 pm
Friday, February 2 - Matins & Liturgy w/ Candle blessing, 9 am

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

♪ Today is CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY ♪

Thank you to Kh. Elizabeth and all those who sing in the choir, for your dedication in making the Services at St. Philip both prayerful and beautiful! Glory to God!

Everyday Evangelist

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

Make time to sit and talk with your neighbors.

This Week: – NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES –

Monday, Dec 11: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec 12: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec 13: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec 14: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

– Bp THOMAS Visit –

Friday, Dec 15: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 16: Christmas Program Rehearsal, 5 p.m.
VESPERS 6 p.m., Fasting Potluck Dinner 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 17: *Friends & Family Sunday!*
MATINS 8:45 a.m., Hierarchical LITURGY 10 a.m.
Christmas Program, 1 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Grow Up!

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Dec 2: 51 Divine Services on Dec 3: 190
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$367. Collections, \$700. Flowers, \$125. Youth, \$4. Book Shelf, \$8. Camping Fund, \$200. Christmas Card Fund, \$50. One-time Project, \$1,800. Stewardship, \$7,270. Total received: \$10,524.
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.