

February 11, 2018

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)

Righteous Theodora, wife of the Emperor Theophilus, the Iconoclast

Holy Empress Theodora was the wife of the Byzantine emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (829-842), but she did not share in the heresy of her husband and secretly venerated the holy icons. After the death of her husband, Saint Theodora governed the realm because her son Michael was a minor.



She convened a Council, at which the Iconoclasts were anathematized, and the veneration of icons was reinstated. Saint Theodora established the annual celebration of this event, the Triumph of Orthodoxy, on the first Sunday of the Great Fast. Saint Theodora did much for Holy Church and fostered a firm devotion to Orthodoxy in her son Michael.

When Michael came of age, she was retired from governing and spent eight years in the monastery of Saint Euphrosyne, where she devoted herself to ascetic struggles, and reading books that nourished her soul.

A copy of the Gospels, copied in her own hand, is known to exist. She died peacefully around the year 867.

In 1460, her relics were given by the Turks to the people of Kerkyra (Corfu).

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/02/11/100504-righteous-theodora-wife-of-the-emperor-theophilus-the-iconoclast>

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



**ST. PHILIP
ORTHODOX
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A Parish of the
Antiochian Archdiocese

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**SUNDAY OF THE LAST
JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)**

COMMEMORATIONS:

HIEROMARTYR BLAISE, BISHOP OF SEBASTIA AND
COMPANIONS;

THEODORA THE EMPRESS;

NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF SERBIA;

VSEVOLOD, PRINCE AND WONDERWORKER OF PSKO

Tone 3 - Eothinon 3

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46

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!

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT - Tone 1 - When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Donation Luncheon Coffee Hour, Sunday School &
Teens, 11:45 am
Choir Practice, 12:30 pm
Ice Skating Event, 2:40 pm

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James 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.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Feb 18):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Tadesse	---
EPISTLE READER:	Raja Kyriakos	Jennifer Howanetz
ALTAR CANDLES:	Catalin Tinjala	Kh. Elizabeth
GREETERS:	Jim & Dorris Eggers	Teen SOYO
CLEANING TEAM:	Chris & Natalia	Kim, Todd & Kristi
COFFEE HOUR:	Women's Donation	Morrash

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

Announcement: Important Ministry Need/Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to clean the church, Narthex and Nave. This primarily includes dusting, vacuuming and cleaning the glass, about 1.5 to 2 hours. In the past we have had 4 or 5 teams to alternate performing the cleaning duties. As of today we have 4. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Larry or Louise Shaheen. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar:

Great Lent Begins

Monday, February 19 - Clean Monday

Choir Workshop & Concert

Saturday, March 10 - Retreat, 11 am-7 pm

Sunday, March 11 - Concert, 1 pm

Lenten Retreat - "A Christian Ending"

Saturday, March 17

Pascha

Sunday, April 8

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, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Everyday Evangelist

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

Pray daily for St. Philip's Outreach and Evangelism.

This Week: **Cheese Week**

Monday, Feb 12:	6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb 13:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m. 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb 14:	6th HOUR, 12 p.m. Compline & Adult Education, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb 15:	6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Friday, Feb 16:	6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Saturday, Feb 17:	Holy Bread Workshop, 3 pm Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5pm VESPERS 6 pm, Confessions 7 pm Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm
Sunday, Feb 18:	Forgiveness/Cheese Fare MATINS 9 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am Forgiveness Vespers, 1 pm

Pray For:	
Living	Departed
Christine S	John N.
Angela G	Assaad
Mary K	Daria
R Maxime	Steve-Stavros
Michael I	
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
John D	
John G	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	
Mark L	
Robert C	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Kristen C	
Stephanie	Corrine
Helen	Faith
Constantine	Michael
R Herman E	Mary Stella
Nicholas A	
Thomas	

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Paper Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Always remember and say to yourself: God is near!

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Feb 3: --- Divine Services on Feb 4: 187
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$245.25. Collections, \$536. Youth, \$4. Book Shelf, \$182. Camping Fund, \$250. Teen Fund, \$1,039. Stewardship, \$5,925. Total received: \$8,181.25.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!