

October 14, 2018

SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Venerable Parasceva (Petka) of Thrace

Saint Paraskeva the New was born into a pious family, living during the eleventh century in the village of Epivato, between Silistra and Constantinople. Her older brother Euthymius became a monk, and later he was consecrated as Bishop of Matidia. One day, while attending the divine services, the words of the Lord pierced her heart like an arrow, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself" (Mt. 16:24). From that time she began to distribute her clothing to the needy, for which reason she endured much grief from her family.



Upon the death of her parents, the saint was tonsured into monasticism at the age of fifteen. She withdrew to the Jordanian desert where she lived the ascetic life until she reached the age of twenty-five. An angel of the Lord ordered her to return to her homeland, so she stayed at Epivato for two years.

Saint Paraskeva departed to the Lord at the age of twenty-seven, and was buried near the sea. Because of the many miracles which took place at her grave, her relics were uncovered and found to be incorrupt. They were placed in the church of the Holy Apostles at Epivato, where they remained for about 175 years.

Saint Paraskeva's relics were moved to Trnovo, Bulgaria in 1223 and placed in the cathedral. Patriarch Euthymius wrote her Life and established the day of her commemoration as October 14. The Turks occupied Bulgaria in 1391, and her relics were given to Mircea the Elder, Prince of the Romanian Land (one of the districts of Romania). In 1394 the relics were given to Princess Angelina of Serbia (July 30), who brought them to Belgrade. For 120 years Saint Paraskeva's relics rested in Constantinople in the patriarchal cathedral.

On June 13, 1641, her incorrupt relics were transferred to the monastery of the Three Hierarchs at Jassy in Rumania, where many healings took place. On December 26, 1888, after being rescued from a fire, Saint Parasceva's relics were moved again. This time they were placed in the new cathedral at Jassy, where they remain until the present day.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/10/14/102968-venerable-parasceva-petka-of-serbia>

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



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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS NAZARIUS, GERVASIUS, PROTASIIUS AND CELSUS OF
MILAN (1ST C.)

MARTYR PETER APSELAMUS OF ELEUTHEROPOLIS IN PALESTINE
(309)

HIEROMARTYR SILVANUS OF GAZA (311)

ST. EUTHYMIUS THE NEW OF THESSALONICA, CONFESSOR (889)

ST. BURCHARD, FIRST BISHOP OF WURZBURG, ENGLISH
MISSIONARY TO GERMANY (754)

COSMAS THE HYMNOGRAPHER, BISHOP OF MAIUMA (787)

VENERABLE PARASKEVA OF THE NEW OF THRACE (11TH C.)

ST. COSMAS, ABBOT OF YAKHROMA (1494)

Tone 3 - Eothinon 9

Matins Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:5-15

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!

EXAPOSTEILARION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 3 - O Fathers of celestial mind * of the great Seventh Council, * with fervor pray the Trinity * for us singing the praises * of your divine and ven'erable * and all-lauded gathering, * that we may all be delivered * from heretical error * and from judgment eternal, * and find the Kingdom of Heaven.

TODAY: Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens, 11:45 am
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 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 (Oct 21):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Anonymous	Anonymous
EPISTLE READER:	Catalin Tinjala	---
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	Shaheen's
GREETERS:	Michael & Helen Heveran	Angie Drăghici
CLEANING TEAM:	Natalia, Lasha; John G	Kim, Todd & Kristi
COFFEE HOUR:	---	---

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

How Can You Help?

There are many **weekly/regular ministry** opportunities that you can be a part of! Baking bread, altar candles, wine, flowers, joining a cleaning crew, sponsoring coffee hour, etc. Please consider how you can use your gifts to enrich our life and ministry together at St. Philip!

Mark Your Calendar:

Compline & Patristic Reading
Wednesday evenings (6 pm)

Intro to Orthodoxy Class
Saturdays at 4:30 pm

Liturgy for St. James
Tuesday, October 23, 10 am
w/Festal Potluck to follow

Advent Retreat
December 8

"The First & Second Comings of Christ"
with Drs. David & Mary Ford

Bp THOMAS Visit
December 22-25

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Bp Alexander	Ayele
Baby Simeon	Timothy
Child Gregory	Helen (B)
Caroline & family	Yorgo
Paul (M)	
Denise A	
James E	
Mat. Linda	
Hortense	
Mary K.	
R Maxime	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Stephanie	
Mebrat	
Aristidis	
John	
Kristen	
Laurence	
Tadessa	
Magda	
Thomas, Elizabeth & all Missionaries	
Suffering Christians in Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Egypt & unstable lands	
	St. Nina's List
	Catechumens
	Tatiana (Sze),
	Rebecca, Evan,
	Tina
	New & Expectant Mothers & children
	Couples preparing for marriage
	Jeremy Michael

Everyday Evangelist

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

Help a neighbor rake leaves!

This Week:

Monday, Oct 15:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Tuesday, Oct 16:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Wed, Oct 17:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Little Compline & Patristic Reading, 6 pm
Thurs, Oct 18:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Friday, Oct 19:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Sat, Oct 20:	Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm VESPERS 6 pm; Confession 7 pm
Sunday, Oct 21:	ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 am Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm

"Even if we have thousands of acts of great virtue to our credit, our confidence in being heard must be based on God's mercy and His love for men. Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved."
- St. John Chrysostom

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Bath & Shower Products.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: "I am not my emotions."

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Oct 6: 31 Divine Services on Oct 7: 168
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$295. Collections, \$625.12. Book Shelf, \$48. Camping Fund, \$100. Women's Fund, \$445. Stewardship, \$5,397.50. Total received: \$6,910.62.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!



MANNA ON MAIN STREET IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CANNED FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER, & CEREAL

THESE ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE PLASTIC BINS AT THE ENTRANCE FOR DONATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS!

Ending Hunger, Building Community, Transforming Lives