

**December 9, 2018**

CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY RIGHTEOUS ANNA

## Prophetess Hannah the mother of the Prophet Samuel

The Holy Prophetess Hannah dwelt in marriage with Elkanah, but she was childless. Elkanah took to himself another wife, Phennena, who bore him children. Hannah grieved strongly over her misfortune, and every day she prayed for an end to her barrenness, and vowed to dedicate her child to God.



Once, as she prayed fervently in the Temple, the priest Heli thought that she was drunk, and he began to reproach her. But the saint poured out her grief, and after she received a blessing, she returned home. After this Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, whom she named Samuel (which means "Asked from God").

When the child reached the age of boyhood, the mother herself presented him to the priest Heli, and Samuel remained with him to serve before the Tabernacle (1 Kingdoms/1 Samuel 2:1-21).

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/12/09/103507-prophetess-hannah-the-mother-of-the-prophet-samuel>

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



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### COMMEMORATIONS:

HANNAH THE RIGHTEOUS, MOTHER OF  
SAMUEL THE PROPHET

NARSES THE MARTYR OF PERSIA

THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION (HOLY SEPULCHRE) IN THE  
HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM

**Tone 3** - Eothinon 6

**Matins Gospel:** St. Luke 24:36-53

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:22-27

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Luke 13:10-17

**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!

**APOLYTIKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA** - Tone 4 - Today have the bonds of barrenness been loosened; God, having heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna, promised them openly that they should give birth, beyond hope, to the Maiden of God, from whom He, the infinite One was to be born, becoming man, commanding the angel to shout to her: Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

**TODAY:** Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am  
Removal of Crowns (Coutros—Many Years!)  
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 (Dec 16):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Carolyn Kaminsky	Anonymous
EPISTLE READER:	Irene Forssen	Rdr Nathan Jekel
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	Ken Hedrick
GREETERS:	Justin & Kate Gohl	Steve & Carolyn Kaminsky
CLEANING TEAM:	Kim, Todd & Kristi M.	The Teens
COFFEE HOUR:	Choir Appreciation Potluck	Angie, Ted, Helen, Stephen

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

### ♪ 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!

## Mark Your Calendar:

### Advent Paraklesis

*Mondays & Fridays, 6 pm, during Advent*

### Bp THOMAS Visit

*December 22-25*

### Nativity Services

*Sunday, December 23 -*

Sunday School Christmas Program, 12:30 pm

*Monday, December 24 -*

Royal Hours 8:45 am, Vespers 10 am

Festal Orthros 8:45 pm, Hierarchical Liturgy 10 pm

*Tuesday, December 25 -*

Vespers for Synaxis 12 pm

*Wednesday, December 26 -*

Orthros 9 am, Liturgy for Synaxis 10 am

### Circumcision & St Basil & New Year

*Monday, Dec 31 - Tuesday, Jan 1*

*Talent Show 8-10 pm – Speak to Sandy Miller about participating!*

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Bp Alexander	Fr. Joseph
Newly-Illumined	“Aunt Betty”
Basil & Nathaniel	Dovi
Baby Simeon	Eustathios
Child Gregory	
Caroline & family	
Paul (M)	
James E	
Lasha B	<u>St. Nina’s List</u>
Otari B	Catechumens
Daniel H	Tatiana (Sze),
Elizabeth D	Rebecca,
Mebrat	Evan, Tina
Aristidis	
	New & Ex-
Thomas, Elizabeth	pectant
& all Missionaries	Mothers &
	children
Suffering Chris-	
tians in Syria,	
Ukraine, Ethiopia,	Jeremy
Egypt & unstable	Michael
lands	

**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.

## This Week:

### NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES ...

Monday, Dec 10:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Advent Paraklesis 6 pm
Tuesday, Dec 11:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Matushka Olga Sewing Club
Wed, Dec 12:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Compline & Patristic Reading, 6 pm
Thurs, Dec 13:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Friday, Dec 14:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Advent Paraklesis 6 pm
Sat, Dec 15:	VESPERS 6 pm; Pre-Christation prayers (Jekel); Confession 7:30 pm
Sunday, Dec 16:	ORTHROS 8:30 a.m., Divine LITURGY w/ Christation (Jekel) 9:45 am Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm Parish Council 12:45 pm

### Giving Opportunities at St. Philip

- ✦ As the year comes to a close, please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund, Camp Scholarship Fund, Library Fund, Property Acquisition, Chapel Fund, and Pastoral Discretionary Fund.**
- ✦ **YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS** support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Flower offering envelopes are available on the literature rack.
- ✦ **YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD OFFERINGS** benefit Ministries, Monasteries, & Mission Situations.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: Taking Every Thought Captive to Christ  
“Don’t Give In”

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Dec 1: NA Divine Services on Dec 2: NA  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$211. Collections, \$374.07. Youth, \$14. Book Shelf, \$125. Christmas Card Fund, \$50. Pastoral Discretion, \$250. Stewardship, \$7,175. Total received: \$8,199.07.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!