

Knowing, Praying, Living the Holy Scriptures

“How I have loved thy law, O Lord! The whole day it is my meditation.” (Ps 118:97)

Deuteronomy 1:2

“It is eleven days’ journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.” (OSB)

Along with Isaiah and the Psalms, the Book of Deuteronomy is one of the most important books of Scripture, as attested by the Apostles’ frequent usage of the book—it is quoted some 50 times in the New Testament.

The Book of Deuteronomy functions as a summary and recapitulation of all that has come before, from creation up to the present (Genesis-Numbers), and as a prophetic look forward, anticipating both Israel’s continued failure in their covenant relationship with God and yet God’s continued faithfulness to His promises with the Patriarchs from which comes the hope of final salvation (Deut 32:36-43).

The name “Deuteronomy” means “second law” and is derived from Deut 17:18:

Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his rule, that he shall write for himself a copy of this second law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. It shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all these commandments and ordinances, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left and may prolong his rule, he and his sons among the sons of Israel. (Deut 17:18-20 OSB)

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 is termed the “law of the king,” for it presents an ideal of kingship, one in which the king is first and foremost a “student of Torah [the Law],” one who “meditates day and night” on the “law of the Lord” (Ps 1:2), who is wise through his fear of the Lord (Prov 1:7). The king is the “first Israelite,” who leads by *living the Law among his people*, in humble submission to God’s kingly rule in Israel, not by tyrannical use of power/authority over his people. In many ways, this portrait of kingship prophetically anticipates both the *failure* of most of Israel’s kings (e.g., Solomon [see 3 Kgdms 10-11]), and the *perfect rule* of Christ as the True Israelite and True David who reveals the “power of God” in his own willing submission to the Father to the point of death on the Cross.

The history of the True Israelite, Jesus Christ, stands in stark contrast to the story of Israel as we have seen it up to this point. It is with an edge of ironical, biting critique that we hear the first lines of Deuteronomy where the narrator says in effect: *Israel, we have a problem! The journey from Mt. Sinai (Horeb) to Kadesh-Barnea, and thus to entrance into the Promised Land, that takes only 11 days somehow resulted in a 40-year long detour!*

Israel *does* have a problem, and it is the same problem that all humanity has: *death & sin*. What will become clear—as St. Paul explains—is that it was God’s intent all along to make Israel an “example,” both of the congenital problem that afflicts all humanity “in the first Adam,” and of God’s impartial covenantal faithfulness and mercy to all who turn to Him in Christ who is Abraham’s Seed (Gal 3:16). It is they whom the Lord “loves” in Christ, they who are chosen as “the least of all” such that none can boast save in the Lord (Deut 7:6-11; Jer 9:24; 2 Cor 10:17; Eph 2:9).



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November 3, 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

ACEPSIMAS THE BISHOP, JOSEPH THE PRESBYTER, &
AEITHALAS THE DEACON, MARTYRS OF PERSIA
HOLY FATHER AND NEW HIEROMARTYR GREGORY OF
NEAPOLIS
THEODORE THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF ANCYRA
GEORGE OF NEAPOLIS THE NEW MARTYR
WINIFRED OF TREFFYNNON

Tone 3 - Eothinon 9

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 16:19-31

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 FOR THE PERSIAN MARTYRS - Tone 4 - Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons’ strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

TODAY:

Orthros 8:15 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Gula Marriage Blessing 11:15 am

No Catechism, Sunday School, & Teens

Coffee Hour after Liturgy

Women of St. Mariamne, 12 noon

Choir Practice, 12:30 pm

Cemetery Committee, 1:00 pm

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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 (Nov 10):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Carolyn Kaminsky	Kristi Moore
EPISTLE READER:	Greg Howanetz	Rdr Luke Carpenter
USHERS:	Dan M. & Gabe Q.	Justin G. & Colin M.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
GREETERS:	Nick & Martha Morelli	Justin & Kate Gohl
CLEANING TEAM:	Jordan & Natalie G.; Zell B. & Redeat Maru	Lasha & Natalia M.; John G. & Moody family
COFFEE HOUR:	Gula family	----

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

Mark Your Calendar:

Nativity Fast Begins
Friday, November 15

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Wednesday, Nov 20
Vespers & Artoklasia, 7 pm
Thursday, Nov 21
Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am
Fasting Potluck to follow

Thanksgiving Liturgy
Thursday, Nov 28, 9 am

St. Nicholas
Thurs, Dec 5 - Vespers & Artoklasia w/ Youth Choir 7 pm, Youth Activity 8 pm
Fri, Dec 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am

Taylor Kardiottissa Icon Visit
Friday evening, December 13

Feast of the Nativity of Christ
Tuesday, December 24
Royal Hours, 9 am
Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 am
Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm
Divine Liturgy, 11 pm

Wednesday, December 25
Vespers for the Synaxis of the Theotokos, 12 pm
Thursday, December 26
Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am
for the Synaxis of the Theotokos

Pray For:	
Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined James Archimandrite David (Griffeth)	Laurence
Sarah & Child	
Benjamin Richard	
Lasha B	<u>Catechumens</u>
Otari B	Zachary, Evan,
Daniel H	Tina, Robert,
John	Michael, Todd,
John	Kendra, Liesel,
Doris	Todd, John
Kelly	Moses, Virginia,
Louise-Ruth & family	Conor
Zerfenesh	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
	Amika
Thomas, Elizabeth & all Missionaries	Michael
	Andrea
	Faith
New & Expectant Mothers & children	Sloane

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys

EVANGELISM CHALLENGE:

“Invite Someone to Church”

This Week:

Mon, Nov 4: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Tues, Nov 5: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wed, Nov 6: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Vespers, 4 p.m.
Compline & Patristic Reading, 7 p.m.

Thurs, Nov 7: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Fri, Nov 8: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Sat, Nov 9: Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8 am
Catechism Seminar, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS 6 p.m., Confession 7 p.m.

Sun, Nov 10: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, Catechism, Sunday School, & Teens, 11:45 a.m.
Information Meeting: Orthodox School at St. Philip, after Liturgy

Ministry Highlights

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)

“Holiday Outreach Collection”

The purpose of the Holiday Outreach Collection is to provide turkeys for families in need through contributions to either Twelve Baskets Full or to local agencies. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Turkeys-R-Us team asks the families of St. Philip to participate in this collection. For more information, contact Louise Shaheen [lclsjs@verizon.net] or the Church office [office@st-philip.net].

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers Oct 26: 57 Divine Services on Oct 27: 185
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$351. Collections, \$147. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$21. Choir Fund, \$1,180. Endowment, \$50. 12 Baskets Full, \$50. Stewardship, \$2,574. Total received: \$4,374.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!