

Knowing, Praying, Living the Holy Scriptures

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

Joshua 21:47-49

"So the Lord gave Israel all the land He had sworn to give to their fathers; and they took possession of it and dwelt in it ... The Lord delivered all their enemies into their hands. Not a word failed of any good thing the Lord had spoken to the children of Israel ..." (OSB)

As we conclude our reflection on the Book of Joshua, we would draw attention to a significant "tension" in its presentation of the Conquest of Canaan: on the one hand, the conquest is presented as complete and total such that the "land had rest from war" (Josh 11:23), while on the other, the reader hears that "very much of the land still remains to be possessed" (Josh 13:1), in particular the "regions of the Philistines" (13:2-3) where some of the Anakim remained, in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod (11:22).

As Joshua allots the promised land to the various tribes, Caleb, who is from the Tribe of Judah, but also originally a Gentile outsider (a Kenizzite, Num 32:12; 1 Chron 2), will be the first to exemplify the continuing conquest, against the Anakim, by which the land has "rest from war" (Josh 14:15). This of course anticipates the subsequent conflict between another Judahite leader, David, and the Philistines, and in particular with the giant Goliath, son of Gath (1 Sam 17; cf. Num 13:33; Deut 2:10-11; 9:1-2).

In spiritual terms for us in the New Covenant, "upon whom the ends of the ages have come" (1 Cor 10:11), this represents what is often called the "Already/Not Yet" or "Now, but Not Yet" tension Christians experience as we live in between the times of Christ's first and second comings. St. Paul presents that tension in his discussion of the Resurrection in 1 Cor 15:

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet (Ps 110:1). 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET (Ps 8:7).

In other words, in Christ's Death and Resurrection, God's victory over all His enemies has truly been accomplished, as Psalm 8:7 indicates: "He has put all things in subjection under His feet." And yet that victory is also still being played out and realized in history, in the life of the Church and the individual Christian, as Psalm 110:1 indicates: "Sit at My right hand, **until** I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." Through our spiritual struggle against sin, the world, and the passions, we participate in and claim as our own the "Conquest" of the hostile powers that Christ accomplished.

This synergy, our co-laboring in and with Christ in the Conquest of evil and the passions, is not optional, for it is the process by which we come to share more fully in Christ's life and victory. It is the process of our own transformation into the Image and Likeness of Christ:

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. (1 Jn 3:2)



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February 2, 2020

PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

COMMEMORATIONS:

GABRIEL THE NEW MARTYR OF CONSTANTINOPLE
JORDAN THE NEW MARTYR
AGATHADOROS THE MARTYR OF CAPPADOCIA

Tone 8 - Eothinon 11

Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25

Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 2:22-40

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST - Tone 1 - Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:30 a.m.
Baptismal LITURGY (Jekel) w/ Chrismation (Willits)
9:45 a.m. (Many Years!)
Coffee Hour, Catechism, SS, & Teens 11:45 a.m.
Women of St. Mariamne 12:45 p.m.

Parishioner's Year End Giving Statements for 2019 are on the table in the Great Room!

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Office Hours: Monday through 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 9):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
EPISTLE READER:	Rdr. Nathan Jekel	Jack Morrash
USHERS:	Dan M. & Sdn John	Gabe Q. & Sdn Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Tillger Family
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	In loving memory of Ed Antosz “Archangel Michael”
GREETERS:	Nick & Martha Morelli	Steve & Carolyn Kaminsky
CLEANING TEAM:	Hyatt Family	Teens; Nathan & Rebecca
COFFEE HOUR:	Hewitts	Moody Family

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

Mark Your Calendar:

Beginning of Lent
March 2, 2020

LENTEN REREAT – March 28, 2020

“Recollecting Glory: Orthodox Education for Wisdom, Virtue, and Joy”
w/ Dr. John Mark Reynolds

Mark your calendar!

We live Pascha to Pascha!
April 19, 2020

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Doris John	Elder Ephrem Doris
Archimandrite David Lasha B Otari B Daniel H John	Kh. Anastasia Julie Fr. Patrick Fr. Theodore Anthony
Zerfenesh Arabella Tsighe	<u>Catechumens</u> Zachary, Evan, Tina, Robert, Michael, Todd, Kendra, Liesel, Todd, John Moses, Virginia, Conor
Thomas, Elizabeth & all Missionaries	
New & Expectant Mothers & children	
	<u>St. Nina’s List</u> Andrea

OUTREACH COLLECTION:
Paper Products

EVANGELISM CHALLENGE:

“Pray for open doors to the Gospel in closed countries”

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 Liturgy.

This Week:

Mon, Feb 3: SIXTH HOUR, 12 p.m.

Tues, Feb 4: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 am
SIXTH HOUR, 12 p.m.

Wed, Feb 5: SIXTH HOUR, 12 p.m.
Compline & Spiritual Reading 7 pm

Thur, Feb 6: SIXTH HOUR, 12 p.m.

Fri, Feb 7: SIXTH HOUR, 12 p.m.

Sat, Feb 8: Ministry Reading Group 7:30 a.m.
Usher Training 9 a.m.
Catechism Seminar, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m.
Confession 7 p.m.

Sun, Feb 9: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, Catechism, SS, & Teens 11:45 a.m.
Cemetery Committee Meeting 1 p.m.



**THE DOORS!
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Please note the change in church access on Sunday: **AFTER 10 am, all doors will be locked except the Narthex entrance.** If you arrive after 10 am, please plan to enter through the Narthex.

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)

Pro-Life Ministry Team

Following our participation in the 2020 March for Life in Washington, D.C., we will be forming an active Pro-Life Ministry Team to help encourage, inform and support the sanctity of human life in all stages. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry team, please contact Dn. David Hyatt (dhyatt@st-philip.net or 218-576-8324).

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers Jan 25: 52 Divine Services on Jan 26: 206
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$230. Collections, \$94. Youth, \$4. Book Shelf Ministry, \$167. COF, \$128. Endowment, \$120. Land Acquisition, \$195. Missions, \$25. 12-Baskets Full, \$50. March For Life, \$48. Stewardship, \$10,663. Total received: \$11,724.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!