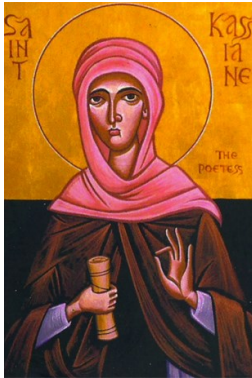


St. Kassiani the Hymnographer (September 7)

St. Kassiani was born between AD 805 and 810 in Constantinople into an wealthy family and grew to be exceptionally beautiful and intelligent. Three Byzantine chroniclers, Symeon Metaphrastes, George the Monk and Leo the Grammarian, claim that she was a participant in the "bride show" organized for the young bachelor Theophilus the Iconoclast by his stepmother, the Empress Dowager Euphrosyne. Smitten by Kassia's beauty, the young emperor approached her and said: "Through a woman [came forth] the baser [things]", referring to the sin and suffering coming as a result of Eve's transgression. Kassia promptly responded by saying: "And through a woman [came forth] the better [things]", referring to the hope of salvation resulting from the Incarnation of Christ through the Theotokos. His pride wounded by Kassia's terse rebuttal, Theophilus rejected her and chose Theodora as his wife.



The next we hear of Kassiani is that in 843 she founded a monastery in the west of Constantinople, near the Constantinian Walls, and became its first abbess. Although many scholars attribute this to bitterness at having failed to marry Theophilus and becoming Empress, a letter from Theodore the Studite indicates that she had other motivations for wanting a monastic life. It had a close relationship with the nearby monastery of Stoudios, which was to play a central role in re-editing the Byzantine liturgical books in the 9th and 10th centuries, thus ensuring the survival of her work.

She wrote many hymns for liturgies; the most famous being the eponymous Hymn of Kassiani, sung every Holy Wednesday (liturgically; actually chanted late in the evening of Holy Tuesday).

(Excerpted from https://orthodoxwiki.org/Kassiani_the_Hymnographer)

HYMN OF ST. KASSIANI — TONE 8

O Lord God, the woman who had fallen into many sins, having perceived Thy divinity received the rank of ointment-bearer, offering Thee spices before Thy burial wailing and crying: "Woe is me, for the love of adultery and sin hath given me a dark and lightless night; accept the fountains of my tears O Thou Who drawest the waters of the sea by the clouds incline Thou to the sigh of my heart O Thou Who didst bend the heavens by Thine inapprehensible condescension; I will kiss Thy pure feet and I will wipe them with my tresses. I will kiss Thy feet Whose tread when it fell on the ears of Eve in Paradise dismayed her so that she did hide herself because of fear. Who then shall examine the multitude of my sin and the depth of Thy judgment? Wherefore, O my Saviour and the Deliverer of my soul turn not away from Thy handmaiden O Thou of boundless mercy.



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September 6, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
THE MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL IN
COLOSSAE
ARCHIPPOS OF HIERAPOLIS
MARTYRS EUDOXIOS, ZENO, ROMULUS AND
MAKARIOS AT MELITENE IN ARMENIA

Tone 4 - Eothinon 2

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:33-42

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS - Tone 4 - By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

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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 (Sept 13):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
USHERS:	Steve K. & Colin M.	Rdr. Nick & Steve K.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kendra Moody	Todd & Kristi Moore

Mark Your Calendar:

Saturday Liturgies in September

Masks required

Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Monday, September 7

Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8

Orthros 9 am & Divine Liturgy 10 am

Elevation of the Cross

Sunday, September 13

Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 pm

Monday, September 14

Orthros 9 am & Divine Liturgy 10 am

Virtual Fall Retreat & Meetings 2020

for Eastern Dioceses

November 12-15

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly Illumined Lucas	+Archpriest Michael
N.I. Elias	+Archpriest Joseph
N.I. Kira	+Archpriest Boniface
N.I. Eva Veronica	+Lida
N.I. Conon Constantine	+Mat. Linda (D)
Doris & John	+Robert Joseph
APr. Gregory & Family	+Timothy (B)
Kh. Beverly & Family (W)	+Tatiana
James	+Michael
Lasha B	+Nielus
Otari B	+Kathy Anne
Daniel H	+Nicholas
John	+Irene (D)
Zerfenesh	+Emily (H)
Maximos	+John
Luke	
Apostoli	
Peter	
Stavroula	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
	Matthew, Michael, Ryan, Shaun, Tina, Asena
All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic	Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Elaine & all Missionaries
For the repentance, healing & unity of our country	
The faithful of Beirut	New & Expectant Mothers & children
For those suffering from natural disasters in California and Gulf States	

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$56. Collections, \$248. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$30. Vestments, \$1,500. Stewardship, \$2,530. Total received: \$4,365.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering **Classic Olive Oil** to be left under the icon of St. Thekla. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

- Monday, Sept 7:** *Office closed – Labor Day*
6th Hour, 12 noon
Vespers & Artoklasia for Feast, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept 8:** **FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**
Orthros 9 a.m. & Liturgy 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept 9:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
Little Compline & Patristic Reading Group, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept 10:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
COF Vespers, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Sept 11:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept 12:** Divine Liturgy (Mask Required), 10 a.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept 13:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Baptismal LITURGY (Kyriakos), 10 a.m.
Altar Boy meeting after Liturgy
Vespers & Artoklasia for Feast, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept 14:** **FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS**
Orthros 9 a.m. & Liturgy 10 a.m.

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)

UPDATING THE Photo Directory

to encourage unity, fellowship, and ministry at St. Philip



Please submit your updated family photo, address, emails, and telephone numbers to: **stphilipphotos20@gmail.com**.

You may also submit a printed photo for the directory. We will have a section for Stewards, and another for Friends. Have questions?

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