

## 26 Monastic Martyrs of Zographou, Mount Athos (September 21)

In July of 1274, the Byzantine Emperor Michael VIII accepted a union with the Roman Church at Lyons, France. Faced with dangers from Charles of Anjou, the Ottoman Turks, and other enemies, the emperor found such an alliance with Rome expedient. The Union of Lyons required the Orthodox to recognize the authority of the Pope, the use of the Filioque in the Creed, and the use of azymes (unleavened bread) in the Liturgy. Patriarch Joseph was deposed because he would not agree to these conditions. The monastic clergy and many of the laity, both at home and in other Orthodox countries, vigorously opposed the Union, denouncing the emperor for his political schemes and for his betrayal of Orthodoxy.



On January 9, 1275 a Liturgy was celebrated in Constantinople in which the Pope was commemorated as “Gregory, the chief pontiff of the Apostolic Church, and Ecumenical Pope.” The emperor’s sister remarked, “It is better that my brother’s empire should perish, rather than the purity of the Orthodox Faith.” Recalling the infamous Crusade of 1204 when Latin crusaders sacked Constantinople, many of the people also preferred to submit to the infidels than to abandon the Orthodox Faith.

Twenty-six martyrs of Zographou Monastery on Mt. Athos were among those who were persecuted by Emperor Michael VIII Paleologos (1261-1282) and Patriarch John Bekkos (1275-1282) because they would not obey the imperial command to recognize the Union of Lyons. They steadfastly kept the teachings of the Fathers of the Church, and fearlessly censured those who accepted Catholic doctrines.

When the authorities came to Mt. Athos to enforce the imperial policy, the monks of Zographou shut themselves up in their monastery. From the tower they reproached those in favor of the Union, calling them lawless men and heretics. The attackers set the monastery on fire and burned the twenty-six martyrs alive.

The names of the martyrs are: Igumen Thomas, the monks Barsanuphius, Cyril, Micah, Simon, Hilarion, James, Job, Cyprian, Sava, James, Martinian, Cosmas, Sergius, Menas, Joasaph, Joannicius, Paul, Anthony, Euthymius, Dometian, Parthenius, and four laymen who died with them.

These holy martyrs are also commemorated on October 10.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/09/21/102693-26-monastic-martyrs-of-zographou-mount-athos>)



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## September 20, 2020

### SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

AFTERFEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS  
EUSTATHIUS THE GREAT MARTYR, HIS WIFE AND TWO  
CHILDREN  
OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER EUSTATHIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF  
THESSALONICA  
HILARION THE NEW MARTYR OF CRETE  
JOHN THE FOREIGNER  
MARTYRS MICHAEL, PRINCE OF CHERNIGOV, AND HIS  
COUNCILOR THEODORE

**Tone 6 - Eothinon 4**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12**

**Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 8:34-9:1**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 -** When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

**KONTAKION OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - Tone 4 -** Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.  
Baptismal LITURGY 10 a.m. (Morelli—Many Years!)  
Outdoor Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism

Parish Council, 12:45 p.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 27):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	MaryLynne Black
USHERS:	Dan M. & Colin M.	Sdn. John & Dan M.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Celia-Marie Khouri	----
	Thanksgiving for her birthday – Many Years!	
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Gohl Family & Olena	Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Saturday Liturgies (until “Normalcy”)

Masks required

#### Festal Liturgies during week

*Thursday, Sept 24*

*Thursday, Oct 1*

*Tuesday, Oct 6*

*Friday, Oct 23*

#### Virtual Fall Retreat & Meetings 2020

##### for Eastern Dioceses

*November 12-15*

##### Feast of St. Philip

*Saturday, November 14*

Orthros 9 am & Divine Liturgy 10 am

##### Nativity Fast

*November 15-December 24*

##### Feast of the Nativity of Christ

*Thursday, December 24*

Royal Hours, 8 am

Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 am

Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm

Divine Liturgy, 11 pm

*Friday, December 25*

Vespers for the Synaxis of the Theotokos, 12 pm

*Saturday, December 26*

Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Serafina	+Michael Y
Doris & John	+Lida
Apr. Gregory & Family	+Mat. Linda (D)
James	+Robert Joseph
Lasha B	+Timothy (B)
Otari B	+Nicholas
Daniel H	+Irene (D)
John	+Emily (H)
Zerfenesh	+John
Maximos	
Luke	
Apostoli	
Peter	
Stavroula	
Nicole	

All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic

For the repentance, healing & unity of our country

The faithful of Beirut

For those suffering from natural disasters in California and Gulf States

#### Catechumens

Matthew, Michael, Shaun, Tina, Asena

Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Elaine & all Missionaries

New & Expectant Mothers & children

**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$193. Collections, \$402. Youth, \$10. Book Shelf Ministry, \$41. Women’s Fund, \$100. Stewardship, \$4,447.50. Total received: \$5,193.50.

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 21:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
- Tuesday, Sept 22:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
- Wednesday, Sept 23:** 6th Hour, 12 noon  
Little Compline 6:30 p.m.  
Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.—*Way of the Ascetics*, chap. 17
- Thursday, Sept 24:** Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.  
COF Vespers, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Sept 25:** 6th Hour, 12 noon  
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept 26:** Divine Liturgy (Mask Required), 10 a.m.  
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept 27:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism  
Coffee Hour

### \* \* *Final Week for Pictures to be Submitted!* \* \*



#### 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](mailto: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? Contact Dale Yeager ([daleyeager@live.com](mailto:daleyaeager@live.com)), Colin Miller ([Colinmil@comcast.net](mailto:Colinmil@comcast.net)) or Dn. David Hyatt ([apostlephilip@gmail.com](mailto:apostlephilip@gmail.com)).