

St. Genevieve of Paris

(January 3)

Saint Genevieve was born of wealthy parents in Gaul (modern France) in the village of Nanterre, near Paris, around 422. Her father's name was Severus, and her mother, Gerontia. According to the custom of the time, she often tended her father's flocks on Mt. Valerien.



When she was about seven years old, Saint Germanus of Auxerre (July 31) noticed her as he was passing through Nanterre. The bishop kissed her on the head and told her parents that she would become great in the sight of God, and would lead many to salvation. After Genevieve told him that she wished to dedicate herself to Christ, he gave her a brass medal with the image of the Cross upon it. She promised to wear it around her neck, and to avoid wearing any other ornaments around her neck or on her fingers.

When it was reported that Attila the Hun was approaching Paris, Genevieve and the other nuns prayed and fasted, entreating God to spare the city. Suddenly, the barbarians turned away from Paris and went off in another direction.

Years later, when she was fifteen, Genevieve was taken to Paris to enter the monastic life. Through fasting, vigil and prayer, she progressed in monasticism, and received from God the gifts of clairvoyance and of working miracles. Gradually, the people of Paris and the surrounding area regarded Genevieve as a holy vessel (2 Tim. 2:21).

Saint Genevieve considered the Saturday night Vigil service to be very important, since it symbolizes how our whole life should be. "We must keep vigil in prayer and fasting so that the Lord will find us ready when He comes," she said.

There is a tradition that the church which Saint Genevieve suggested that King Clovis build in honor of Saints Peter and Paul became her own resting place when she fell asleep in the Lord around 512 at the age of eighty-nine. Her holy relics were later transferred to the church of Saint Etienne du Mont in Paris. Most of her relics, and those of other saints, were destroyed during the French Revolution.

In the Middle Ages, Saint Genevieve was regarded as the patron saint of wine makers.

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January 3, 2021

FOREFEAST OF & SUNDAY
BEFORE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

COMMEMORATIONS:

MALACHI THE PROPHET
GORDIOS THE MARTYR OF CAESAREA
RIGHTEOUS GENEVIEVE OF PARIS
RIGHTEOUS PETER OF ATROAS
RIGHTEOUS AKAKIOS THE WONDERWORKER
RIGHTEOUS THOMAS OF LESBOS

Tone 5 - Eothinon 8

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 1:1-8

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY - Tone 4 - Be thou ready, Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. * River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive * the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. * O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; * hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. * Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now * to clothe you in the first robe again. * Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
No Sunday School & Catechism

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 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 (Jan 10):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
USHERS:	Dan M. & Sdn Justin	Sdn. John & Rdr. Nick Mor
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kristi Moore	Justin & Kate Gohl and Olena M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Angie D; Calvin; Nick & Martha	Chris H.; Bushellis; Amelia T.

Mark Your Calendar:

Sunday, January 10
Outdoor Blessing of Water
 @ Lenape Park

Special Thursday Liturgies

Jan 14th for St Nina
 Jan 21st for St Maximos the Confessor
 Jan 28th for Sts Ephrem and Isaac the
 Syrians

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Monday, February 1
 Vespers & Artoklasia
 w/ Candle Blessing, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 2
 Festal Orthros 8:45 am
 Hierarchical Liturgy 10 am

Please take off the day of work to welcome and receive the blessing of our beloved Bp THOMAS and pray with Subdeacon Luke (Dr. Jeff) Carpenter for his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. (Masks strongly encouraged.)

Lenten Triodion

Publican & Pharisee - February 21
 Prodigal Son - February 28
 Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) - Mar 7

Forgiveness Sunday

March 14 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 pm

Beginning of Lent

March 15, 2021

We live Pascha to Pascha!
May 2, 2021

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Elias & family	+Archbishop
Yvonne & family	David
Doris & John	+Nun Bridget
APr. Gregory & Family	+Mat. Linda (D)
Aristidis	+George
James	+George
Lasha B	+Albert
Otari B	+Katharine
Daniel H	+Luke
John	+Victoria
Peter	
Stavroula	
Anesia	
Svetlana & Family	
Paula	<u>Catechumens</u>
James	Matthew,
Joshua	Michael,
Vicki	Shaun,
	Tina,
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth,	Asena,
Elaine	Sara,
& all Missionaries	Jonathan,
	Barry
New & Expectant	
Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	
All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic	

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$570.91. Collections, \$260. Flowers, \$50. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$89.75. Building Fund, \$3,550. Christmas Card Fund, \$250. Needy Fund, \$15. Vestments, \$500. Women's Fund, \$55. 12 Baskets, \$50. Camera Project, \$100. Stewardship, \$7,815. Total received: \$13,306.66.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

This Week:

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Office Open – 10am-3pm, Mon-Thurs

Monday, Jan 4:	Office open
Tuesday, Jan 5:	Royal Hours, 10 a.m. Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 p.m. w/ Great Blessing of Water
Wed, Jan 6:	HOLY THEOPHANY Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ Great Blessing of Water Little Compline 6:30 p.m. Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan 7:	Office open
Friday, Jan 8:	Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 9:	Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m. Vespers 6:30 p.m. Baptism Prep Prayers (Jekel) Confession 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan 10:	ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Baptismal LITURGY (Jekel), 10 a.m. Outdoor Blessing of Water 1 p.m. (Lenape Park)



REVERENCE IN GOD'S HOUSE

Crossing One's Legs?



In some Orthodox cultures, crossing one's legs is taboo and considered to be very disrespectful. In our North American culture, while there are no real taboos concerning crossing one's legs, we tend to cross our legs to get comfortable while sitting. Should we cross our legs in church? No. Not because it is "wrong" to ever cross legs, but rather because it is too casual - and too relaxed - for being in church. Just think about it, when you get settled in your favorite chair at home, you lean back, cross your legs, and then your mind can wander anywhere it wants to. Remember that sitting in church is a concession, not the normative way of prayer. You surely don't want to get too relaxed and let your mind wander off too much. In fact, when you do sit in church, you should sit attentively - and not too comfortably. When sitting in church, keep those feet on the floor, ready to stand at attention (which is what "Let us attend" means). Cross yourself with your fingers and hand - but don't cross your legs!