

## Venerable Xenia of Rome, and her two female servants (January 24)

Saint Xenia of Rome, in the world Eusebia, was the only daughter of an eminent Roman senator. From her youth she loved God, and wished to avoid the marriage arranged for her. She secretly left her parental home with two servants devoted to her, and set sail upon a ship. Through the Providence of God she met the head of the monastery of the holy Apostle Andrew in Milassa, a town of Caria (Asia Minor). She besought him to take her and her companions to Milassa. She also changed her name, calling herself Xenia [which means “stranger” or “foreigner” in Greek].



At Milassa she bought land, built a church dedicated to Saint Stephen, and founded a woman’s monastery. Soon after this, Bishop Paul of Milassa made Xenia a deaconess, because of her virtuous life. The saint helped everyone: for the destitute, she was a benefactress; for the grief-stricken, a comforter; for sinners, a guide to repentance. She possessed a deep humility, accounting herself the worst and most sinful of all.

In her ascetic deeds she was guided by the counsels of the Palestinian ascetic, Saint Euthymius. The sublime life of Saint Xenia drew many souls to Christ. The holy virgin died in 450 while she was praying. During her funeral, a luminous wreath of stars surrounding a radiant cross appeared over the monastery in the heavens. This sign accompanied the body of the saint when it was carried into the city, and remained until the saint’s burial. Many of the sick received healing after touching the relics of the saint.

Following the death of Saint Xenia, first one of her former servants died, then the other. They were buried at the saint’s feet.

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## ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**January 24, 2021**

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

### COMMEMORATIONS:

XENIA, DEACONESS OF ROME

VAUVLAS THE HOLY MARTYR

XENIA OF ST. PETERSBURG, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

PHILO THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF

KARPASIA IN CYPRUS

**Tone 8 - Eothinon 11**

**Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25**

**Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:35-43**

**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!

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. XENIA OF ST. PETERSBURG - Tone 8 -** In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Virtual Sunday School & Catechism  
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

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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 (Jan 31):
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	MaryLynne Black	Sdn Justin G.
<b>USHERS:</b>	Dan M. & Colin M.	Steven K. & Bill H.
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	----	----
<b>ALTAR BOYS:</b>	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Nathan & Rebecca J. & Teens	John & Maxine N.; Tatiana Y.
<b>COFFEE TO-GO TEAM:</b>	Zach W.; Hirut D.; Conor & Ryan M.	Felicia S.; Abraham L.; Myriam K.

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Special Liturgies

- ✦ Feb 3-5 - Dn Luke's Ordination Week
- ✦ Feb 17<sup>th</sup> for St. Theodore
- ✦ Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> for St. Polycarp
- ✦ Mar 4<sup>th</sup> for St. Gerasimos
- ✦ Mar 9<sup>th</sup> for 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

#### 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
Newly-Illumined	+M.A.P. Daniel
Jonathan-Elias	+George
AP Boris	+Albert
Fr. Anthony	+Katharine
HM Sylvester	+Luke
AP Serge, Mat. Lubov, & family	+Victoria
Doris & John	+Lydia
APr. Gregory & Family	+Edward
James	
Lasha B	+Julie
Otari B	+Helen
Daniel H	+Rdr Maxime K
John	+Mimi
Peter	+George
Anesia	
Svetlana & Family	
Pulcheria	
Alexandra	
Natalia	
Andrew	
Ivan	

#### Catechumens

Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Elaine & all Missionaries	Matthew, Michael, Shaun, Tina, Asena, Sara, Barry, Ryan
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

## This Week:

**Office Open — 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri**

Masks encouraged for all services.

- Monday, Jan 25:** Office open
- Tuesday, Jan 26:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
- Wed, Jan 27:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.  
*Live Not By Lies* Reading Group 7:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan 28:** Liturgy for Sts. Ephrem & Isaac the Syrians 10 a.m.
- Friday, Jan 29:** Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan 30:** Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.  
Vespers 6:30 p.m.  
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan 31:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.



## REVERENCE IN GOD'S HOUSE



### Talking During Church

Isn't it great to come to church and see friends and family members? But wait until after services to say "hi." It just isn't appropriate to greet people and have a conversation with them during the services. Besides being disrespectful toward God, it is rude toward the other people in the church who are trying to worship.

What about in the Narthex, is it OK to talk there? No, the narthex is part of the church, too, and should also have a prayerful atmosphere. Unfortunately, parents with young children who bring them to the narthex to quiet down are sometimes surrounded by chatter from adults who should know better.

Talk to God while in church through your prayers, hymns, and thanksgiving, and to your friends afterwards.

**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$252. Collections, \$127.06. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$30. Building Fund, \$300. Burial Ministry, \$200. Mortgage Reduction, \$250. St. Andrew Mission, \$20. Women's Fund, \$30. Stewardship, \$7,835. Total received: \$9,045.06.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!