

Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum and Disciple of Saint John the Theologian (April 11)

The Hieromartyr Antipas, a disciple of the holy Apostle John the Theologian (September 26), was bishop of the Church of Pergamum during the reign of the emperor Nero (54-68).

During these times, everyone who would not offer sacrifice to the idols lived under threat of either exile or execution by order of the emperor. On the island of Patmos (in the Aegean Sea) the holy Apostle John the Theologian was imprisoned, he to whom the Lord revealed the future judgment of the world and of Holy Church.

“And to the angel of the Church of Pergamum write: the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. I know where you live, where the throne of Satan is, and you cleave unto My Name, and have not renounced My faith, even in those days when Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells” (Rev 2:12-13).

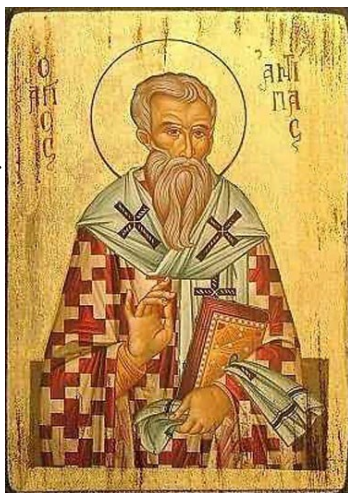
By his personal example, firm faith and constant preaching about Christ, Saint Antipas began to turn the people of Pergamum from offering sacrifice to idols. The pagan priests reproached the bishop for leading the people away from their ancestral gods, and they demanded that he stop preaching about Christ and offer sacrifice to the idols instead.

Saint Antipas calmly answered that he was not about to serve the demons that fled from him, a mere mortal. He said he worshiped the Lord Almighty, and he would continue to worship the Creator of all, with His Only-Begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit. The pagan priests retorted that their gods existed from of old, whereas Christ was not from of old but was crucified under Pontius Pilate as a criminal. The saint replied that the pagan gods were the work of human hands and that everything said about them was filled with iniquities and vices. He steadfastly confessed his faith in the Son of God, incarnate of the Most Holy Virgin.

The enraged pagan priests dragged the Hieromartyr Antipas to the temple of Artemis and threw him into a red-hot copper bull, where usually they put the sacrifices to the idols. In the red-hot furnace the martyr prayed loudly to God, imploring Him to receive his soul and to strengthen the faith of the Christians. He went to the Lord peacefully, as if he were going to sleep (+ ca. 68).

At night Christians took the body of the Hieromartyr Antipas, which was untouched by the fire. They buried him at Pergamum. The tomb of the hieromartyr became a font of miracles and of healings from various sicknesses.

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April 11, 2021

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN
CLIMACUS

COMMEMORATIONS:

ANTIPAS, BISHOP OF PERGAMUM
PHARMUTHIOS THE ANCHORITE
GUTHLAC THE HERMIT OF CROWLAND
RIGHTEOUS MOTHERS TRYPHAINA AND
MATRONA OF CYZICUS

Tone 3 - Eothinon 11

Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 9:17-31

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. JOHN CLIMACUS - Tone 8 - The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
1-Year Memorial for Mary Coutros (Memory Eternal!)
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour

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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 (Apr 18):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn Justin G.	Kristi Moore
USHERS:	Sdn John & Rdr Nick Muz.	Steve K. & Bill H.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Jamile & Nicole Kyriakos fam.	Todd & Kendra M; Natalia M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Angie; Calvin S.; Nick & Martha	Chris H.; Amelia T.

Mark Your Calendar:

Bible Study on Sacrifice

Saturdays, 5 pm
Mar 20-Apr 24

Palm Sunday

April 25

We live Pascha to Pascha!
May 2, 2021

Pentecost

June 20

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!

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$348. Collections, \$197.06. Youth, \$1. Flowers, \$67.50. Corona Impressed Fund, \$280. Ukrainian Orphanage donation, \$2,075. Stewardship, \$4,923.61. Total received: \$7,892.17.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Ordained Fr. David	+Yazew
Newly Illumined Penelope	(April Parish Diptychs)
Dn. Michael Natalia	+Vasilios
AP Boris	+Frederick
HM Sylvester	+Mary
Fr. Sergius	+Vaseleka
Doris & John	+Carl
James	+Niemeh
Lasha B	+Mary
Otari B	+Haydieh
Daniel H	+Justin
Peter	
Anesia	
Svetlana & Family	
George, Victoria, & family	
Pulcheria	<u>Catechumens</u>
Gabriela	Matthew,
Anna	Michael,
	Shaun,
	Tina,
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth,	Sara,
Jesse, Bill, Elaine	Barry,
& all Missionaries	Ryan,
	Laura,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Taylor,
	Tim & Luke

For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity

All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic

TITHE YOUR STIMULUS CHECK to these worthy endeavors of our parish:

- + St Corona Emergency/Expansion
- + St Justin Academy

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE - Please keep your alms box in a prominent place as a reminder to thank God for your blessings and bless the hungry with your bounty.

This Week:

Great Lent continues! Blessed Struggle!

Confessions before services and by appointment.

Masks encouraged for all services.

- Monday, Apr 12:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr 13:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th Hour Prayers, 12 noon
- Wed, Apr 14:** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Apr 15:** 6th Hour Prayers, 12 noon
Little Compline, Life of St. Mary of Egypt, & the Great Canon. 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr 16:** Presanctified Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Little Compline & Akathist Hymn 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Apr 17:** Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.
Bible Study on Sacrifice, 5 p.m.
Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship Bonfire 8 p.m.
- Sunday, Apr 18:** **ST. MARY OF EGYPT**
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
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OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Cleaning Supplies

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”