

## Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria

The Holy Martyr Aquilina, a native of the Phoenician city of Byblos, suffered under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Her parents raised her in Christian piety. When the girl was only twelve years old, she persuaded a pagan friend to convert to Christ. One of the servants of the imperial governor Volusian accused her of teaching others not to follow the religion of their fathers. The girl firmly confessed her faith in Christ before the governor and said that she would not renounce Him. Volusian tried to influence the young confessor through persuasion and by flattery, but seeing her confidence, he ordered her to be tortured.

They struck her upon the face, then they stripped her and beat her with whips. The torturer asked, "Where then is your God? Let Him come and take you out of my hands".

The saint answered, "The Lord is here with me invisibly, and the more I suffer, the more strength and endurance will He give me."

They drilled through the martyr's ears with heated metal rods. The holy virgin fell down as if dead. The torturer thought that the girl had actually died, and he gave orders to throw her body outside the city to be eaten by dogs.

By night a holy angel appeared to Saint Aquilina, roused her and said, "Arise and be healed. Go and denounce Volusian, so that he and his plans may come to nothing."

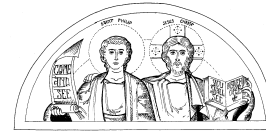
The martyr went to the court of the governor and stood before Volusian. Seeing Saint Aquilina, he called for his servants and ordered them to keep watch over her until morning.

In the morning he sentenced Saint Aquilina to death, saying that she was a sorceress who did not obey the imperial decrees. When they led the saint to execution, she prayed and gave thanks to God for allowing her to suffer for His Holy Name.

A voice was heard in answer to her prayer, summoning her to the heavenly Kingdom. Before the executioner could carry out the sentence, the martyr gave up her spirit to God (+ 293). The executioner feared to disobey the governor's orders, so he cut off her head although she was already dead.

Christians piously buried the martyr's body. Later, her relics were taken to Constantinople and placed in a church named for her.

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**June 13, 2021**  
**SUNDAY OF THE**  
**FATHERS OF THE 1st**  
**ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**



**Tone 6**

**Eothinon 10 - St. John 21:1-14**  
**Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36**  
**Gospel: St. John 17:1-13**

**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!

**TROPARION FOR ASCENSION - Tone 4 -** Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God and Deliverer of the world.

**TROPARION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 8 -** Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish the Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith. O most merciful One, glory to thee!

**TODAY:** *Liturgy, 9 a.m., at Fort Washington Mission*  
**ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
Coffee Hour  
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 (June 20):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Carolyn Kaminsky	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn. John & Todd Moody	Dan M. & Ken G.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kendra M.; Natalia	Todd & Kristi Moore
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Nathan & Rebecca; Ephrem; Ada	Zach W.; Hirut; Conor M.

\* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

### **SPECIAL APPEAL**

The Needy Fund is seriously **depleted**. Please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund**.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul**  
*June 28-29*

**Dormition Fast - August 1-14**  
Daily Paraklesis

**Transfiguration**  
*August 5-6*

**Vacation Church School**  
*August 9-13*

**International Food Festival**  
*September 17-18*

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined	+Sh. Angela
Anastasios	
Suzanne (H)	(June Parish
Victoria	Diptychs)
Presb. Anna	+Nicholas
Alexandra	+Maria
Maria	+Marion Betty
AP Gregory	+Victoria
HM Sylvester	+Anna
P Sergius	+Gail
Doris	+Sophia
John	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Peter	
Anesia	
George, Victoria, & family	<b>Catechumens</b>
Pulcheria	Matthew,
Gabriela	Michael,
Anna	Shaun,
Dn Thomas and family	Tina,
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth,	Sara,
Jesse, Bill, Elaine	Barry,
& all Missionaries	Ryan,
New & Expectant Mothers	Laura,
& their children	Taylor,
For the people of our land	Tim & Luke
and their repentance,	
healing & unity	
All who are suffering,	
servicing and rebuilding	
from the pandemic	

**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$240. Collections, \$370. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$65. Food for Hungry, \$2.51. Needy Fund, \$2,098.12. Stewardship, \$5,436.50. Total received: \$8,213.13.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### **SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS**

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

### This Week:

- Mon, June 14:** Church open
- Tues, June 15:** Church open  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
- Wed, June 16:** Church open  
Little Compline & Patristic Reading,  
6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, June 17:** Church open
- Fri, June 18:** Church open  
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, June 19:** Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.  
w/ Soul Saturday Memorial  
VESPERS & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.  
Pre-Baptismal Prayers 7:30 p.m.  
Confessions 8:30 p.m.
- Sun, June 20:** **HOLY PENTECOST**  
**ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.**  
**Baptismal LITURGY 9:45 a.m.**  
Kneeling Prayers, 11:45 am  
Coffee Hour after Liturgy

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:**  
**Bath & Shower Products**

**CHALLENGE FOR 2021:**  
“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:26)