

# 100,000 Martyrs of Tbilisi by the Mongols

(Oct 31)

In 1227 Sultan Jalal al-Din of Khwarazm and his army of Turkmen attacked Georgia. On the first day of the battle the Georgian army valorously warded off the invaders as they were approaching Tbilisi. That night, however, a group of Persians who were living in Tbilisi secretly opened the gates and summoned the enemy army into the city.

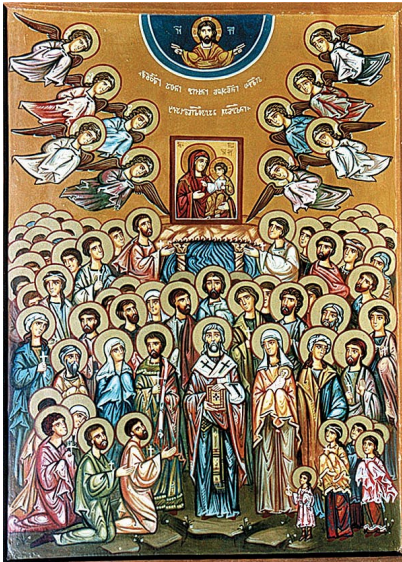
According to one manuscript in which this most terrible day in Georgian history was described: "Words are powerless to convey the destruction that the enemy wrought: tearing infants from their mothers' breasts, they beat their heads against the bridge, watching as their eyes dropped from their skulls..."

A river of blood flowed through the city. The Turkmen castrated young children, raped women, and stabbed mothers to death over their children's lifeless bodies. The whole city shuddered at the sound of wailing and lamentation. The river and streets of the city were filled with death.

The sultan ordered that the cupola of Sioni Cathedral be taken down and replaced by his vile throne. And at his command the icons of the Theotokos and our Savior were carried out of Sioni Cathedral and placed at the center of the bridge across the Mtkvari River. The invaders goaded the people to the bridge, ordering them to cross it and spit on the holy icons. Those who betrayed the Christian Faith and mocked the icons were spared their lives, while the Orthodox confessors were beheaded.

One hundred thousand Georgians sacrificed their lives to venerate the holy icons. One hundred thousand severed heads and headless bodies were carried by the bloody current down the Mtkvari River.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/10/31/103901-100000-martyrs-of-tbilisi-by-the-mongols>)



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**October 31, 2021**  
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

### COMMEMORATIONS:

APOSTLES STACHIOS, APELLOS, AMPLIAS,  
URBAN, ARISTOBOULOS AND NARCISSOS OF THE  
SEVENTY  
MARTYR EPIMACHOS OF ALEXANDRIA  
NEW-MARTYR NICHOLAS OF CHIOS

**Tone 2 - Eothinon 8**

**Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18**  
**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9**  
**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 16:19-31**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 -** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Stewardship presentation  
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour  
**40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues!!**  
**Theme: "I Seek Not Yours, but You"**

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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 (Nov 7):            |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| PROSPHORA BREAD:  | Kristi Moore             | Sdn Justin G.                 |
| ALTAR CANDLES:    | ----                     | ----                          |
| USHERS:           | Dan M. & Ken G.          | Steve K. & Todd M.            |
| ALTAR BOYS:       | “Archangel Michael”      | “Archangel Gabriel”           |
| CLEANING TEAM:    | Nathan, Rebecca, & Teens | Sdn John & Maxine; Tatiana Y. |
| COFFEE HOUR TEAM: | Felicia; Miriam; Abraham |                               |

### **SPECIAL APPEAL**

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which is up and running as our parish's own Classical school/ Homeschool Co-op. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### Mark Your Calendar:

St. Philip Patronal Feast  
Sunday, November 14

Nativity Fast  
November 15-December 24

Entrance of the Theotokos  
Sunday, November 21

Liturgy (St. Katherine & Thanksgiving)  
Thursday, November 25, 9 a.m.

St. Nicholas Services  
Sunday, December 5  
Vespers & Kids Activity, 6:30 pm  
Monday, December 6  
Orthros 9am & Liturgy 10 am

### Pray For:

| Living   | Departed                  |
|--|---------------------------|
| N.I. Simeon  | +George                   |
| N.I. Alexandra   | +Emilia                   |
| N.I. Connor David  |                           |
| Pr. Theodosi   | (October Parish Diptychs) |
| Sze Tatiana  | +Steve                    |
| Sh Hannah  | +Marcella                 |
| Joanne   | +Mary                     |
| Mona-Rebecca   | +Dorothy                  |
| Patrick  | +Katherine                |
| Doris  | +Milan                    |
| John   | +Maria                    |
| James  | +Alex                     |
| Lasha B  | +Gus                      |
| Otari B  | +Theodore                 |
| Daniel H   | +Mary                     |
| Peter  | +John                     |
| Anesia   | +Alfred Anthony           |
| Anna   | +Else                     |
| George   | +Ayele                    |
| Anesia   | +Laurence                 |
| Madelyne   |                           |
| Priest Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries | <u>Catechumens</u>        |
| New & Expectant Mothers & their children                         | Shaun,                    |
| For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity | Laura,                    |
|  | Taylor,                   |
|  | Tim & Luke,               |
|  | Kate,                     |
|  | Tyson,                    |
|  | Joseph & Alana,           |
|  | Ryan,                     |
|  | Michael, Tina             |

**OFFERINGS 10/24:** Candles, \$274. Collections, \$160. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$25. Building Fund, \$100. Classical School Fund, \$4,250. Needy Fund, \$45. Stewardship, \$3,285. Total received: \$8,040.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## **FESTIVAL HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED! \*\*NOV 12-13\*\***



Our 9th International Food Festival will now take place on Nov 12-13. **All parishioners, your help is needed!** More information on how you can help is forthcoming. Let's work together to make this Food Festival a good experience!

### This Week:

- Mon, Nov 1:** Church open
- Tues, Nov 2:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Nov 3:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.  
Patristic Reading Group 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Nov 4:** Church open
- Friday, Nov 5:** Church open  
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Nov 6:** Men's Fellowship 8 a.m.  
**Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.**  
Confession 7:30 p.m.  
*\*\*Set Your Clock back an hour\*\**
- Sun, Nov 7:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
Sunday School & Catechism  
Coffee Hour  
**\*\*ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1 p.m.\*\***

### OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Bath & Shower Products

### CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

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