

Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theognius, Agapius, and Pistus (August 21)

The Martyr Bassa with her sons Theognis, Agapius and Pistus, lived in the city of Macedonian Edessa and she was married to a pagan priest. From childhood she had been raised in the Christian Faith, which she passed on to her sons.

During the reign of the emperor Maximian Galerius (305-311), the husband denounced his wife and children to the governor. In spite of threats, the boys refused to offer sacrifice to idols, so they were tortured and put to death. The eldest son, Theognis, was raked with iron claws, then he was beheaded. The skin of the young Agapius was flayed from head to chest, but the martyr did not utter a sound. The youngest son Pistus was tortured and beheaded, just as his brothers had been. One account says that the three brothers suffered at Edessa in Macedonia. Another account says they died at Larissa in Thessaly, their homeland.

Saint Bassa was thrown into prison and was weakened by hunger, but an angel strengthened her with heavenly food. Under successive tortures she remained unharmed by fire, water and beasts. When they brought her to a pagan temple, she shattered the statue of Zeus. Then they threw the martyr into a whirlpool in the sea. But to everyone's surprise a ship sailed up, and three radiant men pulled her up (Saint Nikódēmos of the Holy Mountain (July 14) suggests that these were her children, martyred earlier). After eight days Saint Bassa came by ship to the governor of the island of Alona, not far from Cyzicus, in the Propontis or Sea of Marmora. After beating her with rods, they beheaded her.

By the year 450 there was already a church in honor of the holy martyr Bassa at Chalcedon.

(Text & Image from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/08/21/102356-martyr-bassa-of-edessa-and-her-sons-theognius-agapius-and-pistu>)



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August 21, 2022

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
APOSTLE THADDEUS OF THE SEVENTY
MARTYRS BASSA, THEOGNIOS, AGAPIOS AND PISTOS
OF EDESSA
ATHANASIOS PATELAROS, PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE

Tone 1 - Eothion 10

Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:1-14

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 17:14-23

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - 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 FOR THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION - Tone 1 - In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour

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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 (Aug 28):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn. Justin	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	The Sidorochevs Loving memory - Katerina / Birthday - Alexandra
USHERS:	Dan M. & Bill H.	Steve K. & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Bill & Linda H.; Chris H.	Phil K., Matthew C. & Dave N.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H.; Mariya; Abraham	Calvin; Angie; Dale

Mark Your Calendar:

Holy Unction

Friday, Sept 2

6:30pm (Fast in preparation)

Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday, Sept 7

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30pm

Festal Orthros 8pm

Thursday, Sept 8

Liturgy 10am

Potluck luncheon to follow

Elevation of the Cross

Tuesday, Sept 13

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 14

Orthros & Procession 9am

Liturgy 10am

Potluck luncheon to follow

International Food Festival

September 16-17

Please pick up your **Festival Flyers & Sponsor Packets** in the Narthex!!

& **INVITE** family, friends, neighbors!

AUGUST OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Paper Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

“You are the Light of the World”

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Zotikos-Tyson	+Gregory
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Gisele
Kh. Joyce	(August Parish
Eugene & Family	Diptychs)
Nicole	+Mary
Raymond	+Augustine
Patrick	+Iwan
Doris	+Victor
John	+Fr. Michael
John	+Myron
James	+Fr. Boniface
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Nancy-Anna	
Anesia	
Mary	<u>Catechumens</u>
Mary	Christian
Claudia	Taylor
Alexei	Christina
Barbara	Peter, Sarah, Alina,
	William, & Elsa
	Kate
	Joseph & Alana
	Ryan
	Zachary, Brandy,
	Nora, Gavinn,
	Lorelei, & Otto
	Taylor & Bethany
	Joanne
	Denis
	Michael
	Nicholas, Rachel,
	Luka, Lee

●Priest Thomas, Jesse, Nathan and their families & all Missionaries

●New & Expectant Mothers & their children

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

●The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric

Giving Opportunities at St. Philip

Please consider making a special offering to the **Camp Scholarship Fund, Pastoral Discretionary Fund, and St. Justin Academy.**

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

**Fr. Noah & family away this week;
Fr. James on call**

Mon, Aug 22:	Office open
Tues, Aug 23:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Wed, Aug 24:	Compline & Patristic Reading Group 6:30 p.m.
Thurs, Aug 25:	Office open
Friday, Aug 26:	Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
Sat, Aug 27:	Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug 28:	ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Coffee Hour after Liturgy Parish Council 12:30 p.m. Vespers & Artoklasia for Beheading of the Forerunner 2 p.m.
Mon, Aug 29:	BEHEADING OF THE FORERUNNER Orthros 9 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. w/ Fasting Potluck

ATTENDANCE: Vespers Aug 13: 41 Divine services on Aug 14: 162
Dormition Liturgy: 111

OFFERINGS 8/14: Candles, \$351. Collections, \$371. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$113. Classical School Fund, \$320. Mission Chapel, \$80. Women's Fund, \$74. Stewardship, \$9,699. Total received: \$11,009.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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