

Saint Macarius the Roman of Mesopotamia (Oct 23)

One day, the cave where holy ascetic Makarios lived was found by three monks from the Monastery of Saint Asclepius in Mesopotamia. Sergius, Hyginos and Theophilos had left the monastery in order to wander through the world, seeking a sign from God which would be beneficial for their salvation. Suddenly, as they approached the cave, they noticed a marvelous fragrance issuing forth from it. Then they saw an old man walking toward them, covered only by his hair and a beard which reached his knees. He threw himself to the ground and remained there for several minutes, until he was sure the three strangers were not really demons. When he was satisfied that he was not experiencing some sort of delusion, he invited them into his cave. The oldest monk asked him to relate his story, which he did.



Saint Makarios told them that he was born in Rome and was the son of a wealthy Senator named John. When he was old enough to be married, his parents betrothed him against his will. There was a celebration following the wedding, but instead of entering the bridal chamber, he fled to the home of a pious widow, where he spent seven days secretly weeping and entreating God to help him. When he left her house, Makarios met a well-dressed old man of noble demeanor. This man ordered Makarios to accompany him. Makarios did follow him for three years, until one day they came to a cave, and then the old man vanished. He appeared to Makarios in a dream soon afterward and revealed that he was the Archangel Raphael, who had guided Tobias in his travels. Before he vanished, the Archangel entrusted him to God's mercy.

Soon after he first moved into the cave, Makarios saw a most beautiful young woman standing before him, who said that she also had fled from an unwanted marriage in Rome. In spite of his caution, Saint Makarios did not have sufficient discernment to escape the devil's snare, and so he allowed the girl to spend the night in his cave. For the first time in his life, he was assaulted by the fiery darts of carnal desire, and he sinned with the girl. Suddenly she disappeared, and the devil rejoiced because he had tempted the ascetic to sin.

At that moment Saint Makarios realized the seriousness of his fall. Weeping bitterly, he decided to leave the cave and find another place where he might do penance. Along the way, the Archangel Raphael appeared to him once again and urged him to return. He told him that God would hear his prayers if he remained in the cave. So he went back and subjected his flesh to severe fasting, vigils and absolute self-denial for many years, so that he might recover the purity of his soul in order to contemplate God.

After he had edified the three brethren with the story of his struggles, Saint Makarios sent them on their way in peace. His sin was very great, but so was his repentance; therefore, he fell asleep in the Lord in the presence of the angels and the saints.

The precise date of the saint's repose is not known, but it was probably at the end of the fourth century, or the beginning of the fifth.

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October 23, 2022

JAMES, THE APOSTLE,
BROTHER OF OUR LORD

COMMEMORATIONS:

OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER IGNATIUS, PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE
JAMES OF BOROVICHI, WONDERWORKER OF
NOVGOROD

Tone 2 - Eothinon 8

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:26-39

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!

APOLYTIKION OF St. JAMES - Tone 4 - Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. And since thou art a martyr thou art never rejected, and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou Christ God to save our souls!

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1 p.m.

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues!

Theme: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"

--Please Submit Your 2023 Pledge!--

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Oct 30):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Gabi & Catalin T.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Chebeleus – Cecilia 15th B-day Louise Shaheen – Anniv. of Larry's repose	The Gohls – Blessings (Justin B-day)
USHERS:	Sdn. John & Tom A.	Dan M. & Rdr. Nick Muz.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Phil K.; Matthew C.; Dave N.	The Moodys & Natalia M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Miriam; Conon; Jekels/Teens	Chris H.: Mariya; Abraham

Mark Your Calendar:

St. Raphael Vigil

Friday, Nov 4, 6:30 p.m.
Unction, Vespers, Orthros, Liturgy

St. Philip Day

– Patronal Feast

Nov 13-14

*Celebration at 2pm prior to Vespers,
Sunday, Nov 13
Festal Potluck to follow*

Nativity Fast

Nov 15-Dec 24

*Come to Paraklesis, Confessions, and
bring someone to church!*

Feast of Christmas/Nativity

Saturday, Dec 24–Sunday, Dec 25

*Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.
Vespers 10:30 a.m.*

Festal Orthros 10:30 p.m.

Festal Liturgy 12 a.m.

Vespers 12 p.m.

✦ **Where is the Holy Water?** It has been moved to front of the church by the choir because children are not using it appropriately.

✦ **Holy Bread Crumbs are also holy.** Please eat them and share them reverently.

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Xenia	+Metr Herman
N.I. Adam	+AP John
N.I. Taylor-Philonella	+Peter
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(October Parish)
Kh. Joyce	Diptychs)
Nancy-Anna	+Steve
Linda	+Marcella
Tadessa	+Mary
Nicole	+Dorothy
Raymond	+Katherine
Patrick	+Milan
Doris	+Maria
John	+Alex
John	+Gus
James	+Theodore
James	+Mary
Lasha B	+John
Otari B	+Alfred-Anthony
Tatiana	+Else
Helen	+Ayele
Wadieh	+Laurence
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Claudia	

Priest Thomas, Bill, Jesse,
Nathan, Hannah & all
Missionaries
New & Expectant Mothers
& their children
For the people of our land,
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

Catechumens

Christian
Christina
Peter, Sarah, Alina,
William, & Elsa
Kate
Joseph & Alana
Ryan
Zachary, Brandy,
Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei,
& Otto
Taylor & Bethany
Joanne
Denis
Nicholas, Rachel,
Luka, Lee
David, Helen, Elianna
Michael
Evan
Lucretia

This Week:

Mon, Oct 24: Office open
Akathist–Joy of All Who Sorrow 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Oct 25: 6th Hour, 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

Wed, Oct 26: Office open
Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, Oct 27: Jesus Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study (Genesis) 7 p.m.

Bp THOMAS Archpastoral Visit

Friday, Oct 28: Office open
Confessions 6 p.m.
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Oct 29: Men's Fellowship Breakfast w Bp THOMAS 8 a.m.
Akathist-Nurturer of Children & parenting
discussion w/ Bp THOMAS 10 a.m.
Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 30: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Hierarchical Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour

OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Bath & Shower Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

“You are the Light of the World”

ATTENDANCE: Vespers Oct 15: 49 Divine services on Oct 16: 216
OFFERINGS 10/9: Candles, \$236. Collections, \$812.52. Youth, \$1.
Book Shelf Ministry, \$52. Building Fund, \$1,000. Camping, \$50.
Mortgage Reduction, \$125. Pastoral Discretion, \$3.43. Women's Fund,
\$50. Stewardship, \$11,835.18. Total received: \$14,165.13.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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