

## Monastic Martyr Damascene of the Lavra (Nov 13)

Saint Damascene was a monk from Constantinople. His parents Kyriakos and Kyriake lived in the Galatea district of the city, and they named their son Diamantes.

Orphaned at a young age, and without parental guidance, the boy became rather undisciplined in his conduct. One day he was caught doing something unlawful, and in order to save himself he agreed to convert to Islam. Later he came to his senses and repented his denial of Christ. Fleeing to the Holy Mountain, he became a monk at the Lavra, receiving the name Damascene.

For twelve years he labored in prayer and asceticism, and was tonsured into the Great Schema. Finally, he revealed to his spiritual Father his desire for martyrdom. Receiving a blessing for this struggle, he cut his hair and dressed as a sailor.

In the church of Hagia Sophia, which had been turned into a mosque, the monk Damascene made the Sign of the Cross and proclaimed Christ as the true God. Since the Moslems did nothing to him, he went to the Sultan Mehmed mosque and repeated his confession of faith, calling the Moslems ignorant and deceived because they did not believe in Christ. Those who heard him thought he was insane.

The next day Saint Damascene went to the vizier's courtyard and shouted at those he found there, "Your faith is not true. Christ is the true God, and only the faith of Christ is true." Not surprisingly, he was seized and beaten, then chased away. He continued to proclaim Christ in other places, but everyone thought he was crazy, and they ignored him.

On a Sunday, the holy martyr went to the Tophana mosque, where many Moslems had gathered. Again he was seized and beaten. This time, however, he was sent to the kadi and then to the Grand Vizier, Kara Mustapha. Seeing that the saint would not change his mind and live as a Moslem, the Vizier sentenced him to death.

On November 13, 1681, Saint Damascene was led to the Phanar, where he was forced to kneel before the gates of the Patriarchate. Thanking God for allowing him to fulfill the exploit of martyrdom, he bent his neck and was beheaded. The relics of the holy New Martyr Damascene were taken to Chalki and enshrined in the church of the Holy Trinity.

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## ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**November 13, 2022**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

### COMMEMORATIONS:

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF  
CONSTANTINOPLE

ANTHOUSA, THE MOTHER OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM  
VENERABLE MARTYRS DAMASKINOS AND DAMIAN OF  
THE GREAT LAVRA ON ATHOS

**Tone 5 - Eothinon 11**

**Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25**

**Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-8:2**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5** - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM - Tone 3** - Grace shining forth from thy lips like a beacon hath enlightened the universe, and hath shown to the world the riches of poverty, and hath revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School & Teens

Coffee Hour – St. Philip Day Celebration

Vespers & Artoklasia 2pm

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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 (Nov 20):
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Kristi M. & Rachel C.	Sdn Justin
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	Doris & Jim Eggers <small>In Memory of granddaughter Cecelia Marie</small>	The Sidorochevs <small>Anna's Birthday – Many Years!</small>
<b>USHERS:</b>	Sdn. John & Bill H.	Dan M. & Tom A.
<b>ALTAR BOYS:</b>	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	The Gohls & Olena M.	Serge, Alex, Sarah Kaminsky
<b>COFFEE HOUR TEAM:</b>	Kendra; Keiko; Felicia	Sh. Hannah; Tatiana; Gabe

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### 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.

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Festal Orthros 10:30 p.m.

Festal Liturgy 12 a.m.

Vespers 12 p.m.

#### Feast of Circumcision & St. Basil –

##### New Years

*Saturday, Dec 31*

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Jan 1*

Divine Liturgy & New Years Prayers

##### Theophany

*Thursday, Jan 5*

Royal Hours 10 a.m.

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

*Friday, Jan 6*

Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am

Great Blessing of Waters

##### HOME BLESSINGS:

*Reach out to Fr. Noah or Fr. James directly to schedule.*

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Alexander	(November Parish
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	Diptychs)
Kh. Joyce	+Joseph
Linda	+Peter
Tadessa	+Ellen
Nicole	+Evelyn
Raymond	+Ksenia
Patrick	+William
Doris	+Elizabeth
John	
John	
James	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Priest Thomas, Bill, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u>
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Christian
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	Christina
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa
	Kate
	Joseph & Alana
	Ryan
	Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto
	Taylor & Bethany
	Joanne
	Denis
	Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, Leo
	David, Helen, Elianna
	Michael
	Evan
	Lucretia

### NOVEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

## Turkeys & Hams

### CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

“You are the Light of the World”

### *40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues!*

*Theme: “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”*

*--Please Submit Your 2023 Pledge!--*

### This Week:

**Mon, Nov 14:** St. Philip Patronal Feast  
Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am  
Festal Potluck to follow

### *Nativity Fast begins!! (Nov 15-Dec 24)*

**Tues, Nov 15:** 6th Hour, 12 noon  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

**Wed, Nov 16:** Office open  
Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.

**Thurs, Nov 17:** Jesus Prayer 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study (Genesis) 7 p.m.

**Friday, Nov 18:** Office open  
Advent Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

**Sat, Nov 19:** Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.  
Youth Choir practice 5:30 p.m.  
Great **VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**  
Confessions 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov 20:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*  
**ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**

*Missionary Visit – Elizabeth Blaine,  
Agricultural Missionary in Mexico*

Sunday School & Teens  
Parish Council  
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.  
Vespers & Artoklasia for Entrance 2 p.m.

**Mon, Nov 21:** Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple  
Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am  
Fish/Wine/Oil Potluck to follow

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers Nov 5: 71 Divine services on Nov 6: 238  
**OFFERINGS 11/6:** Candles, \$268. Collections, \$264. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$17. Building Fund, \$4,100. Mission Chapel, \$25. Pastoral Discretion, \$371.03. Stewardship, \$5,183. Total received: \$10,229.03.

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