

Saint Modestus, Archbishop of Jerusalem (Dec 18)

Saint Modestus, Archbishop of Jerusalem, was born into a Christian family in Cappadocian Sebasteia (Asia Minor). From his youth he felt a strong attraction towards strict monastic life. Saint Modestus accepted monastic tonsure. Afterwards, he became head of the monastery of Saint Theodosius the Great in Palestine. At this time (the year 614), military forces of the Persian ruler Chosroes fell upon Syria and Palestine, killing ninety thousand Christians and destroying Christian churches. Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem and a



multitude of Christians were taken into captivity, along with the Cross of the Lord. Saint Modestus was entrusted to govern the Jerusalem Church temporarily as locum tenens of the patriarchal cathedra.

With the help of Patriarch John the Merciful of Alexandria (November 12), Saint Modestus set about restoring devastated Christian shrines, among which was the Sepulchre of the Lord. He reverently buried the murdered monks from the monastery of Saint Savva the Sanctified.

After fourteen years, Patriarch Zacharias returned from captivity with the Cross of the Lord, and after his death Saint Modestus became Patriarch of Jerusalem. Saint Modestus died at age 97 in the year 634.

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December 18, 2022

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
OF CHRIST (THE GENEALOGY)**

COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS SEBASTIAN AND ZOE OF ROME, AND THOSE
WITH THEM
OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER MICHAEL SYNGELLON THE
CONFESSOR

Tone 2 - Eothinon 5

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 1:1-25

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 THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY - Tone 2 - Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Choir Concert 1:30 p.m.

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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 (Dec 25):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn Justin G.	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	Ken Hedrick – Mother’s repose Bushelli – Fr. Noah’s Name day	Bushellis – Anna Maria B-day
USHERS:	Tom A. & Steve K.	Todd M. & Rdr Nick
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Phil K., Matthew C. & Dave N	Todd & Kendra; Natalia M
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra; Keiko; Felicia	----

Mark Your Calendar:

Feast of Circumcision & St. Basil –

New Years

Saturday, Dec 31

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Potluck, Talent Show & Games 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, Jan 1

Divine Liturgy & New Years Prayers

Theophany

Thursday, Jan 5

Royal Hours 10 a.m.
Vesperal Liturgy 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan 6

Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am
Great Blessing of Waters

Meeting of the Lord

Wednesday, Feb 1

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 2

Orthros 9 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

HOME BLESSINGS:

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

Great Lent begins Feb 27

Pascha 2023

April 16

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(December Parish
Kh. Joyce	Diptychs)
Linda	+Joseph
Tadessa	+Richard
Nicole	+Mary
Raymond	+Demetrios (Jim)
Patrick	+Katherine
Doris	+Nicholas
John	+Gabremariam
John	+Assaad
James	+Doris
James	+(Michael)
Lasha B	+Barbara
Otari B	+Fred Andrew
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Priest Thomas, Bill, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & 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, Jabil, 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

DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

“You are the Light of the World”

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship has concluded!
Theme: “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”
--Please Submit Your 2023 Pledge!--

This Week:

Nativity Fast continues!! (Nov 15-Dec 24)

(**There are times for Confessions before and after most services.)

Mon, Dec 19: Vespers, Artoklasia & Pre-Nativity Canon 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Dec 20: Liturgy (St. Ignatius) 10 a.m., w/ Fasting Potluck to follow
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Vespers & Pre-Nativity Canon 6:30 p.m.

Wed, Dec 21: Vespers & Pre-Nativity Canon 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, Dec 22: Vespers & Pre-Nativity Canon 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec 23: Royal Hours 10 a.m.
Vespers & Pre-Nativity Canon 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Dec 24: Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.
VESPERS 10:30 a.m.

Festal Orthros 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 25: Festal Liturgy 12 Midnight

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Vespers 12 p.m.

Monday, Dec 26: Orthros 9am & Liturgy 10am for Synaxis of the Theotokos

ATTENDANCE: Vespers Dec 10: 60 Divine services on Dec 11: 192
OFFERINGS 12/11: Candles, \$371.42. Collections, \$306. Flowers, \$100. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$31. Building Fund, \$1,500. Camping Fund, \$1,000. Christmas Card Fund, \$75. Hospitality, \$20. Mission Chapel, \$50. Pastoral Discretion, \$195.53. Stewardship, \$11,431.61. Total received: \$15,081.56.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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