

Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (Mar 27)

The Holy Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica suffered in the third or fourth century. She was a slave of the Jewish woman Pautila (or Pantilla), wife of one of the military commanders of Thessalonica. Pautila constantly mocked her slave for her faith in Christ, and tried to convert her to Judaism. Saint Matrona, who believed in Christ from her youth, still prayed to the Savior Christ, and secretly went to church unbeknownst to her vengeful mistress.



Pautila, learning that Saint Matrona had been to church, asked, "Why won't you come to our synagogue, instead of attending the Christian church?" Saint Matrona boldly answered, "Because God is present in the Christian church, but He has departed from the Jewish synagogue." Pautila went into a rage and mercilessly beat Saint Matrona, tied her up, and shut her in a dark closet. In the morning, Pautila discovered that Saint Matrona had been freed of her bonds by an unknown Power.

In a rage Pautila beat the martyr almost to death, then bound her even more tightly and locked her in the closet. The door was sealed so that no one could help the sufferer. The holy martyr remained there for four days without food or water, and when Pautila opened the door, she again found Saint Matrona free of her bonds, and standing at prayer.

Pautila flogged the holy martyr and left the skin hanging in strips from her body. The fierce woman locked her in the closet again, where Saint Matrona gave up her spirit to God.

Pautila had the holy martyr's body thrown from the roof of her house. Christians took up the much-suffered body of the holy martyr and buried it. Later, Bishop Alexander of Thessalonica built a church dedicated to the holy martyr. Her holy relics, glorified by many miracles, were placed in this church.

The judgment of God soon overtook the evil Pautila. Standing on the roof at that very place where the body of Saint Matrona had been thrown, she stumbled and fell to the pavement. Her body was smashed, and so she received her just reward for her sin.

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March 27, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYR MATRONA OF THESSALONICA
MARTYRS PHILETOS THE SENATOR, HIS WIFE LYDIA OF
ROME AND THOSE WITH THEM
PAUL, BISHOP OF CORINTH

Tone 7 - Eothion 7

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 8:34-9:1

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS OF GREAT LENT - Tone 8 - To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

TODAY:

ORTHROS & Confessions 8:30 a.m.

Cross Procession 9:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m., w/ Chrismation (Laura S. – Many Years!)

6-Month Memorial for Presbyteria Lidia
Sunday School, Catechism, Coffee Hour
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers 4 p.m. @ St. Nicholas Bethlehem

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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 (Apr 3):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Sdn Jordan & Natalie	----
	<small>For Blessings Received – Tasso's Recovery</small>	
USHERS:	Dan M & Bill H.	Sdn John & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	"Archangel Gabriel"	"Archangel Michael"
CLEANING TEAM:	The Moores & Phil K.	The Gohls & Olena
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Miriam; Conor; Nathan & Rebecca; Teens	Chris H; Maria S.; Abraham

Mark Your Calendar:

Lehigh Valley Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers @ 4 p.m.

- ✦ Apr 3: St. Nicholas GOA Bethlehem
- ✦ Apr 10: Assumption UOC Northampton

St. Philip Holy Week Choir Concert

Sunday, April 3 @ 1 p.m.

We live Pascha to Pascha!

April 24, 2022

Parish Life Conference 2022

June 29-July 3

Event Registration Link: <https://antiochianevents.com/ny>
 Housing Registration Link: <https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/ParishLife2022>

MARCH OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Baby Care Items

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

"You are the Light of the World"

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined Laura	
Metr. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(March Parish Diptychs)
Nicole	+Najib
Raymond	+Lorraine
Sze-Tatiana	+Julia
Joanne	+Helen
Patrick	+Dina
Doris	+Robert
John	+Adele
John	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Mark	
Nancy-Anna	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anna	
Anesia	
Mary	<u>Catechumens</u>
Mary	Christian,
Claudia	Taylor,
Gregory	Tim & Luke,
Alexei	Christina,
	Peter, Sarah,
Priest Thomas, Jesse, Nathan and their families & all Missionaries	Alina, William, & Elsa
	Kate,
	Tyson,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Joseph & Alana, Ryan,
	Zachary,
	Brandy, Nora,
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto,
	Michael, Tina

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering to toward
Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief.
 Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

The Great Fast Continues ...

- Mon, Mar 28:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 29:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 30:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy w/ Youth Choir 6:30 p.m., w/ Fasting potluck to follow
- Thurs, Mar 31:** Office open 10am-3pm
- Fri, Apr 1:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ Fasting potluck to follow
Akathist 6:30 p.m.
Chanting Class 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Apr 2:** Crafty Kids 2 p.m.
Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Apr 3:** **ST. JOHN CLIMACUS ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Catechism, Coffee Hour
Choir Concert 1 p.m.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers 4 p.m. @ St. Nicholas Bethlehem

OFFERINGS 3/20: Candles, \$413.99. Collections, \$56. Flowers, \$60. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$45. Crafty Kids Fund, \$396. Mission Chapel, \$680. Mission Chapel, \$680. Needy Fund, \$30. Women's Fund, \$800. Stewardship, \$9,326.52. Total received: \$11,808.51.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!