

## Martyr Terence and 40 others beheaded at Carthage (Apr 10)

The Holy Martyr Terence and his companions suffered under the emperor Decius (249-251). The emperor issued an edict commanding all subjects to offer sacrifice to the pagan idols.

When the governor of Africa Fortunianus received this edict, he gathered the people into the city square, set out cruel instruments of torture and declared that everyone without exception had to offer the sacrifice to the idols. Many, afraid of torture, complied. However, Saint Terence and forty other Christians bravely affirmed their faith in the Savior and ridiculed the idols. Fortunianus was amazed at their boldness and he asked how they as rational people, could confess as God, One Whom the Jews crucified as a malefactor.

Saint Terence answered that their belief was in the Savior, Who voluntarily endured death on the Cross and rose on the third day. Fortunianus saw that Terence inspired the others by his example, and so he ordered him to be isolated in prison with his three closest companions: Africanus, Maximus, and Pompeius. Fortunianus was determined to force the rest of the martyrs, including Zeno, Alexander and Theodore, to renounce Christ.

Neither threats nor terrible tortures could sway the holy martyrs. They burned them with red-hot iron, they poured vinegar on the wounds, they sprinkled on salt, and they raked them with iron claws. In spite of their sufferings, the saints did not weaken in their confession of Christ, and the Lord gave them strength.

Fortunianus gave orders to lead the martyrs into the pagan temple, and once again he urged them to offer sacrifice to the idols. The valiant warriors of Christ cried out, "O Almighty God, Who once sent down fire on Sodom for its iniquity, destroy this impious temple of idolatry." The idols fell down with a crash, and then the temple lay in ruins. The enraged governor gave orders to execute them, and the martyrs, glorifying God, bowed their necks beneath the executioner's sword.

After the execution of the thirty-six martyrs, Fortunianus summoned Terence, Maximus, Africanus and Pompeius before him. He showed them the martyrs' bodies and again urged them to offer sacrifice to the idols. The martyrs refused. The governor put heavy chains on them, and gave orders to starve them to death. By night, an angel of the Lord removed the martyrs' chains and fed them.

In the morning, the guards found the saints cheerful and strong. Then Fortunianus ordered sorcerers and conjurers to carry snakes and all kinds of poisonous creatures into the prison. The guards looked into the cell through an opening in the ceiling and saw the martyrs unharmed, praying, and the snakes crawling at their feet. When the sorcerers opened the door of the prison cell, the snakes bit them. The furious Fortunianus gave orders to behead the holy martyrs. Christians took up their holy bodies and buried them with reverence outside the city.

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## April 10, 2022

### SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

TERENCE AND HIS COMPANIONS BEHEADED AT  
CARTHAGE  
150 AND MORE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR FATHERS OF THE  
SACRED MONASTERY OF PANTOCRATOR DAOU  
PENTELIS  
GREGORY V, THE HOLY MARTYR AND PATRIARCH OF  
CONSTANTINOPLE  
HOLY FATHER THEONAS, ARCHBISHOP OF  
THESSALONICA

**Tone 1 - Eothion 9**

**Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31**

**Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1** - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!!

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT - Tone 8** - Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

**TODAY:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.*

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

**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**

**Sunday School, Coffee Hour**

*Pan-Orthodox Vespers 4 p.m. @ Assumption UOC Northampton*

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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 17):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	Sdn Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	The Gambles <small>Many Years, Natalie!</small>	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Rdr. Nick Muz	Dan M. & Todd M.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex & Sarah K.	Nathan, Rebecca; Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Angie; Dale	Kendra; Keiko

### Mark Your Calendar:

**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>

### Pray For:

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

### **SPECIAL APPEAL**

Please consider making a donation to the

### **Camp Scholarship Fund**

Glory to God, we have 20 campers planning to attend this year! Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### **APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION:**

**Cleaning Supplies**

### **CHALLENGE FOR 2022:**

“You are the Light of the World”

**YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS** support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Flower offering envelopes are available on the literature table in the Narthex. Thank you!

### This Week:

*The Great Fast Continues ...*

- Mon, Apr 11:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Apr 12:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Apr 13:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m., w/ Fasting potluck to follow
- Thurs, Apr 14:** Jesus Prayer 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.
- Our Lord's Words from the Cross*  
Zoom Meeting Info:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2702190517>  
Meeting ID: 270 219 0517
- Fri, Apr 15:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ Fasting potluck to follow  
Lazarus Resurrection Compline 6:30 p.m.  
Chanting Class 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Apr 16:** Lazarus Resurrection Liturgy 10 a.m.  
Altar Boy Meeting 5:30 p.m.  
Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.  
Confession 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Rope Making Workshop 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Apr 17:** **PALM SUNDAY**  
**ORTHROS & Palm Blessing 8:30 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY & Procession 9:45 a.m.**  
Sunday School, Catechism, Coffee Hour  
Bridegroom Orthros 6:30 p.m.

**OFFERINGS 4/3:** Candles, \$398.38. Collections, \$251. Flowers, \$110. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$34. Needy Fund, \$19.11. Pastoral Discretion, \$297.52. Women's Fund, \$1,371. Stewardship, \$28,722.92. Total received: \$31,204.93.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!