

Sunday of Orthodoxy (Mar 5)

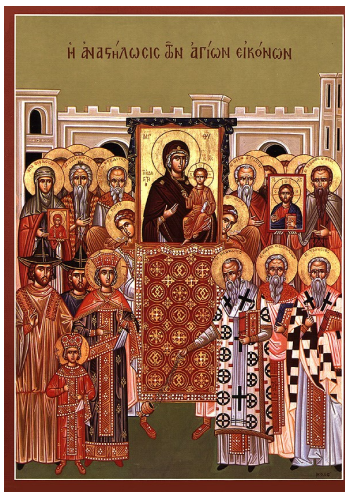
The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm.

The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilus, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes.

In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel.

Originally, the Holy Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.

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ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 5, 2023

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

COMMEMORATIONS:

CONON THE GARDENER
PARTHENIOS THE NEW MARTYR WHO CONTESTED IN
DIDYMOTEICHOS
MARK THE ASCETIC
RIGHTEOUS FATHER MARK OF ATHENS
JOHN THE BULGARIAN
MARK THE FASTER
GEORGE THE NEW-MARTYR OF RAPSANI
EULOGIOS THE MARTYR
EULABIOS THE MARTYR
CONON THE ISAURIAN
ARCHELAOS THE MARTYR OF EGYPT

Tone 5 - Eothinon 5

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Liturgy Gospel: St. John 1:43-51

RESURRECTIONAL 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 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - Tone 2 - O Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Women of St. Mariamne
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.
Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Nicholas OCA, Bethlehem, PA, 4pm

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

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 (Mar 12):
COFFEE HOUR	A-Ca – Bagels	Midena Family
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Midena & Alex In memory of Georghe
USHERS:	Sdn John & Tom A.	Dan M. & Rdr Nick M.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Moody; Natalia M; Jocey J	Serge, Alex, Sarah K.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra; Keiko; Felicia	Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Gabe

Mark Your Calendar:

**Men’s Retreat:
“Reclaiming Masculinity”
w/ Fr. Hans Jacobse
March 10-11**

**Prosphora Baking Class
March 11, 3pm**

**Hosting Pan-Orthodox Vespers
@ St. Philip’s
March 26, 4pm**

**Choir Concert
April 2 (tentative)**

**Pascha 2023
April 16
We live from Pascha to Pascha!**

**VCS 2023
July 31-Aug 4**

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Metropolitan-Elect SABA	+Christos
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Georghe
Earthquake Refugees and Relief Workers	+Katina
Faithful in Ethiopia and Eritrea	+Marlene
Kh. Joyce	+Earthquake Victims
Linda	(March Parish Diptychs)
Tadessa	+Najib
Nicole	+Lorraine
Raymond	+Julia
Patrick	+Helen
Doris	+Dina
John	+Robert
John	+Adele
James	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Sophia	
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & 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
Ryan
Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto
Taylor & Bethany
Denis
Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, Leo
Michael
Evan
Lucretia
Tiffany

MARCH OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Baby Care Items

**CHALLENGE FOR 2023:
“You are the Salt of the Earth”**

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

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!

This Week:

Lent Continues – Blessed Lenten Struggle!

~~ Times for Confession before and after most services ~~

- Mon, Mar 6:** Great Compline 6:30pm
- Tues, Mar 7:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 8:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. w/ fasting potluck to follow
- Thurs, Mar 9:** Twelve Baskets Full serving night 6 p.m.
- Friday, Mar 10:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ fasting potluck to follow Akathist w/ Youth Choir 6:30 p.m.
Men’s Lenten Retreat
- Sat, Mar 11:** Men’s Lenten Retreat 8:30 a.m.
Prosphora Baking Class 3 p.m.
Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Mar 12:** **St. Gregory Palamas**
Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am
ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
40-Day Memorial (Georghe Nedelcoviciu)
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Paul’s Antiochian, Emmaus, PA, 4pm

*St Philip’s Orthodox Christians for Life invites all to receive an **emailed Lenten daily devotional, focusing on the Sanctity of Life.** If you would like to receive this daily for the next few weeks, **email Rachel Chebelevu – rachel.chebelevu@comcast.net***

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Feb 25: 90 Divine Services Feb 26: 261
Wed Pre-Sanctified: 90

OFFERINGS 2/26: Candles, \$197. Collections, \$259. Youth, \$1. Classical School Fund, \$80. Stewardship, \$6,369.47. Total received: \$6,906.47.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!