

Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and those with them at Rome (Mar 19)

Saint Chrysanthus came from a pagan family who had moved to Rome from Alexandria. He received a fine education, and among the books he read were those in which pagans discussed Christianity. The young man, however, wanted to read books written by Christians themselves. He finally managed to find a copy of the New Testament, which enlightened his rational soul.

Seeking someone to instruct him in the Holy Scriptures, he found the presbyter Carpophoros hiding from persecution, and received holy Baptism from him. After this, he began to preach the Gospel. Chrysanthus' father tried to turn his son from Christianity, and finally married him to Daria, a priestess of Minerva.

Saint Chrysanthus managed to convert his wife to Christ, and the young couple mutually agreed to lead celibate lives. After the death of the father, they began to live in separate houses.

Saint Chrysanthus converted several young men to Christ, and many pious women gathered around Saint Daria.

The people of Rome complained to the eparch Celerinus that Saints Chrysanthus and Daria were preaching celibacy and attracting too many young men and women to monasticism. Saint Chrysanthus was sent to the tribune Claudius for torture.

The torments, however, did not shake the bravery of the young martyr, since the power of God clearly aided him. Struck by this, the tribune Claudius himself came to believe in Christ and accepted holy Baptism together with his wife Hilaria, their sons Jason and Maurus, and all his household and soldiers. When news of this reached the emperor Numerian (283-284), he commanded them all to be executed. The Martyr Claudius was drowned in the sea, and his sons and soldiers were beheaded. Christians buried the bodies of the holy martyrs in a nearby cave, and Saint Hilaria constantly went there to pray. Once, they followed her and led her off for torture. The saint asked that they give her a few moments to pray, and as soon as she finished, she gave up her soul to God. A servant buried the saint in the cave beside her sons.

The torturers sent Saint Daria to a brothel, where she was protected by a lion sent by God. A certain man who tried to defile the saint was knocked to the ground and pinned down by the lion, but the lion did not kill him. The martyr preached to them about Christ and set them to the path of salvation.

They threw Saint Chrysanthus into a foul-smelling pit, into which all the filth of the city flowed. But a heavenly light shone on him, and the pit was filled with a sweet fragrance.

Then the emperor Numerian ordered Saints Chrysanthus and Daria to be turned over to the executioners. After many cruel tortures, the martyrs were buried alive in the ground.

In a cave near the place of execution, Christians began to gather to honor the anniversary of the saints' martyrdom. They celebrated Church services and partook of the Holy Mysteries. Learning of this, the pagan authorities sealed the entrance to the cave, and those within received the crown of martyrdom. Two of these martyrs are known by name: the Presbyter Diodorus and the Deacon Marianus.

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March 19, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY MARTYRS CHRYSANTHUS AND DARIA
DEMETRIOS THE NEW MARTYR
MARTYR PANCHARIOS OF NICOMEDIA

Tone 7 - Eothinon 7

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

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

RESURRECTIONAL 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!

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS - Tone 1 - O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Parish Council

Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Nicholas GOA, 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 26):
COFFEE HOUR	Ch-Ge - Soup & Sandwiches	Marquardt- Donation (Ukraine)
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn Justin G.	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn John & Todd M.	Bill H. & Dan M.
CLEANING TEAM:	Jekels & Teens	Hertzlers; Nick T.; Zach H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Myriam; Conor; Jekels/Teens	Chris H; Mariya S.; Abraham

Mark Your Calendar:

Hosting Pan-Orthodox Vespers

@ St. Philip's
March 26, 4pm

Choir Concert

April 2, 1:30 p.m.

Pascha 2023

April 16

We live from Pascha to Pascha!

VCS 2023

July 31-Aug 4

Pray For:

<i>Living</i>	<i>Departed</i>
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 20:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 21:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 22:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. w/fasting potluck to follow
- Thur, Mar 23:** ----
- Fri, Mar 24:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10 a.m., w/fasting potluck to follow
"Compassionately Talking about Abortion" 5 p.m.
Vespers, Artoklasia, Akathist 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Mar 25:** **ANNUNCIATION**
Orthros 9 a.m. & Liturgy 10 a.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.
- Sun, Mar 26:** **Sunday of St. John Climacus**
ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Choir Practice 12:45 p.m.
Hosting Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Philip 4pm

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Mar 11: NA Divine Services Mar 12: 168
Wed Pre-Sanctified: 111 Fri Pre-Sanctified: 59

OFFERINGS 3/12: Candles, \$311. Collections, \$1,190.61. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$294. Classical School Fund, \$100. Mission Chapel, \$16. Women's Fund, \$58. Stewardship, \$4,253.34. Total received: \$6,223.95.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!