

Venerable Sophia of Ainos (June 4)

Our venerable Mother Sophia was born in the province of Ainos in southeastern Thrace, and was the daughter of pious Christian parents. When she was of age, her parents arranged for her to be married. She and her husband had six children. Though she was occupied with worldly cares and responsibilities, she still kept the commandments of God and lived a virtuous life. She loved to attend the Church services, and so she progressed in virtue.

After sickness carried off Sophia's husband and all her children in succession, she did not despair, but became even more devoted to God. Within a period of twenty years, she adopted one hundred children, and raised them to love God. Because of this, she is sometimes called Saint Sophia the Mother of Orphans. She sold her property and gave the proceeds to the poor and to widows. She led an austere life, eating nothing but bread and water. She preferred to do without the necessities of life herself rather than allow any poor person to leave her home empty-handed. The Psalms of the Prophet-King David were always on her lips, and tears flowed continuously from her eyes.

Because of her humility and her love for the poor, God blessed her in the following way. In her home there was a container of wine which she reserved for the poor. She noticed that no matter how much she took from the container, it remained full. However, as soon as she told someone about the miracle and glorified God, the container became empty. Saint Sophia became sorrowful, believing that the wine had failed because of her unworthiness. Therefore, she increased her ascetical labors until her health suffered.

Sensing that the end of her life was near, she received the monastic tonsure. From that time, she devoted herself completely to the worship of God. Saint Sophia reposed peacefully at the age of fifty-three. It is not known when she lived.



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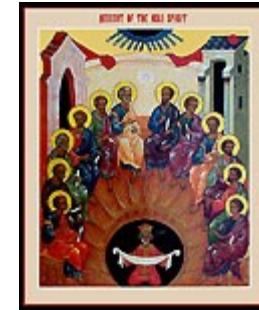


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June 4, 2023
HOLY PENTECOST



Old Testament Readings:

Num. 11: 16-17, 24-29

Joel 2: 23-32

Ezek. 36: 24-28

Matins Gospel - St. John 20:19-23

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: St. John 7:32-52, 8:12

PENTECOST TROPARION - Tone 8 - Most blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who when thou hadst made the fishermen most wise, did send down upon them the Holy Spirit, and by them didst draw the world into thy net! O Lord of mercy, glory to thee!

PENTECOST KONTAKION - Tone 8 - When coming down He brought confusion on mortal tongues, God Most High brought disunion to nations, and again when He apportioned the tongues of fire, He summoned all mankind to unite once more; and with one accord we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.

TODAY: Orthros 8:30 a.m. & Baptismal Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School & Graduate Recognition
Coffee Hour
Women of St. Mariamne
Pentecost Kneeling Prayers 1:30 p.m.

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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 (June 11):
COFFEE HOUR	Hertzler/Magerr	Chebeleu
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Sidorochyevs — Ilya & Mariya; Dcn Michael b-days	Kyriakos — Emily's bday
USHERS:	Nick M. & Steve K.	Todd M. & Bill H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Phil K.; Gabe; Zach W. & Beraki H.	Moodys; Natalia M.; Jocey J.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Myriam; Conor; Daniel; Andrew	Chris H; Mariya; Laura; Eric

* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

This Week:

**NO FASTING OR ABSTINENCE THIS WEEK
(WEEK OF PENTECOST)**

Mon, June 5:	HOLY SPIRIT MONDAY Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Tues, June 6:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m. Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Wed, June 7:	Office open Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
Thurs, June 8:	12 Baskets Full Serving night 6 p.m. Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Friday, June 9:	Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Sat, June 10:	Evangelism Workshop 5 p.m. Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Sun, June 11:	SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS <i>Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am</i> ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for May 27: NA Divine Services May 28: 195
OFFERINGS 5/28: Candles, \$386. Collections, \$121. Youth, \$1.
Building Fund, \$143.95. Classical School Fund, \$17,080. Stewardship,
\$3,684. Total received: \$21,415.95. Cemetery Account, \$100.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mark Your Calendar:

All Saints
Sunday, June 11

**Apostles' Fast &
Sts. Peter & Paul**
June 12-29

PLC Conference 2023:
**"A Vision for an Orthodox
America"**
June 28-July 2

VCS 2023
July 31-Aug 4

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis

Transfiguration
August 5-6

International Food Festival
September 15-16

**JUNE OUTREACH
COLLECTION:**
**Bath & Shower
Products**

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:
"You are the Salt of the
Earth"

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto, N.I. Taylor & Bethany	+Lucy +George
N.I. Denis	(June Parish Diptychs)
Infant Timothy	+Nicholas
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Maria
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Marion Betty
Archpriest Mark	+Victoria
Kh. Joyce	+Anna
George	+Gail
Jonathan	+Sophia
Ephrem	+Mat. Linda
Nicole	
Raymond	Catechumens
Patrick	Lucretia
Doris	Ryan
John	Christina
John	Alina & Elsa
James	Kate
James	Nicholas,
Lasha B	Rachel, Luka,
Otari B	& Leo
Helen	Michael
Wadieh	Evan
Anesia	Tiffany
Mary	Caden
Mary	
Sophia	
Elias	
Victoria	
Alexandra	
Steve	
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	

TIMELY REMINDER -- All services are OPEN to non-Orthodox visitors and friends! However, the regulations of the Orthodox Church restrict HOLY COMMUNION, HOLY UNCTION, as well as the other Sacraments (Holy Mysteries) to Orthodox Christians who are sacramentally active and/or qualified. Married Orthodox people are qualified only if their marriage has been blessed in the Orthodox Church.

To be prepared for Holy Communion, an Orthodox Christian must be fasting from all food and drink (including water), and have received Confession/Absolution. If you visit another Orthodox parish, you must make it known to the priest, in advance, that you are prepared. (Don't just step into the Communion line without letting the priest know who you are and where you are from.)

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