

## Martyrs Paternuthius, Coprius, and Alexander the Soldier, in Egypt (July 9)

The Hosiomartyrs Paternuthius and Coprius, and the Martyr Alexander suffered under the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363).

Paternuthius at first was a pagan and also the head of a band of robbers, but then he repented, was baptized and withdrew into the desert. The monk devoted all the rest of his life to attending the sick and burying the dead. For his love of toil and efforts, Paternuthius received from God the gift of wonderworking.

The priest Coprius was an eyewitness of the doings of the venerable Paternuthius and recorded his life and miracles. Saint Coprius narrated this Life to the presbyter Rufinus, who in turn transmitted it to Palladius, Bishop of Hellenopolis, who included the account in his book, the Lausiaca History.

Once Saint Coprius entered into a debate with the heretic Manicheus, and seeing that he could not prevail against him in dispute, he suggested that a large fire be lit, and that they should go into it together. In this way, the Lord Himself would decide whose was the true Faith. Manicheus refused to go in first, but Coprius went into the fire, and standing in the midst of the flames, he remained unharmed. The people glorified the faith of Coprius, and they threw the heretic into the fire. He jumped out all scorched and tried to flee, but they caught him and again cast him into the flames. Saint Coprius then calmed the crowd and let Manicheus go.

When the emperor heard about the Egyptian hermits, he ordered them to be brought to him, and he tried to turn them to paganism. He said that he had formerly served Christ, but had learned that only the pagan gods could provide salvation.

Coprius was deceived by these words of the emperor and he denied Christ. By the prayers and tears of his Elder he came to understand what a mistake he had made. He repented and again confessed himself a Christian. The emperor became enraged and ordered that Coprius be tortured. Paternuthius encouraged his brother monk to be brave and endure. One of the soldiers, whose name was Alexander, saw the terrible sufferings of Coprius, and believed in Christ. He was sentenced to be burned alive. Saints Paternuthius and Coprius were beheaded by the sword.

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## July 9, 2023

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS, BISHOP OF  
TAUROMENIUM IN SICILY  
DIONYSIOS THE ORATOR  
METROPHANES OF MOUNT ATHOS  
METHODIOS THE HIEROMARTYR, BISHOP OF LAMPIS  
PATERMUTHIUS THE MONK  
EUTHYMOS OF KARELIA  
MICHAEL PARNANAS THE GARDENER

**Tone 4 - Eothion 5**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35**

**Epistle: Romans 10:1-10**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 8:28-9:1**

**RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!**

**TODAY:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*  
**ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
**Coffee Hour**

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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 (July 16):

**COFFEE HOUR** Ch-Ge – Baked Pot. Bar  
**PROSPHORA BREAD:** Gabriela P. & Rachel C.  
**ALTAR CANDLES:** Tinjala – Penny's birthday  
**USHERS:** Bill H. & Dan M.  
**CLEANING TEAM:** Jordan & Natalie; Teens  
**COFFEE HOUR TEAM:** Myriam; Conor; Daniel; Andrew

Gi-I – Soup & Sandwiches  
 Gabi & Catalin T.  
 Chebeleu – Evan's birthday  
 Tom A. & Steve K.  
 Hertzlers; Nick T.; Pam F.  
 Chris H; Mariya S; Laura S; Eric M

### Mark Your Calendar:

**VCS 2023**  
*July 31-Aug 4*

**Dormition Fast - August 1-14**  
 Daily Paraklesis

**Transfiguration**  
*August 5-6*

**Dormition**  
*August 15*

**Nativity of the Theotokos**  
*September 8*

**Elevation of the Cross**  
*September 14*

**International Food Festival**  
*September 15-16*

**JULY OUTREACH**  
**COLLECTION:**  
 Oral Care Products

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

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Christina & Aurelia	+John
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Lucy
	+George
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	(July Parish
Archpriest Mark	Diptychs)
Kh. Joyce	+Asma
George	+Albert
Jonathan	+Dorothea
Ephrem	+Irene
Nicole	+Dorothy
Raymond	+Stavros
Patrick	+Ressom
Doris	+Iwan
John	+Theresa
John	+Fuad
James	+Helen
James	+Christine

### Catechumens

Lasha B	Lucretia
Otari B	Ryan
Helen	Alina & Elsa
Wadieh	Kate
Anesia	Nicholas,
Mary	Rachel, Luka,
Mary	& Leo
Sophia	Michael
Elias	Evan
Victoria	Tiffany
Alexandra	Caden
Steve	Keith, Maggie,
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah,	& Eli
Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	Andrew
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Daniel
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	Kassandra
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends –George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Michael

## **SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS**

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

### This Week:

**Monday, July 10:** Office open

**Tues, July 11:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

**Wed, July 12:** Office open  
**Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.**

**Thurs, July 13:** Twelve Baskets Full Serving night 6 p.m.

**Friday, July 14:** Office open  
 Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

**Sat, July 15:** **Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**  
**Confession 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, July 16:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
 Coffee Hour  
 Sunday School Teachers Meeting  
 Parish Council

### **\*\*45th Anniversary Committee\*\***

*We're planning commemorative and festive events for St Philip Day (Nov 14) when Bp Thomas visits. If you'd like to help, please talk with Fr Noah.*

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers for July 1: 21    Divine Services July 2: 191  
**OFFERINGS 7/2:** Candles, \$272. Collections, \$492.34. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$68. Food for Hungry, \$346.50. Needy Fund, \$728.14. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Women's Fund, \$30. One-Time Projects, \$50. Stewardship, \$6,959. Total received: \$9,044.50.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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