

## Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Antioch (Oct 8)

The Holy Virgin Martyr Pelagia (Πελαγία) came from Antioch in Syria and was descended from a prominent family during the reign of Emperor Numerian (282-284). When the ruler of Antioch discovered that Pelagia was a Christian, he sent soldiers to rape her. They had surrounded her house and were about to seize her.



When the Saint learned of this, she asked the soldiers to let her go and change her clothes. Lifting her hands and her eyes to heaven, she prayed fervently to God not to allow the soldiers to rape her, but that she might depart this life as a pure virgin. Then she opened a window and jumped out, sustaining fatal injuries. Thus, she delivered her pure soul to God, in order to preserve herself from being defiled by the boorish soldiers. She was just fifteen years old.

Saint John Chrysostom has written a famous encomium for this Saint, in which he suggests that when Saint Pelagia threw herself out of the window, she was probably hoping to escape in that way, even though she was risking her life because of the danger she was in, and not because she wanted to commit suicide.

There was a church at Antioch, and another in Constantinople, which were dedicated to Saint Pelagia.

*Text & icon from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/10/08/102903-virgin-martyr-pelagia-of-antioch>*



## ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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October 8, 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

### COMMEMORATIONS:

PELAGIA THE RIGHTEOUS  
PELAGIA THE VIRGIN-MARTYR OF ANTIOCH  
PHILLIP, BISHOP OF GORTYNA  
TAISIA THE HARLOT OF EGYPT

**Tone 1 - Eothion 7**  
**Orthros Gospel:** St. John 20:1-10  
**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Luke 7:11-16

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - 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. PELAGIA THE RIGHTEOUS - Tone 8 -** Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Pelagia; 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 9am*  
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. & Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Sunday School & Teens  
40-Days Trisagion (John G.)  
Coffee Hour  
Women of St. Mariamne

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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:

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|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
|                          | <b>This Week:</b>  | <b>Next Week (Oct 15):</b>       |
| <b>COFFEE HOUR</b>       | Helen Gingrich<br>Memorial Meal for John G                 | Alem and Yordonos                |
| <b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>  | Gabriela P. & Rachel C.                                    | Gabi & Catalin Tinjala           |
| <b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>    | Nancy Manze & family<br>In Memory of Albert Anthony (7yrs) | Sidorochevs<br>Ioan's birthday   |
| <b>USHERS:</b>           | Dan M. & Rdr Nick  | Todd M. & Steve K.               |
| <b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>    | Moores; Kim B; Frank/Monica                                | Gohls; Olena; Midena             |
| <b>COFFEE HOUR TEAM:</b> | Calvin; Dale; Ginny/John                                   | Simon; Amelia; Christian; Daniel |

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### **Current Education Opportunities:**

**Bible Study on Romans**  
*Thursdays after Slavic Tones Vespers*

**Catechumen & Inquirer Class**  
*5pm Saturdays before Vespers*

**Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria**  
*5pm Saturdays before Vespers  
Sept 23 - Dec 9*

**Byzantine Notation Intro**  
*Saturdays, 5:00-6:20pm  
Sept 23 - Dec 16*

**Bp THOMAS Visit**  
*November 13-15*  
*On Monday, Nov 13, we will have a catered banquet with Bp THOMAS for the 45th anniversary celebration of our parish.*  
**Donations toward building fund are welcome.** *Talk to Louise Shaheen for more details or to help.*

**St Philip Day**  
*November 14*

**Nativity Fast**  
*November 15 - December 24*

### Pray For:

| Living                               | Departed                  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine | +Olga                     |
| Faithful of Ethiopia                 | +John                     |
| Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners   | +Helen                    |
| Kh. Joyce                            | (October Parish Diptychs) |
| Mary                                 | +Steve                    |
| Child Timothy                        | +Marcella                 |
| Xenia                                | +Mary                     |
| George                               | +Dorothy                  |
| Ephrem                               | +Katherine                |
| Nicole                               | +Milan                    |
| Raymond                              | +Maria                    |
| Patrick                              | +Alex                     |
| Doris                                | +Gus                      |
| John                                 | +Theodore                 |
| James                                | +Mary                     |
| Helen                                | +John                     |
| Wadieh                               | +Alfred-Anthony           |
| Mary                                 | +Else                     |
| Victoria                             | +Ayele                    |
| Alexandra                            | +Laurence                 |

### Catechumens

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries   | Evan                                |
| Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians   | Lucretia                            |
| New & Expectant Mothers & their children   | Ryan                                |
| For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity  | Alina                               |
| The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric | Nicholas,<br>Rachel, Luka,<br>& Leo |
|  | Michael                             |
|  | Tiffany                             |
|  | Caden                               |
|  | Keith, Maggie,<br>& Eli             |
|  | Andrew                              |
|  | Daniel                              |
|  | Kassandra                           |
|  | Christian                           |

## This Week:

- Mon, Oct 9:** Office open
- Tues, Oct 10:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Oct 11:** Office open  
Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Oct 12:** Twelve Baskets Full serving night 6 p.m.  
Slavic Tone Vespers 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study on Romans 7:15 p.m.
- Fri, Oct 13:** Office open  
Icon Studio  
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 14:** Catechumen & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.  
Byzantine Notation Intro 5 p.m.  
Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria 5:15 p.m.  
**Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**  
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Oct 15:** **ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.**  
**Baptismal LITURGY 9:45 a.m. (Klein)**  
Sunday School & Teens  
Coffee Hour  
Parish Council

### OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION: **Bath & Shower Products**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers for Sept 30: 91 Divine Services Oct 1: 214  
**OFFERINGS 10/1:** Candles, \$388. Collections, \$335.46. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$120. Classical School Fund, \$304. Mission Chapel, \$730. Mortgage Reduction, \$125. Pastoral Discretion, \$112.52. Stewardship, \$7,709.20. Total received: \$9,825.18.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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