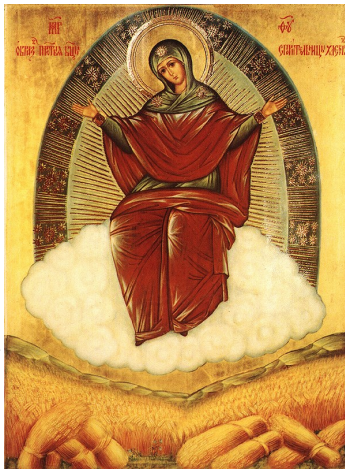


"Multiplier of Wheat" Icon of the Mother of God (Oct 15)

The Icon of the Mother of God, the "Multiplier of Wheat", was painted at the blessing of the Elder Ambrose (October 10) of the Visitation Optina wilderness monastery. Saint Ambrose, a great Russian ascetic of the nineteenth century, was ardent with a childlike faith towards the Mother of God. In particular, he revered all the Feastdays of the Mother of God, and on these days he redoubled his prayer. With the icon, "Multiplier of Wheat," Saint Ambrose blessed the Shamordino women's monastery established in honor of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God, which he had founded not far from the Optina monastery.



On this icon, the Mother of God is depicted sitting upon the clouds, and Her hands are extended in blessing. Beneath her is a compressed field, and on it amidst the grass and flowers stand and lay sheaves of rye. Elder Ambrose himself decreed the day of celebration, October 15, and called the icon "Multiplier of Wheat", indicating by this, that the Most Holy Theotokos "is a Helper for people in their labors for the acquiring of their daily bread."

Before his blessed repose, Saint Ambrose ordered many copies of this icon and sent them to his spiritual children. For the Akathist to this icon, the Elder composed a particular response, "Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with You! Grant unto us unworthy ones the dew of Your grace and the showing forth of Your mercy!"

Saint Ambrose's burial took place on October 15, the Feastday of the icon. The first miracle from the holy icon was witnessed in 1891, when throughout Russia there was a famine because of crop failure. In the Kaluga district and on the fields of the Shamordino monastery, however, grain was produced. In 1892, already after the death of Saint Ambrose, his attendant John Cherepanov sent a copy of the icon to the Pyatnitsa women's monastery in Voronezh district. In this locale there was a threat of drought and famine, but soon after a Molieben was celebrated before the icon "The Multiplier of Wheat", rain fell and ended the drought.

Text & icon from <https://www.o.ca.org/saints/lives/2023/10/15/102979-multiplier-of-wheat-icon-of-the-mother-of-god>



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October 15, 2023

HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

COMMEMORATIONS:

HIEROMARTYR LUCIAN OF ANTIOCH
VENERABLE EUTHYMIOS THE YOUNGER OF ATHO
SAVVINOS, BISHOP OF CATANIA

Tone 2 - Eothion 8

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:5-15

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 8 - Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 9:45 a.m. (Klein)
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Parish Council

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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 (Oct 22):
COFFEE HOUR	Alem and Yordonos	Chebeleu & Fadel families
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	Sidorochyevs loan's birthday	Shaheen In Memory of Laurence
USHERS:	Todd M. & Steve K.	Bill H. & Sdn John
CLEANING TEAM:	Gohls; Olena; Midena	Serge, Alex, Sarah Kaminsky
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Simon; Amelia; Christian; Daniel	Kendra; Felicia

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	+Raymond
Faithful of Ethiopia	(October Parish Diptychs)
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Steve
Kh. Joyce	+Marcella
Mary	+Mary
Child Timothy	+Dorothy
Xenia	+Katherine
George	+Milan
Ephrem	+Maria
Nicole	+Alex
Raymond	+Gus
Patrick	+Theodore
Doris	+Mary
John	+John
James	+Alfred-Anthony
Helen	+Else
Wadieh	+Ayele
Mary	+Laurence
Victoria	
Alexandra	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
John	
Tatiana	
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	
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	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
	Evan
	Lucretia
	Ryan
	Alina
	Nicholas,
	Rachel, Luka,
	& Leo
	Michael
	Tiffany
	Caden
	Keith, Maggie,
	& Eli
	Andrew
	Daniel
	Kassandra
	Christian

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

This Week:

Mon, Oct 16:	Office open
Tues, Oct 17:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Wed, Oct 18:	Viewing / Psalm Vigil 5:30 p.m. Trisagion Memorial for Raymond K 6:30 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 19:	Viewing / Psalm Vigil 10 a.m. Funeral for Raymond K 11 a.m. Burial & Mercy Meal 12 p.m. Slavic Tone Vespers 6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Romans 7:15 p.m.
Fri, Oct 20:	Office open Icon Studio Soul Saturday Liturgy 6:30 p.m.
Sat, Oct 21:	Baptism (Jekel) 11 a.m. Catechumen & Inquirer Class 5 p.m. Byzantine Notation Intro 5 p.m. Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria 5:15pm Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:30 p.m.
Sun, Oct 22:	ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m., w/ Chrismation of Evan R. Trisagion for Larry Shaheen Sunday School & Teens Coffee Hour Annual Parish Meeting

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

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

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Oct 7: 64 Divine Services Oct 8: 189
OFFERINGS 10/8: Candles, \$224. Collections, \$759.66. Youth, \$2. Book Shelf Ministry, \$48. Building Fund, \$15,000. Hospitality, \$200. Icon Studio, \$950. Mission Chapel, \$117. Mortgage Reduction, \$125. Pastoral Discretion, \$15. Stewardship, \$6,637.52. Total received: \$24,078.18.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!