

"All-Merciful Kykkiotisa" Icon of the Mother of God (Nov 12)

The All-Merciful Kykko Icon of the Mother of God: This icon was painted, according to Tradition, by the holy Evangelist Luke. It received its name "Kykkiotisa" from Mount Kykkos, on the island of Cyprus. Here it was placed in an imperial monastery (so designated because it was built with donations from the Emperor), in a church named for it. Before coming to the island of Cyprus, the wonderworking icon of the Mother of God was brought throughout the region by the will of God. At first, it was in one of the earliest Christian communities in Egypt, and then it was taken to Constantinople in 980, where it remained in the time of Emperor Alexius Comnenos (end of the eleventh to early twelfth century).



During these years it was revealed to the Elder Isaiah through a miraculous sign, that by his efforts the wonderworking image painted by the Evangelist Luke would be transferred to Cyprus. The Elder exerted much effort to fulfill the divine revelation.

When the icon of the Mother of God arrived on the island, many miracles were performed. The Elder Isaiah was instrumental in building a church dedicated to the Theotokos, and placing the Kykko Icon in it. From ancient times up to the present day, those afflicted by every sort of infirmity flock to the monastery of the Mother of God the Merciful, and they receive healing according to their faith. The Orthodox are not the only ones who believe in the miraculous power of the holy icon, but those of other faiths also pray before it in misfortune and illness.

Inexhaustible is the mercy of the Most Holy Theotokos, Mediatrix for all the suffering, and Her icon fittingly bears the name, the "Merciful." The wonderworking "Kykkiotisa" Icon of the Mother of God possesses a remarkable peculiarity: from what time period is unknown, but it is covered by a half shroud from the upper left corner to the lower right, so that no one is able to see the faces of the Mother of God and the Divine Infant. The depiction of the Mother of God appears to be of the Hodēgētria ("Directress") type, as is also the Smolensk Icon of the Mother of God. The head of the Mother of God is adorned with a crown.

A copy of this icon is particularly venerated at the women's Nikolsk monastery in the city of Mukachev.

Text & icon from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/11/12/103291-all-merciful-kykkiotisa-icon-of-the-mother-of-god>



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November 12, 2023

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

JOHN THE MERCIFUL, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA
NILUS THE ASCETIC OF SINAI
NEILOS THE MYRRH-STREAMING OF THE GREAT LAVRA
ON ATHOS
LEONDOS STYPPIS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
MARTIN, BISHOP OF TOURS

Tone 6 - Eothion 1
Orthros Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER - Tone 8 - In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

TODAY: *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Choir Rehearsal

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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 (Nov 19):
COFFEE HOUR	Moores, Rices & Flatens	Teen SOYO
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela Plesa + Tinjala	Tinjala & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Eggers — Cecilia-Marie Memorial
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Sdn John & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Muzekaris; Chris; Lucretia	Phil K.; Evan R.; Zach W.; Beraki H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H; Mariya; Laura S; Eric M	Calvin; Dale; Ginny/John

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
5:15pm Saturdays before Vespers
Sept 23 - Dec 9

Byzantine Notation Intro
Saturdays, 5:15-6:20pm
Sept 23 - Dec 16

Bp THOMAS Visit
November 13-15
THIS 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
Hierarchical Liturgy 10 a.m.

Nativity Fast
November 15 - December 24

SS Christmas Program
December 17, 12:30pm

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Peter	+George
N.I. Anastasia	+Raymond
N.I. Evan James	(November
N.I. Thomas	Parish Diptychs)
N.I. Salome	+Joseph
N.I. Eliana Mary	+Peter
Faithful of the Holy Land	+Ellen
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Evelyn
Faithful of Ethiopia	+Ksenia
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+William
Kh. Joyce	+Elizabeth
Mary	
Child Timothy	
Xenia	
George	
Ephrem	
Nicole	
Raymond	
Patrick	
Doris	
John	
James	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Mary	
Victoria	
Alexandra	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
John	
Tatiana	
Anesia	
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	

Catechumens

Lucretia
Ryan
Alina
Nicholas,
Rachel, Luka,
& Leo
Michael
Tiffany
Caden
Keith, Maggie,
& Eli
Andrew
Daniel
Kassandra
Christian

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship is continuing!

Theme: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly ..." (2 Cor 9:6)

~ ~ Please Submit Your 2024 Pledge! ~ ~

This Week:

- Mon, Nov 13:** Office open
Vespers & Artoklasia w/ Bp THOMAS 5:30 p.m.
Anniversary Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Nov 14:** Patronal Feast for St. Philip w/ Bp THOMAS
Festal Orthros & Tonsure (Julian B.) 8:45 a.m.
Hierarchical Liturgy 10 a.m.
Potluck Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Nativity Fast begins ...**
- Wed, Nov 15:** Office Open
Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Nov 16:** Slavic Tone Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study on Romans 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Nov 17:** Office open
Advent Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Nov 18:** Catechumen Class 5 p.m.
Byzantine Notation Intro 5:15 p.m.
Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria 5:15 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Mini Retreat "Vocations": Fr John Parker 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Nov 19:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Parish Council

NOVEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Nov 4: 75 Divine Services Nov 5: 256
OFFERINGS 11/5: Candles, \$452.28. Collections, \$1,231.54. Youth, \$1.
Building Fund, \$120. Classical School Fund, \$150. Pastoral Discretion, \$144.62.
Stewardship, \$7,120.14. Total received: \$9,219.58. Cemetery Account, \$3,000.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!