

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, of Alexandria (Dec 10)

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313).

Saint Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.



Martyr Hermogenes

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint Eugraphus, the secretary of Saint Menas, who had declared himself a Christian upon witnessing the endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes; and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.



Martyr Eugraphus

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.



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December 10, 2023

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS MENAS, EUGRAPHOS & HERMOGENES OF
ALEXANDRIA
VENERABLE THOMAS DEPHOURKINOS OF BITHYNIA

Tone 2 - Eothion 5

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 13:10-17

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 Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF SS. MENAS, EUGRAPHOS & HERMOGENES - Tone 8 - Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles * the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, * the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces * to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick * and work wonders both while living and after death. * Strange indeed is the miracle: * that these bare bones should pour forth * such overflowing streams of cures. * Glory be to our only God.

TODAY: *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*

ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School & Teens

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 (Dec 17):
COFFEE HOUR	SJA Donation Luncheon	Marquardt's Donation Luncheon (Ukraine)
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela P. & Tinjala	Gabi & Catalin T.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gohls – Kate's B-day	Schneider – Peter's 1st B-day
USHERS:	Tom A. & Dan M.	Rdr Nick & Sdn John
CLEANING TEAM:	Gohls; Olena; Midena	Serge, Alex, Sarah K.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Christian/ Zach W; Zach F	Myriam; Conor; Daniel; Andrew

Mark Your Calendar:

SS Christmas Program

Saturday, Dec 16

Rehearsal 4:30pm

Sunday, Dec 17

Performance 12:30pm

Christmas Services

Friday, Dec 22

Royal Hours 10am

Holy Unction 6:30pm

Saturday, Dec 23

Divine Liturgy 10am

Great Vespers 6:30pm

Sunday, Dec 24

Orthros 8:45am

Divine Liturgy 10am

FEAST OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

Great Vespers 8pm

Festal Orthros 9:30pm

Divine Liturgy 11pm

Festal Refreshments to follow

Monday, Dec 25

Vespers 12pm

Tuesday, Dec 26

Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am

for the Synaxis of the Theotokos

DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the
Earth"

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Simona Petra	+George
Faithful of the Holy Land	+Paul
Met. Onuphy and faithful of Ukraine	(December
Faithful of Ethiopia	Parish Diptychs)
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Joseph
Kh. Joyce	+Richard
Mary	+Mary
Child Timothy	+Demetrius
Xenia	(Jim)
George	+Katherine
Ephrem	+Nicholas
Nicole	+Gabremariam
Patrick	+Assaad
Doris	+Doris
John	+(Michael)
James	+Barbara
Helen	+Fred Andrew
Wadieh	
Mary	
Victoria	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
John	
Tatiana	
Anesia	
Linda	
Daria	
Pavlo	
Elena	
Xenia	
Derek	
Michael	
Linda	

Catechumens

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

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

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship has concluded!

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

To date, we have 62 pledges totaling 54.2% of our goal.

~ ~ **Please Submit Your 2024 Pledge!** ~ ~

This Week:

Nativity Fast continues ...

Mon, Dec 11: Office open

Tues, Dec 12: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Wed, Dec 13: Divine Liturgy (Girls Choir) 7 a.m.
Little Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.

Thur, Dec 14: Twelve Baskets Full 6 p.m.
Vespers (Slavic tones) 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Romans, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Dec 15: Office open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Dec 16: SS Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4:30 p.m.
Catechumen Class 5 p.m.
Byzantine Notation Intro 5:15 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Dec 17: **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
SS Christmas Pageant 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Dec 2: 58 Divine Services Dec 3: 206

St Nicholas Vespers: 102 Liturgy: 76

OFFERINGS 12/3: Candles, \$308. Collections, \$466.06. Youth, \$1.
Book Shelf Ministry, \$144. Building Fund, \$75. Classical School Fund,
\$20. Food for Hungry, \$25. Mission Chapel, \$1,500. Mortgage
Reduction, \$125. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship,
\$13,245.97. Total received: \$16,007.55.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!