

Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria (Dec 3)

The Hieromartyr Theodore, Bishop of Alexandria, was born in Egypt in the city of Alexandria. This city was famous for its many martyrs and confessors: from the holy Evangelist Mark, Protomartyr of Alexandria (April 25), to Saint Athanasius the Great (January 18 and May 2), a pillar and confessor of Orthodoxy.



Regrettably, historical records do not give us precise details of Saint Theodore's life and deeds, but the Church of Christ has preserved the name of the hieromartyr in its diptychs for all time.

A fiery preacher, powerful of word and church activity, Bishop Theodore evoked an angry hatred in the boisterous pagans of Alexandria, who did not like his preaching. During one of his sermons they surrounded and seized the saint. They beat him and jeered at him, but he did not offer resistance. They placed a crown of thorns on his head, and led him through the city.

Then they led him to the seacoast and threw him from a cliff into the sea, but the wind and the waves carried him back to dry land. The astonished pagans brought Saint Theodore to the prefect of the city, who commanded that he be subjected to harsh tortures. Not a word did the torturers hear from the tortured confessor, except his prayer to the Lord. Then the holy martyr was handed over to Roman soldiers and executed in the manner of the Apostle Paul, he was beheaded with a sword.

Text from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/12/03/103469-hieromartyr-theodore-archbishop-of-alexandria>

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



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December 3, 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY PROPHET SOPHONIAS (ZEPHANIAH)
OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER JOHN, BISHOP AND
HESYCHAST
HOLY MARTYRS AGAPIUS, SELEUCIUS, AND MAMAS
THEODORE, ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA
ANGELIS THE NEW MARTYR
KARPOS THE HIEROMARTYR

Tone 1 - Eothion 4

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:35-43

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 1 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY - Tone 3 - On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Putting Your House In Order 1:15 p.m.

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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 10):
COFFEE HOUR	Catechumen Class	SJA Donation Luncheon
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabriela P. & Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	Angela Draghici – Anesia's B-day	Gohls – Kate's B-day
USHERS:	Todd M. & Steve K.	Tom A. & Dan M.
CLEANING TEAM:	Moores; Kim B; Chilberts	Gohls; Olena; Midena
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra; Felicia	Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Christian/ Zach W; Zach F

Mark Your Calendar:

SS Christmas Program

Saturday, Dec 16

Practice 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:

<p style="text-align: center;">Living</p> <p>N.I. Simona Petra Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphy and faithful of Ukraine Faithful of Ethiopia Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners Kh. Joyce Mary Child Timothy Xenia George Ephrem Nicole Patrick Doris John James Helen Wadieh Mary Victoria Steve Lasha Otari John Tatiana Anesia Linda Daria Pavlo Elena Xenia Derek Michael Linda</p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Departed</p> <p>+George +Paul (December Parish Diptychs) +Joseph +Richard +Mary +Demetrios (Jim) +Katherine +Nicholas +Gabremariam +Assaad +Doris +(Michael) +Barbara +Fred Andrew</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Catechumens</u></p> <p>Lucretia Ryan Alina Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, & Leo Michael Caden Keith, Maggie, & Eli Andrew Daniel Kassandra Christian</p>
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40 Days of Growth in Stewardship has concluded!

Theme: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly ..."

(2 Cor 9:6)

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

This Week:

Nativity Fast continues ...

- Mon, Dec 4:** Office open
- Tues, Dec 5:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Vespers for St Nicholas 6:30pm w/Kids activity
- Wed, Dec 6:** **St. Nicholas**
Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am w/ Fasting
Potluck
Little Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Dec 7:** Vespers (Slavic tones) 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Romans, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Dec 8:** Office Closed
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Dec 9:** Catechumen Class 5 p.m.
Byzantine Notation Intro 5:15 p.m.
Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria 5:15 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Dec 10:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Nov 25: 71 Divine Services Nov 26: 238
OFFERINGS 11/26: Candles, \$306. Collections, \$806. Youth, \$1.
Book Shelf Ministry, \$38. Classical School Fund, \$80. Food for Hungry,
\$100. Mission Chapel, \$1,200. Pastoral Discretion, \$450. Teen Fund,
\$20. Stewardship, \$1,075. Total received: \$4,076.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!