

**Saint Nino (Nina),
Equal of the Apostles, Enlightener of Georgia** (Jan 14)

... When she finally arrived in Georgia, Saint Nino was greeted by a group of Mtskheta shepherds near Lake Paravani, and she received a blessing from God to preach to the pagans of this region.

With the help of her acquaintances Saint Nino soon reached the city of Urbnisi. She remained there a month, then traveled to Mtskheta with a group of Georgians who were making a pilgrimage to venerate the pagan idol Armazi. There she watched with great sadness as the Georgian people trembled before the idols. She was exceedingly sorrowful and prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, send down Thy mercy upon this nation...that all nations may glorify Thee alone, the One True God, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ."



Suddenly a violent wind began to blow and hail fell from the sky, shattering the pagan statues. The terrified worshipers fled, scattering across the city.

Saint Nino made her home beneath a bramble bush in the garden of the king, with the family of the royal gardener. The gardener and his wife were childless, but through Saint Nino's prayers God granted them a child. The couple rejoiced exceedingly, declared Christ to be the True God, and became disciples of Saint Nino. Wherever Saint Nino went, those who heard her preach converted to the Christian Faith in great numbers. Saint Nino even healed the terminally ill Queen Nana after she declared Christ to be the True God.

King Mirian, a pagan, was not at all pleased with the great impression Saint Nino's preaching had made on the Georgian nation. One day while he was out hunting, he resolved to kill all those who followed Christ.

According to his wicked scheme, even his wife, Queen Nana, would face death for failing to renounce the Christian Faith. But in the midst of the hunt, it suddenly became very dark. All alone, King Mirian became greatly afraid and prayed in vain for the help of the pagan gods. When his prayers went unanswered, he finally lost hope and, miraculously, he turned to Christ: "God of Nino, illumine this night for me and guide my footsteps, and I will declare Thy Holy Name. I will erect a cross and venerate it and I will construct for Thee a temple. I vow to be obedient to Nino and to the Faith of the Roman people!"

Suddenly the night was transfigured, the sun shone radiantly, and King Mirian gave great thanks to the Creator. When he returned to the city, he immediately informed Saint Nino of his decision. As a result of the unceasing labors of Equal-to-the-Apostles Nino, Georgia was established as a nation solidly rooted in the Christian Faith.

Saint Nino reposed in the village of Bodbe in eastern Georgia and, according to her will, she was buried in the place where she took her last breath. King Mirian later erected a church in honor of Saint George over her grave.

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January 14, 2024

**LEAVE-TAKING OF & SUNDAY
AFTER THE THEOPHANY**

COMMEMORATIONS:

HOLY FATHERS SLAIN AT SINAI AND RAITHU
HOLY MARTYR AGNES
PLATO THE Hieromartyr, Bishop of Tallinn and
ALL ESTONIA
PRIEST MARTYRS MICHAEL AND NICHOLAS
SABBAS (SAVA), ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA
NINA OF GEORGIA

Tone 7 - Eothion 10

Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:1-14

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST - Tone 1 - When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

TODAY: *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*

ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Outdoor Water Blessing @ Lenape Park 1:30 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 (Jan 21):
COFFEE HOUR:	Bagel Sunday	Khalifa Memorial Meal
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela P & Rachel C.	Gabi & Catalin T.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Schneider — Calvin's birthday
USHERS:	Sdn John & Todd M.	Bill H. & Steve K.
CLEANING TEAM:	Phil K; Evan R; Zach W; Beraki	Moodys; Natalia M.; Jocey J.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Christian; Zach W; Zach F	Myriam; Conor M.; Daniel C.

Mark Your Calendar:

Presentation of the Lord

Thursday, Feb 1

6:30 pm Vespers & Artoklasia;
Candle Blessing

Friday, Feb 2

9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Liturgy & Candle
Blessing
11:30 am Fish/Wine/Oil Potluck

Pascha 2024

May 5, 2024

We live from Pascha to Pascha!

Save the Date!

2024 Parish Life Conference

June 27-30, 2024

JANUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION: Oral Care Products

ATTENDANCE: Theophany Jan 6: 127
Divine Services Jan 7: 179
OFFERINGS 1/7: Candles, \$480.
Collections, \$534. Hospitality Fund,
\$156. Pastoral Discretion, \$293.05. Pro
-Life Fund, \$65. One-Time Projects,
\$1,575. Stewardship, \$6,467.52. Total
received: \$9,570.57.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY!

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(January Parish Diptychs)
Faithful of Ethiopia	+George
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Pedrag
Kh. Joyce	+Mimi
Mary	+Helen
Child Timothy	+Christopher
Xenia	+Nagib
George	+Julia
Ephrem	
Nicole	
Patrick	
Doris	
John	
James	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Mary	
Victoria	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
John	
Tatiana	
Anesia	
Linda	
Daria	
Pavlo	
Elena	
Xenia	
Derek	
Michael	
Linda	
Carmen	

Catechumens

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

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

All 2023 giving is to be concluded by Jan 14, so that end-of-
year giving statements can be provided by the end of the month.

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship:

To date, we have 97 pledges totaling 98.1% of our goal!

This Week:

- Mon, Jan 15:** *Office open*
- Tues, Jan 16:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Jan 17:** Divine Liturgy (Girls choir) 7 a.m.
Great Vespers (Ss. Anthony & Athanasius) 6:30 p.m.
- Thur, Jan 18:** *Office open*
Divine Liturgy (St. Athanasius) 10 a.m.
Vespers (Slavic tones) 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Romans 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Jan 19:** *Office open* — March for Life
Paraklesis 6:30pm
- Sat, Jan 20:** Catechumen Class 5 p.m.
Book Study: "Bad Religion" 5:15 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Jan 21:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Memorial for Nagib Khalifa
Coffee Hour & Sunday School

GPS: 112 Walnut St, Sellersville, 18960
(take alley betw #112 & #124)

Directions

- From the church, follow Clearview Rd. to Cherry Ln.
- Turn left on Cherry, then right immediately onto Bethlehem Pike
- Continue on Bethlehem Pike 5 lights (±3 miles) to the Sellersville "5 points" intersection.
- Bear left onto Main St.
- Continue to the block before the next traffic light and turn right onto Walnut St.
- In one block, Temple merges from your left. WATCH for an alley to your right (after house #112) to enter the parking lot.
- Meet at the bridge near the parking lot, 1:00 p.m.

