

## Venerable Isidore of Pelusium (Feb 4)

Saint Isidore of Pelusium lived during the fourth-fifth centuries. He was a native of Alexandria, and was raised among pious Christians. He was a relative of Theophilus, Archbishop of Alexandria, and of his successor, Saint Cyril (January 18). While still a youth he quit the world and withdrew to Egypt to Mount Pelusium, which became the site of his monastic efforts.

Saint Isidore's spiritual wisdom and strict asceticism, combined with his broad learning and innate knowledge of the human soul, enabled him to win the respect and love of his fellow monks in a short time. They chose him as their head and had him ordained a priest (the earliest sources for his life, however, say nothing of him being an igumen).

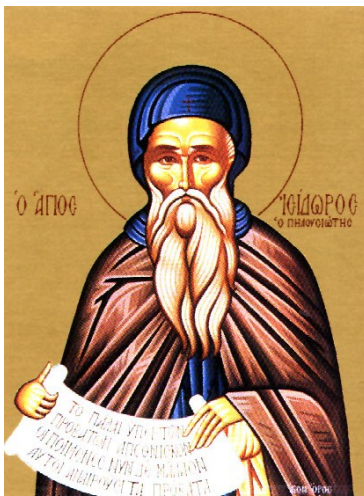
Following the example of Saint John Chrysostom, whom he had managed to see and hear during a trip to Constantinople, Saint Isidore devoted himself primarily to Christian preaching, that "practical wisdom" which, in his own words, is both "the foundation of the edifice and the edifice itself", while logic is "its embellishment, and contemplation its crown".

He was a teacher and a willingly provided counsel for anyone who turned to him for spiritual encouragement, whether it was a simple man, a dignitary, a bishop, the Patriarch of Alexandria, or even the emperor. He left behind about 10,000 letters, of which 2,090 have survived. A large portion of these letters reveal profound theological thought and contain morally edifying interpretations of Holy Scripture. Saint Photius (February 6) calls Isidore a model of priestly and ascetical life, and also a master of style.

Saint Isidore's love for Saint John Chrysostom resulted in his support of Saint John when he was persecuted by the empress Eudoxia and Archbishop Theophilus. After the death of Saint John, Saint Isidore persuaded Theophilus' successor Saint Cyril to inscribe the name of Saint John Chrysostom into the Church diptychs as a confessor. Through the initiative of Saint Isidore the Third Ecumenical Council was convened at Ephesus (431), at which the false teaching of Nestorius concerning the person of Jesus Christ was condemned.

Saint Isidore lived into old age and died around the year 436. The Church historian Evagrius (sixth century) writes of Saint Isidore, "his life seemed to everyone the life of an angel upon the earth." Another historian, Nikēphoros Callistus (ninth century), praises Saint Isidore thus: "He was a vital and inspired pillar of monastic rules and divine vision, and as such he presented a very lofty image of most fervent example and spiritual teaching."

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**February 4, 2024**  
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

### COMMEMORATIONS:

ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM  
NICHOLAS THE CONFESSOR  
HIEROMARTYR ABRAMIUS  
JOHN THE RIGHTEOUS, BISHOP OF IRINOPOLIS  
THEODOSIOS THE RIGHTEOUS  
JOSEPH THE NEW MARTYR OF ALEPPO  
THE MOTHERS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: EMMELIA,  
NONA AND ANTHOUSA

**Tone 2 - Eothion 2**  
**Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8**  
**Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15**  
**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10**

**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 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST - Tone 1 -** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Memorial for Wendy Susanna – Memory Eternal!  
Sunday School & Coffee Hour  
Women of St. Mariamne

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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 (Feb 11):
COFFEE HOUR:	Bagel Sunday	Bagel Sunday
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Rice Family—Eliana's b-day	
USHERS:	Rdr Nick M. & Todd M.	Steve K. & Bill H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Moores; Kim B; Monica/Frank	Gohls; Olena M.; Midena
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Dale; Felicia	Simon; Amelia; Daniel

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Creative Arts Workshop

Saturday, Feb 10  
3:00-5:00pm

#### Lenten Triodion:

*Feb 25 – Publican & the Pharisee*  
*Mar 3 – Prodigal Son*  
*Mar 10 – Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)*  
*Mar 17 – Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)*

#### Feast of Annunciation

Monday, Mar 25

#### Pascha 2024

May 5, 2024

We live from Pascha to Pascha!

*Save the Date!*

#### 2024 Parish Life Conference

June 27-30, 2024

### FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

## Paper Products

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	Nicole
Faithful of Ethiopia Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	(February Parish Diptychs) +Frank
Kh. Joyce	+Kristina
Mary	+John
Child Timothy	+Steve
Xenia	+John
George	+Hertanse
Ephrem	+Thomas
Nicole	+Wendy
Patrick	Susanna
Doris	
John	
James	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Mary	
Victoria	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
John	
Tatiana	<u>Catechumens</u>
Anesia	Lucretia
Linda	Ryan
Daria	Alina
Pavlo	Nicholas,
Elena	Rachel, Luka,
Xenia	& Leo
Derek	Michael
Michael	Caden
Linda	Keith, Maggie,
Carmen	& Eli
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	Andrew Daniel
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	Kassandra Christian
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	David, Darby, & Easton

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

## This Week:

**Mon, Feb 5:** *Office open*

**Tues, Feb 6:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

**Wed, Feb 7:** *Office open*

Little Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.

**Thurs, Feb 8:** Twelve Baskets Full serving night 6 p.m.

Vespers (Slavic Tones) 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study: Romans 7:30 p.m.

**Fri, Feb 9:** *Office open*

Divine Liturgy (Girls choir) 7 a.m.

Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

**Sat, Feb 10:** Creative Arts Workshop 3 p.m.

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, Feb 11:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*

**ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**

**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**

Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Choir Rehearsal

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers Jan 27: 49      Divine Services Jan 28: 212

Vespers 2/1: 78      Liturgy 2/2: 81

**OFFERINGS 1/28:** Candles, \$264. Collections, \$771. Book Shelf  
Ministry, \$177. Building Fund, \$70. Mission Chapel, \$640.08.  
Pastoral Discretion, \$25. Stewardship, \$6,494. Total received:  
\$8,451.08.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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