

## Righteous Theodora, wife of Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (Feb 11)

Holy Empress Theodora was the wife of the Byzantine emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (829-842), but she did not share in the heresy of her husband and secretly venerated the holy icons. After the death of her husband, Saint Theodora governed the realm because her son Michael was a minor.



She convened a Council, at which the Iconoclasts were anathematized, and the veneration of icons was reinstated. Saint Theodora established the annual celebration of this event, the Triumph of Orthodoxy, on the first Sunday of the Great Fast. Saint Theodora did much for Holy Church and fostered a firm devotion to Orthodoxy in her son Michael.

When Michael came of age, she was retired from governing and spent eight years in the monastery of Saint Euphrosynē, where she devoted herself to ascetic struggles, and reading books that nourished her soul.

A copy of the Gospels, copied in her own hand, is known to exist. She died peacefully around the year 867.

In 1460, her relics were given by the Turks to the people of Kerkyra (Corfu).

*Text & icon from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/02/11/100504-righteous-theodora-wife-of-emperor-theophilus-the-iconoclast>*

**PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS  
MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.**

**AMPLE PARKING** is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.



## ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the  
Antiochian Archdiocese

*His Eminence Metropolitan SABA*

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## February 11, 2024

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

HIEROMARTYR BLAISE, BISHOP OF SEBASTIA, AND  
COMPANIONS  
THEODORA THE EMPRESS  
FINDING OF THE RELICS OF ZACHARIAH THE PROPHET,  
FATHER OF THE HOLY FORERUNNER  
NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF SERBIA

**Tone 3 - Eothion 3**

**Orthros Gospel:** St. Mark 16:9-20

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Matthew 25:14-30

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 3 -** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. BLAISE - Tone 4 -** By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops Blaise. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

**TODAY:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*

ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School & 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 (Feb 18):
COFFEE HOUR:	Bagel Sunday	Bagel Sunday
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.	Gabi & Catalin T.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Chebeleu Family —Memory Eternal to Helen, Rachel’s mother	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Sdn John & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Gohls; Olena M.; Midena	Serge, Alex, & Sarah K.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Simon; Amelia; Daniel	Kendra; Felicia; Michael; Maggie; Caden

### 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*

#### Lenten Retreat @ St. Philip

*April 5-6*

#### 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  (February Parish Dptychs) +Frank +Kristina +John +Steve +John +Hertanse +Thomas +Wendy Susanna
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 Carmen	
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	<u>Catechumens</u> Lucretia Ryan Alina Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, & Leo Michael Caden Keith, Maggie, & Eli Andrew Daniel Kassandra Christian David, Darby, & Easton

### Giving Opportunities at St. Philip

- + The **NEEDY FUND** is depleted. Please consider making a special offering to replenish it!
- + Our supply of **(classic) OLIVE OIL** is running very low. Donations are greatly appreciated! Place under icon of St. Thekla.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### This Week:

**Mon, Feb 12:** *Office open*

**Tues, Feb 13:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

**Wed, Feb 14:** *Office open*

Divine Liturgy (Girls choir) 7 a.m.

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

**Thur, Feb 15:** Vespers (Slavic Tones) 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study: Romans 7:30 p.m.

**Fri, Feb 16:** *Office open*

Confession 6:30 p.m.

Vigil for Sts. Theodore & Miriamne 7 p.m.

**Sat, Feb 17:** 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 18:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**

**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**

Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Choir Rehearsal

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers 2/3: 73      Liturgy 2/4: 249  
**OFFERINGS 2/4:** Candles, \$230. Collections, \$803. Book Shelf  
Ministry, \$34. Building Fund, \$25. Classical School Fund, \$50. Food  
for Hungry, \$70. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Women’s Fund, \$20.  
Stewardship, \$16,140.22. Total received: \$17,469.74.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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