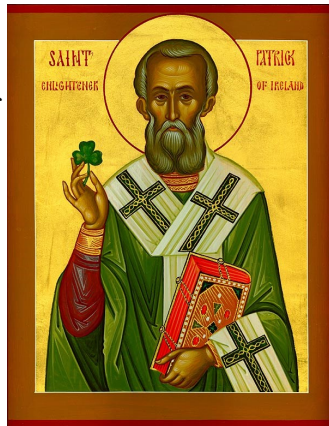


## St Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland

(Mar 17)

Saint Patrick, the Enlightener of Ireland was born around 385, the son of Calpornius, a Roman decurion (an official responsible for collecting taxes). He lived in the village of Bannavem Taberniae, which may have been located at the mouth of the Severn River in Wales. The district was raided by pirates when Patrick was sixteen, and he was one of those taken captive. He was brought to Ireland and sold as a slave, and was put to work as a herder of swine on a mountain identified with Slemish in Co. Antrim. During his period of slavery, Patrick acquired a proficiency in the Irish language which was very useful to him in his later mission. ...



Although Saint Patrick achieved remarkable results in spreading the Gospel, he was not the first or only missionary in Ireland. He arrived around 432 (though this date is disputed), about a year after Saint Palladius began his mission to Ireland. There were also other missionaries who were active on the southeast coast, but it was Saint Patrick who had the greatest influence and success in preaching the Gospel of Christ. Therefore, he is known as “The Enlightener of Ireland.”...

Saint Patrick founded many churches and monasteries across Ireland, but the conversion of the Irish people was no easy task. There was much hostility, and he was assaulted several times. He faced danger, and insults, and he was reproached for being a foreigner and a former slave. There was also a very real possibility that the pagans would try to kill him. Despite many obstacles, he remained faithful to his calling, and he baptized many people into Christ. ...

Saint Patrick is often depicted holding a shamrock, or with snakes fleeing from him. He used the shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Its three leaves growing out of a single stem helped him to explain the concept of one God in three Persons. Many people now regard the story of Saint Patrick driving all the snakes out of Ireland as having no historical basis.

Saint Patrick died on March 17, 461 (some say 492). There are various accounts of his last days, but they are mostly legendary. Muirchu says that no one knows the place where Saint Patrick is buried. Saint Columba of Iona (June 9) says that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that Patrick was buried at Saul, the site of his first church. A granite slab was placed at his traditional grave site in Downpatrick in 1899.

*Text & icon excerpted from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/03/17/100821-saint-patrick-bishop-of-armagh-enlightener-of-ireland>*



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**March 17, 2024**

**SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS  
(CHEESEFARE)**

### COMMEMORATIONS:

ALEXIS THE MAN OF GOD  
PAUL THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR  
PATRICK THE ENLIGHTENER OF IRELAND  
MARINOS THE MARTYR  
THEOCTERISTOS THE CONFESSOR

**Tone 8 - Eothinon 8**

**Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18**

**Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 6:14-21**

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 8 - 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 FOR FORGIVENESS SUNDAY - Tone 6 - O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.**

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

**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**

**Sunday School & Coffee Hour**

**Forgiveness Vespers 1 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 (Mar 24):
COFFEE HOUR:	Gambashidze/Acevedo families	Fasting – Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn John & Rdr Nick M.	Dan M. & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Phil K; Evan R; Zach W; Beraki H	Natalia M; Jocey; Radu
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin S.; Dale Y.; Felicia S.	Simon; Amelia; Daniel

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Lenten Triodion:

Mar 24 – *Sunday of Orthodoxy*  
 Mar 31 – *Sunday of Gregory Palamas*

#### 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

### MARCH OUTREACH COLLECTION:

## Baby Care Items

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Hazel Elizabeth	
N.I. Noah	(March Parish
Faithful of the Holy Land	Diptychs)
Met. Onuphry and faithful	+Najib
of Ukraine	+Lorraine
Faithful of Ethiopia &	+Julia
Eritrea	+Helen
Pr. Andrew, family, &	+Dina
parishioners	+Robert
Kh. Joyce	+Adele
Mary	
Xenia	
George	
Maria	
Patrick	
Doris	
John	
James	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Mary	
Victoria	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
John	
Tatiana	
Anesia	
Linda	
Zerfenesh	
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah,	
Elizabeth, Mary, & 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	

#### Catechumens

Nicholas, Luka,  
 & Leo  
 Keith, Maggie,  
 & Eli  
 Andrew  
 Caden  
 Lucretia  
 Ryan  
 Michael  
 Daniel  
 Kassandra  
 Christian  
 David, Darby,  
 & Easton  
 Rose  
 Jasper  
 Bryson

### 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:

#### *Clean Week – Great Lent begins!*

- Mon, Mar 18:** *Office open*  
 Compline & Great Canon 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 19:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.  
 Compline & Great Canon 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 20:** *Office open*  
 Great Canon 12 p.m.  
 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.
- Thur, Mar 21:** Compline & Great Canon 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, Mar 22:** *Office open*  
 Presanctified Liturgy 10 a.m.  
 Compline & Akathist 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Mar 23:** Catechumen Class 5 p.m.  
 Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  
**Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**  
 Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Mar 24:** **SUNDAY OF GREGORY PALAMAS**  
**ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY & Procession 10 a.m.**  
 Missionary Family Visit: Sem. Michael Pak  
 Coffee Hour & Sunday School  
 Choir Rehearsal  
 Parish Council  
 Vespers & Artoklasia for Annunciation 6:30pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers 3/9: 60                      Liturgy 3/10: 194  
**OFFERINGS 3/10:** Candles, \$507.10. Collections, \$755. Book Shelf  
 Ministry, \$39. Building Fund, \$600. Mission Chapel, \$1,107.95. Needy  
 Fund, \$565. Women's Fund, \$748. Stewardship, \$2,851.26. Total  
 received: \$9,007.31. Cemetery Donation, \$200.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!