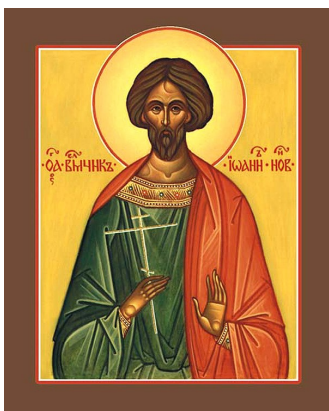


New Martyr John the New of Sochi, who suffered at Belgrade (June 2)

The Holy Great Martyr John the New of Sochi, lived in the 14th century in the city of Trebizond—a merchant, devout and firm in his Orthodoxy, and generous to the poor.

Once, while sailing on a ship while pursuing his trading activities, the captain of the ship was not Orthodox, but got into an argument about the Faith with Saint John. Having been vanquished by the saint's words, the captain resolved to make trouble for him when they got to Belgrade. During the ship's stay at Belgrade, the captain went to the city ruler, a fire-worshipper, and suggested that on his ship was a studious man who also desired to become a fire-worshipper.



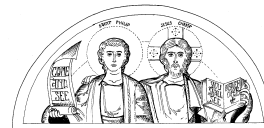
The city ruler invited Saint John to join the fire-worshippers and renounce his faith in Christ. The saint prayed secretly, and the Lord gave him the courage and understanding to counter all the claims of the impious and firmly confess himself a Christian. After this, the saint was so fiercely beaten with rods that his entire body was lacerated, and the flesh came off in pieces. The holy martyr thanked God for being found worthy to shed his blood for Him and thereby wash away his sins. Afterwards they put him in chains and dragged him away to prison.

In the morning the city ruler ordered the saint brought forth again. The martyr came before him with a bright and cheerful face. The intrepid martyr absolutely refused to deny Christ, denouncing the governor as a tool of Satan. Then they beat him again with rods, so that all his insides were laid bare.

The gathering crowd could not bear this horrible spectacle and they began to shout angrily, denouncing the governor for tormenting a defenseless man. The governor, having the beating stopped, gave orders to tie the Great Martyr to the tail of a wild horse to drag him by the legs through the streets of the city. Residents of the Jewish quarter particularly scoffed at the martyr and threw stones at him. Finally, someone took a sword and cut off his head.

Saint John's body with his severed head lay there until evening, and none of the Christians dared to take him away. By night a luminous pillar was seen over him, and a multitude of burning lamps. Three light-bearing men sang Psalms and censed the body of the saint. In the morning the vision vanished, but the archer continued to stand motionless. Having told the gathering inhabitants of the city about the vision and what was done to him by the command of God, he was freed from his invisible bonds. Having learned about the occurrence, the ruler gave permission to bury the body of the martyr in the local church.

Excerpted text and Image from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/06/02/101582-new-martyr-john-the-new-of-sochi-who-suffered-at-belgrade>



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June 2, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE
SAMARITAN WOMAN



**CHRIST IS
RISEN!**

Tone 4

Eothinon 7: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel: St. John 4:5-42

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH
BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the Apostles, saying, "Death hath been spoiled! Christ-God is risen, granting to the world the great mercy!"

TROPARION FOR MID-PENTECOST - Tone 8 - In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy, 10 am
High School Graduate Recognition
Sunday School & Coffee Hour

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

| | This Week: | Next Week (June 9): |
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| COFFEE HOUR | Alemash, Almaz, Hirut | Teen SOYO |
| PROSPHORA BREAD: | Kristi Moore | Gabriela P. & Rachel C. |
| ALTAR CANDLES: | Chebeleu—24th Wedding Anniv. | Eggers—Dn Walid 10th anniv. ordination |
| USHERS: | Steve K. & Sdn. John | Todd M. & Bill H. |
| CLEANING TEAM: | Catechumens & Karsten B. | Moores; Kim B.; Chilberts |
| COFFEE HOUR TEAM: | Myriam; Conor; Daniel | Mariya; Laura; Eric |

* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

This Week:

- Monday, June 3:** Office open
- Tuesday, June 4:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, June 5:** Office open
Little COMPLINE & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 6:** ----
- Friday, June 7:** Office open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 8:** VESPERS at 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 9:** SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN
Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for May 25: NA Divine Services May 26: 202
Mid-Pentecost May 29: 44

OFFERINGS 5/26: Candles, \$251.20. Collections, \$833.60. Book Shelf Ministry, \$67. Classical School Fund, \$136.32. Food for Hungry, \$65. Hospitality, \$55. Library, \$100. Mission Chapel, \$104. Needy Fund \$48.51. Stewardship, \$5,565. Total received: \$7,225.63. Cemetery Donation: \$1,000.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SPECIAL APPEAL

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

Mark Your Calendar:

Ascension
Thursday, June 13

Pentecost
Sunday, June 23

Sts. Peter & Paul
Saturday, June 29

Save the Date!
2024 Parish Life Conference
June 27-30, 2024

VCS 2024
July 29-Aug 2

Pray For:

| Living | Departed |
|---|---|
| Newly-Illumined Peter, Alexandra, Isaac, Mary, Basil, Silouan, Luke, Leo, Andrei, Winnifred Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphy and faithful of Ukraine Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners Kh. Joyce George Maria Patrick Doris John James Victoria Steve Lasha Otari Tatiana Linda Zerfenesh John Angeliki Chelsea-Nina Zotikos Salome Michael Xenia Rdr. Luke Katherine Christine 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 | Newly Departed Shota Marina Tesfeja Edward Aleksander Maryam Maria (June Parish Diptychs) +Nicholas +Maria +Marion Betty +Victoria +Anna +Gail +Sophia +Mat. Linda <u>Catechumens</u> Andrew Lucretia Ryan Michael Daniel Kassandra Christian David, Darby, & Easton Rose Jasper Bryson |

JUNE OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Bath & Shower
Products

The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:26)