

## Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus (June 16)

Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Amathus, was born in the city Amathus on the island of Cyprus. His parents raised their son in Christian piety, and taught him the reading of sacred books. It is said that the gift of wonderworking appeared in Saint Tikhon at quite a young age.

His father was the owner of a bakery, and whenever he left his son alone in the shop, the holy youth would give free bread to those in need. Learning of this, his father became angry, but the son said that he had read in the Scriptures, that in giving to God one receives back a hundredfold. "I," said the youth, "gave to God the bread which was taken," and he persuaded his father to go to the place where the grain was stored. With astonishment the father saw that the granary, which formerly was empty, was now filled to overflowing with wheat. From that time the father did not hinder his son from distributing bread to the poor.

A certain gardener brought the dried prunings of vines from the vineyard. Saint Tikhon gathered them, planted them in his garden and besought the Lord that these branches might take root and yield fruit for the health of people. The Lord did so through the faith of the holy youth. The branches took root, and their fruit had a particular and very pleasant taste. It was used during the lifetime of the saint and after his death for making wine for the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

They accepted the pious youth into the church clergy, made him a reader. Later, Mnemonios, the Bishop of Amathus ordained him a deacon. After the death of Bishop Mnemonios, Saint Tikhon by universal agreement was chosen as Bishop of Amathus. Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (May 12), presided at the service.

Saint Tikhon labored zealously to eradicate the remnants of paganism on Cyprus; he destroyed a pagan temple and spread the Christian Faith. The holy bishop was generous, his doors were open to all, and he listened to and lovingly fulfilled the request of each person who came to him. Fearing neither threats nor tortures, he firmly and fearlessly confessed his faith before pagans. In the service to Saint Tikhon it is stated that he foresaw the time of his death, which occurred in the year 425.

The name of Saint Tikhon of Amathus was greatly honored in Russia. Temples dedicated to the saint were constructed at Moscow, at Nizhni Novgorod, at Kazan and other cities. But he was particularly venerated in the Voronezh diocese, where there were three archpastors in succession sharing the name with the holy hierarch of Amathus: Saint Tikhon I (Sokolov) (+ 1783, August 13), Tikhon II (Yakubovsky, until 1785) and Tikhon III (Malinin, until 1788).

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## June 16, 2024 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



**Tone 6**

**Eothinon 10 - St. John 21:1-14**  
**Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36**  
**Gospel: St. John 17:1-13**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O thou who art risen from the dead. O Lord, glory to thee!

**TROPARION FOR ASCENSION** - Tone 4 - Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God and Deliverer of the world.

**TROPARION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS** - Tone 8 - Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish the Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith. O most merciful One, glory to thee!

**TODAY:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
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 23):

COFFEE HOUR	Women of St. Mariamne	Alem & Family—Yordanos Graduation
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin T.	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Schneider — Peter's Namesday
USHERS:	Todd M. & Radu C.	Dan M. & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Gohls; Olena; Midena	Serge, Alex, Sarah K.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Dale; Mariya	Maggie; Michael; Dave/Darby

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

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Pentecost

*Sunday, June 23*

#### Sts. Peter & Paul

*Saturday, June 29*

#### 2024 Parish Life Conference

*June 27-30, 2024*

#### VCS 2024

*July 29-Aug 2*

#### Dormition Fast - August 1-14

*Daily Paraklesis*

#### Transfiguration

*August 5-6*

#### International Food Festival

*September 20-21*

### JUNE OUTREACH COLLECTION:

**Bath & Shower  
Products**

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	Newly Departed
Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea	(June Parish Dptychs)
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Nicholas
Kh. Joyce	+Maria
George	+Victoria
Maria	+Anna
Patrick	+Gail
Doris	+Sophia
John	+Mat. Linda
James	
Victoria	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
Tatiana	
Linda	
Zerfenesh	
John	
Angeliki	
Chelsea-Nina	
Zotikos	<u>Catechumens</u>
Salome	Andrew
Michael	Lucretia
Xenia	Ryan
Rdr. Luke	Michael
Katherine	Daniel
Christine	Kassandra
Anesia	Christian
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries	David, Darby, & Easton
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	Rose
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Jasper
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	Bryson
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends — George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	

## **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.

### This Week:

**Mon, June 17:** Office open

**Tues, June 18:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

**Wed, June 19:** Office open  
**Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.**

**Thurs, June 20:** ----

**Fri, June 21:** Office open  
**Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.**

**Sat, June 22:** **Soul Saturday Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ Baptisms (Shertzer)**  
**VESPERS & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.**  
**No Confessions**

**Sun, June 23:** **HOLY PENTECOST**  
*Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*  
**ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
Coffee Hour  
Kneeling Prayers 1:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers for June 8: 46 Divine Services June 9: 161  
Ascension Liturgy: 106

**OFFERINGS 6/9:** Candles, \$334. Collections, \$512.90. Book Shelf Ministry, \$27. Building Fund, \$250. Mission Chapel, \$42. Pastoral Discretion, \$150. Teen Fund, \$434. Stewardship, \$4,651.81. Total received: \$6,401.71.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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