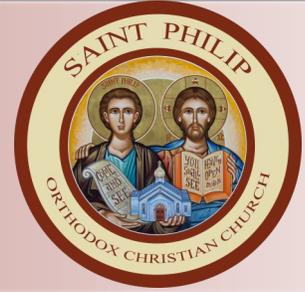


# THE PARISH PRESS

## St. Philip Orthodox Church

### SUMMER 2022 EDITION



### Mark Your Calendar:

**Pentecost**  
Sunday, Jun 12  
Kneeling Prayers 1 pm



**Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul**  
June 20-29

**Parish Life Conference 2022**  
June 29-July 3

Event Registration Link: <https://antiochianevents.com/ny>  
Housing Registration Link: <https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/ParishLife2022>

**Summer Sunday School**  
Five Sundays in July  
During Orthros 9-9:45am  
Age 4 – Grade 8



**Dormition Fast - August 1-14**  
Daily Paraklesis

### Services for Transfiguration

Friday, August 5  
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 pm  
Saturday, August 6  
Orthros 9 am  
Divine Liturgy, 10 am  
Blessing of harvest  
Potluck - Fish, wine & oil



**Vacation Church School**  
"Treasures in Earthen Vessels"  
August 8-12

### Services for Dormition

Sunday, August 14  
Vespers, Artoklasia, & Lamentations  
Blessing of herbs & flowers  
6:30 pm  
Monday, August 15  
Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am  
Blessing of herbs & flowers

### Beheading of the Forerunner

Sunday, August 28  
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 pm  
Monday, August 29 - **STRICT FAST DAY**  
Orthros 9 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am

Sunday School begins September 11

### International Food Festival

September 16-17  
How will you be helping?  
Whom will you invite?



**We live Pascha to Pascha!**  
April 16, 2023

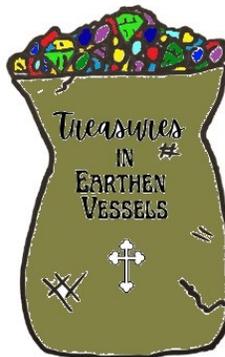
### Vacation Church School

## "TREASURES IN EARTHEN VESSELS"

**August 8-12**

9 a.m.-12 Noon

- ◆ All Kids (ages 4 to grade 8) are welcome!
- ◆ Invite your family and neighbors!
- ◆ We will be learning about Saints, ancient and contemporary!



Look for Student Registration online at <https://www.st-philip.net/vcs>

Are you able to be a volunteer in this important ministry? For more information, contact Kate Gohl ([kategohl@gmail.com](mailto:kategohl@gmail.com)).

### A Message from Fr. Noah

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
If we wish to be the "light of the world," as we in fact are, we must remember that we *are visible* as Orthodox Christians in an increasingly dark, post-secular Western world.

What we do and say—our habits and dispositions—are a witness to the world, and we must be diligent to make these things conformed to the gospel that we are embodying and proclaiming.

How sad and tragic it would be if people are turned away from Christ because of careless words, unnecessary offense, or scandalous behavior! Let us seek to live lives above any reproach, lives that draw people further into the light and goodness and wholeness of the Orthodox Faith, and into our communion here at St. Philip.

Thankful to be a fellow steward of Christ's Mystery and Mission in our Parish,

+Fr. Noah

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

**James Vincent Fitzgerald** is graduating from North Penn High School where he has frequently been on the Honor Roll. James has participated in several Art Shows and won awards for his artwork. He participated in the Knights Baseball Team, joined the orchestra, played the violin in Concerts, and participated in school triathlons. He has served as an altar boy at St. Philip and is now an active member of the St. Philip Teens and Teen SOYO. James plans to attend Montgomery County Community College.

**Maya Kyriakos** graduated summa cum laude from Central Bucks West High School. She participated as a French tutor for five years, and is currently the president of the French Club and French Honor Society. Myra has played violin for seven years and is part of the Select Ensemble. As a member of the Tri-M Music Honors Society, she is a first seat violinist. She recently received the Keystone Award for Leadership in high school orchestra. At St. Philip, Maya is a

Handmaiden, has been treasurer of Teen SOYO, then Vice President and currently she serves as President. Maya is planning to attend Ursinus College majoring in Biology on the pre-med track.

**Grace Heveran** will be graduating from Homeschool graduate. She enjoyed playing basketball in her Sophomore year. Her favorite place to be is in a horse Barn.

She has been riding for five years. Photography is a favorite pastime. Grace has been a Handmaiden at St. Philip and is a member of Teen SOYO. Grace plans to take a "gap year" or take classes at the Community College. She is thinking of going into a trade of doing animal husbandry work.

**Ambrose Michael Bushelli** will be graduating from Homeschool. At St. Philip, Ambrose has served as an altar boy and currently sings in the choir. He is a member of Teen SOYO. Ambrose will be attending Templeton Honors College at Eastern University and will be majoring in Mathematics and Computer Science.



**Did You Know?**

- **Sign up for Altar candles!** Let's revive our use of this special offering to God and our parish! Fill in a week on the yellow sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the literature rack in the hallway. Mark an offering envelope (\$10) for "Altar Candles" and place in offering box.
- Please remember that **the narthex** is an important part of the church-temple and is not a place to talk.
- Don't take a vacation from God this summer! **Go to church on vacation**, and connect with Orthodox believers in another place!
- Please **save the date for our Food Festival** – to help out and to bring a friends, families, colleagues, and neighbors! Pray for a successful outreach event.
- Now that **warmer weather** is here and Sunday School will not be in session, our children will naturally want to **play outside** during coffee hour. **Parents**, please teach your children to be **watchful** of cars (even when they're parked), to be **respectful** of others' property, and to **pick up** their trash.
- Your offering of "**classic**" olive oil (not virgin or especially not extra-virgin) for the Altar candelabrum is greatly appreciated. You can put your bottles under the icon of St. Thekla on the north/left of the iconostasis with prayer requests.



**Challenge for 2022:  
"You are the Light of the World"**

"The Lord has already called his disciples the 'salt of the earth' because they seasoned with divine wisdom the hearts of the human race which had been made tasteless by the devil. Now he also calls them the 'light of the world.' For, illumined by his very own self who is the true and eternal light, they too become light within the darkness. For since he himself is the sun of righteousness, he rightly also calls his disciples 'light of the world.' Through them, as if through shining rays, he poured the light of his knowledge on the entire world. For by showing the light of truth, the Lord's disciples made the darkness of error flee from people's hearts."

*St. Chromatius, Tractate on Matthew 19.1.1-2 (ACC, 93)*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES!**

**Paul Kyriakos** is graduating from Penn State University College of Engineering as a Multidisciplinary Engineering Design Major (B.S.). He is also completing the program as an Abington Honors Student. His future plans are pending as he is working with NAVSEA and NDI to find a mechanical engineering position with the Navy or a Navy Contractor. Otherwise, he is currently looking for a Engineering Design position.

**Paul Heveran** is graduating from DeSales University this spring. He plans to take a year off before applying to graduate school for bird migration studies. Paul was a member of the Tennis Club for two years.

**Jack Collins** is graduating with Distinction from Temple University's College of Science and Technology with a Biology Degree. His plans for the summer and fall are to



continue to conduct research on Spotted lanternfly ecology with his mentor from the college faculty. He will be applying for entomology graduate programs in the winter to further his education.

**Julian Bushelli** is graduating Summa Cum Laude from the Templeton Honors College at Eastern University. The faculty voted to give Julian the University Achievement Award. He was an instructor for the Swing Dance club and double majored in Math and Computer Science. Julian is planning to attend Drexel for a PhD in Math.

**Laura Schoenhals** graduated Summa cum laude from Eastern University with a major in dance, in psychology, and minors in math and Spanish. She received the Academic Honor Award. She was on leadership for Eastern Dance Ministry, Eastern Dance Club, Swing Club, and PSI CHI. Laura plans to take a gap year and then pursue future education.

**NEWS ~ N ~ NOTES**

- ✦ **MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Thank you for your generosity to the needy of our community! In **June**, we are collecting **Bath & Shower Products**.
- ✦ **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION:** We continue to collect non-perishables of all kinds for the food pantries.

**Festival Preparations Approaching!**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  
Our **10th International Food Festival** is scheduled for Friday and Saturday **September 16 & 17**.



All parishioners, the Festival will be here before you know it, and as always, your help is needed! As the date approaches, be on the look out for sign-up sheets to volunteer. By God's grace, and our cooperation, may this our major outreach event be a success!

**MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAITHFUL GIVING & SERVICE!**

**Wisdom**

**On Love of Enemies**

"A house is not built by beginning at the top and working down. You must begin with the foundations in order to reach the top." They said to him, "What does this saying mean?" He said, "The foundation is our neighbor, whom we must win, and that is the place to begin. For all the commandments of Christ depend on this alone." - *Abba John the Short*

The man who cries out against evil men, who does not pray for them, will never know the grace of God. - *St. Silouan the Athonite*

Bless them and multiply them; multiply them and make them even more bitterly against me:

- ... so that my fleeing to You may have no return;
- ... so that all hope in men may be scattered like cobwebs;
- ... so that absolute serenity may begin to reign in my soul;
- ... so that my heart may become the grave of my two evil twins: arrogance and anger;
- ... so that I might amass all my treasure in heaven;
- ... ah, so that I may for once be freed from self-deception, which has entangled me in the dreadful web of illusory life.

- *St. Nikolai of Zicha*

**Parenting Suggestion**

From *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* by Philip Mamalakos:

"Children do not need perfect parents, they only need repentant parents."

