

Martyr Tatiana of Rome, and those who suffered with her January 12

The Holy Virgin Martyr Tatiana was born into an illustrious Roman family. Her father was secretly a Christian and raised his daughter to be devoted to God and the Church. When she reached the age of maturity, Tatiana decided to remain a virgin, betrothing herself to Christ. Disdaining earthly riches, she sought instead the imperishable wealth of Heaven. She was made a deaconess in one of the Roman churches and served God in fasting and prayer, tending the sick and helping the needy.

When Rome was ruled by the sixteen-year-old Alexander Severus Tatiana was arrested, and brought into the temple of Apollo to force her to offer sacrifice to the idol. The saint began praying, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The idol was smashed into pieces, and part of the temple collapsed and fell down on the pagan priests and many pagans. The demon inhabiting the idol fled screeching from that place. Those present saw its shadow flying through the air.

Then they tore holy virgin's eyes out with hooks, but she bravely endured everything, praying for her tormentors that the Lord would open their spiritual eyes. And the Lord heard the prayer of His servant. The executioners saw four angels encircle the saint and beat her tormentors. A voice was heard from the heavens speaking to the holy virgin. Eight men believed in Christ and fell on their knees before Saint Tatiana, begging them to forgive them their sin against her. For confessing themselves Christians they were tortured and executed, receiving Baptism by blood.

The next day Saint Tatiana was brought before the wicked judge. Seeing her completely healed of all her wounds, they tortured her again. A wondrous fragrance then filled the air. Angels ward off the blows directed at her and turned them upon the tormentors, causing nine of them to fall dead. They then threw the saint in prison, where she prayed all night and sang praises to the Lord with the angels.

A new morning began, and they took Saint Tatiana to the tribunal once more. The torturers beheld with astonishment that after such terrible torments she appeared completely healthy and even more radiant and beautiful than before. They began to urge her to offer sacrifice to the goddess Diana. The saint seemed agreeable, and they took her to the heathen temple. Saint Tatiana made the Sign of the Cross and began to pray. Suddenly, there was a crash of deafening thunder, and lightning struck the idol, the sacrificial offerings and the pagan priests. Once again, the martyr was fiercely tortured. That night, angels appeared to her in prison and healed her wounds as before. On the following day, they took Saint Tatiana to the circus and loosed a hungry lion on her. The beast did not harm the saint, but meekly licked her feet.

As they were taking the lion back to its cage, it killed one of the torturers.



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**SUNDAY AFTER THE
THEOPHANY OF CHRIST**

COMMEMORATIONS:

SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, AFTERFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, TATIANA THE MARTYR OF ROME, BASIL AND JOHN THE HIEROMARTYRS, MARTYR MERTIOS, EUTHASIA THE VIRGIN-MARTYR, PETER OF ABSALOM, BENEDICT

Tone 4 - Eothinon 7

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - 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 disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST - Tone 1 - When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:15 a.m.

Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 9:30 a.m.

Memorial—Nagib Khalifa 11:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School 11:30 a.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 (Jan 19):
COFFEE HOUR:	Khalifa & Kotsatos Families	Child & Tinjala Families
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	Schneider-Mindy's Name Day	Gamble-Anastasios & Xenia Name Day
USHERS:	John N. & Christ H.	Dan M. & Bill H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Nick T., Gabi T., Dave & Darby S.	Nick M., Chris H., Mark Z.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin S, Mary T, Maria S, Christian L.	Mike L, Dave & Darby S, Steven M

Mark Your Calendar:

Meeting of Our Lord
February 2

Great Lent Begins
March 3

Annunciation of the Theotokos
March 25

Pascha
April 20

We live from Pascha to

HOME BLESSINGS

Please text Fr. Noah or Fr. James until a sign up system is communicated. Thank you!

JANUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION:
Oral Care Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of the Holy Land and Syria Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Eustathia +Brian-Costantine (January Parish Diptychs)
Nl. Timothy, Emilia, Ana, Juliana, Constantine, Joshua, Gabriel, Anna, Olga, Anne, Michael, Michael, Photini, Philip.	+George +Predrag +Mimi +Helen +Christopher
Doris John James Steve Tatiana	+Nagib - Reader Maxim. +Julia +Nicole
Elias Paraskevi Elizabeth Peter Mary John Anna Sophia	<u>Catechumens</u> Lucretia Andrew Ryan Michael Kassandra Rose Jasper Bryson Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Carol Morgan Meghan John Steven Bobby Liara Asher Sarah
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries Nathan, John, & all seminarians	
Those searching for spouses Engaged Couples	
Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers New mothers and their babies	

The people of our land, and for their

This Week (Office open everyday):

- Mon, Jan 13: Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, 6:30
- Tues, Jan 14: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Jan 15: Confession, 6:00 p.m.
Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Discussion Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Jan 16: Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Revelation Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Jan 17: Confessions - 6:00 p.m.
Paraklesis - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Jan 18: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Jan 19: **ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 a.m.**

Stewardship 2025

You can still pledge for 2025: cards in the narthex or www.st-philip.net/stewardship. Your generosity is necessary for the health of your soul and our parish. All parishioners should have a MINISTRY, if you don't have one please talk to Jake or Fr Noah. **Constant Needs:**

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 1/4: 68

Liturgy 1/5: 225
Theophany: 71

OFFERINGS 1/5: Candles, \$281. Collections, \$912. Book Shelf Ministry, \$136. Classical School, \$233. Choir, \$50. Teen Fund, \$1,500. Crafty Kids, \$100. Pastoral Discretion, \$146.03. Stewardship, \$5,710.68. Total received: \$9,093.71

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!