

Saint Macarius the Great January 19

Saint Macarius the Great was from the Thebaid of Egypt, a disciple of Saint Anthony the Great. He was born about 331 and struggled in asceticism in the desert at Scete. Although young, he was called "the child elder" because of his great wisdom and austere manner of life. He was ordained presbyter and reposed in 391, at the age of sixty. There are fifty homilies ascribed to him.

It is said of Saint Macarius that he became as a god upon earth, for even as God protects the whole world, so did he cover the faults he saw as if he did not see them. Once he came back to his cell to find a thief taking his things and loading them on a camel. Macarius' non-possessiveness was so great that he helped the thief load the camel. When the camel refused to rise, Macarius returned to his cell and brought a small hoe, said that the camel wanted the hoe also, loaded it on, and kicked the camel telling it to get up. The camel obeyed Macarius' command, but soon lay down again, and would not move until everything had been returned to Macarius. His contemporary, Saint Macarius of Alexandria, was so called because he came from Alexandria and was therefore of that Greek-speaking colony; while Saint Macarius the Great is also called "of Egypt," that is, he belonged to the ancient race native to Egypt, the Copts.

Macarius withdrew into the wilderness where he spent sixty years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for the Kingdom of Heaven. When they asked him: "Why is he so thin when he eats and when he does not eat?" He responded: "From the fear of God." So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind of evil thoughts and his heart of evil desires that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working so that he even raised the dead from the graves.

His humility amazed both men and demons. A demon once said to him: "There is only one thing in which I am unable to overpower you. It is not in fasting; for I do not eat anything. It is not in vigils; for I never sleep." "But, what is it?" asked Macarius. "Your humility" answered the demon. Macarius often spoke to Paphnutius, his disciple: "Do not judge anyone and you will be saved." Macarius lived to be ninety-seven years old. Nine days before his death, St. Anthony and St. Pachomius appeared to him from the other world and informed him that he would die within nine days, which happened. Also, before his death, Macarius had a vision in which a cherubim revealed to him the blessed heavenly world, commended his effort and his virtue and said to him that he was sent to take his soul into the Kingdom of Heaven.

St. Macarius the Great: "The heart is but a small vessel; and yet dragons and lions are there, and there likewise are poisonous creatures and all the treasures of wickedness; rough, uneven paths are there, and gaping chasms. There also is God, there are the angels, there life and the Kingdom, there light and the apostles, the heavenly cities and the treasures of grace: all things are there."

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



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January 19, 2024

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST & TWELFTH
SUNDAY OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

MACARIUS THE GREAT OF EGYPT, MAKARIOS OF
ALEXANDRIA, MARK, BISHOP OF EPHEBUS,
MAKARIOS, HIERODEACON OF KALOGERA,
PATMOS, ARSENIUS OF CORFU, REMOVAL OF
THE HONORABLE RELICS OF SAINT GREGORY
THE THEOLOGIAN, BRANWALLADER, BISHOP OF
JERSEY

Tone 5 - Eothinon 8
Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 17:12-19

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT - Tone 1 - Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

TODAY:

- ✦ **ORTHROS & Confessions - 8:15 a.m.**
- ✦ Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy - 9:00 a.m.
- ✦ **Divine LITURGY - 9:30 a.m.**
- ✦ Memorial (Child & Tinjala) - 11:15 a.m.
- ✦ Coffee Hour & Sunday School following Liturgy
- ✦ Choir Rehearsal - 12:45 p.m.

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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 26):
COFFEE HOUR:	Child & Tinjala	Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gamble (Anastasios & Xenia Name Day)	Schneider (Calvin's Birthday)
USHERS:	Dan M. & Bill H.	Steve K. & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Nick M., Chris H., Mark Z.	Evan R., Zach W., Beraki H., Val H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Mike L., Dave & Darby S., Steve M.	Kendra Moody

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 Pascha

HOME BLESSINGS

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

Creative Arts Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 8 from 3:00-5:30
All children in **grade 1 through teens** to work on creating artwork to be submitted through the Archdiocese for the Creative Arts Festival.
Please see insert for more details.

JANUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Oral Care Products

Pray For:

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

This Week:

- Mon, Jan 20: Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Tues, Jan 21: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Jan 22: Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.
Patristics Discussion Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Jan 23: Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Revelation Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Jan 24: Akathist to St. Xenia, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Jan 25: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions, 7:00 p.m.
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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: Coffee Hosts, Sponsors, Church Cleaners, Holy Bread Bakers....

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 1/11:

Liturgy 11/12:

OFFERINGS 11/12: Candles, \$394. Collections, \$493.55 Book Shelf Ministry, \$175. Needy Fund, \$603.02. Camp Fund, \$50. Mission Chapel, \$150. Stewardship, \$4,753.51. Total received: \$6,658.06

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!