

## Venerable Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza (September 29)

Saint Theophanes the Merciful was an inhabitant of the Syrian city of Gaza. He was very kind and merciful. He took in vagrants, he helped the poor and the sick, and he spent all his substance on help for the needy, while he himself remained in want.



Saint Theophanes did not grieve at all over the loss of his property, but he lost his health, and sickness caused him great suffering. His body began to swell up, to rot, and to give off a stench. This ordeal he also endured in good spirit, giving thanks to God for all things.

A fierce storm raged while he was dying, and his wife grieved that she would not be able to give him proper burial. The saint comforted her: "Weep not, woman, for up to now the trial has lasted, but here comes help from the Merciful God, since in the hour of my death the storm will cease, by the will of God."

So it occurred: just as he gave up his soul to God, calmness prevailed. After death the body of Saint Theophanes became completely cleansed of wounds and decay and became fragrant, giving forth abundant healing myrrh.

Text & icon <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1026/09/29/102817-venerable-theophanes-the-merciful-of-gaza>

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



## ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**September 29, 2024**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LUKE

### COMMEMORATIONS:

CYRIACUS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE, MARTYR  
PETRONIUS, MALACHI THE NEW RIGHTEOUS  
MARTYR OF LINDOS, THEOPHANES THE  
MERCIFUL OF GAZA, DIONYSIOS I, PATRIARCH OF  
CONSTANTINOPLE

**Tone 5 - Eothion 3**

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

**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 FOR ST. KYRIAKOS OF PALESTINE -Tone 1** -Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Kyriakos, 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, 8:15 a.m.
- + Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
- + Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.

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Office Hours: Monday through 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 (Oct 6):
COFFEE HOUR:	Bagels	Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn. Justin	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	-----	Nancy Marze-Alfred Anthony
USHERS:	John N. & Tom A.	Steve K. & Chris H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Natalia M., Radu C., Mary T.	Catechumens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin S., Dale Y., Maria S.	Maggie E., Mike L., Dave & Darby

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Fall Retreat with Fr. John Bethancourt

October 12

*To register use the  
QR code below:*



#### Vigil & Liturgy for St. Raphael

November 1 & 2

#### Bishop Thomas Visit & Patronal Feast

November 13 & 14

#### Nativity Fast Begins

November 15

### SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Cleaning Products

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Faithful of the Holy Land	+Kh. Joyce
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(September Parish Diptychs)
Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea	+Helen
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Michael
Patrick	+Barry
Doris	+Helen
John	+Timothy
James	+George
Steve	+Constantine
Tatiana	+Victoria
Alexandra	
Zotikos	
Elias	
Anesia	
Paraskevi	
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u>
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	Lucretia
Engaged Couples	Andrew
Families trying to conceive	Ryan
Expectant mothers.	Michael
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Michael
	Kassandra
	Christian
	David, Darby, & Easton
	Rose
	Jasper
	Bryson
	Catherine
	Matthew
	Matthew
	Mary
	Carol
	Morgan
	Meghan
	John

**THANKS TO GOD AND OUR MANY DEDICATED PARISHIONERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL! PLEASE PRAY FOR MANY OF OUR GUESTS TO RETURN HUNGRY FOR THE ANCIENT CHRISTIAN FAITH.**

### This Week:

Mon, Sept 30:	<i>Office open</i> Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Tues, Oct 1:	<i>Office open</i> Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Wed, Oct 2:	<i>Office open</i> Confessions, 6:00 p.m. <b>Vespers, 6:30 p.m.</b> Revelation Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 3:	<i>Office open</i> <b>Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.</b> Patristic Reading 7:15 p.m.
Fri, Oct 4:	<i>Office open</i> Confessions, 6:00 p.m. <b>Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.</b>
Sat, Oct 5:	DIVINE LITURGY, 8:00 a.m. Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m. Parenting Class, 4:30 p.m. “Jesus We Missed” Book Group, 4:45 p.m. <b>Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.</b> Confessions, 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 9/21: 92

Liturgy 9/22: 217

OFFERINGS 9/22: Candles, \$407. Collections, \$732.93. Book Shelf Ministry, \$523.05 Building Fund, \$293. Camping, \$70. Crafty Kids, \$108. Pastoral Discretion, \$100. Women’s Fund, \$2,263 Stewardship, \$13,975. Total received: \$18,631.98.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**