

St. Nektarios of Aegina & Pentopolis

(Nov 9)

Saint Nectarius, born Anastasius Kephalas in 1846 in Thrace, came from a poor family but possessed deep faith and humility. As a boy in Constantinople, he once wrote a letter to Christ asking for shoes and an apron. A kind merchant, moved by his simple faith, secretly sent him money, which Anastasius gratefully received as a gift from “my little Christ.”

Later, during a storm at sea, Anastasius prayed and dipped his cross into the water three times, commanding, “Silence! Be still!” The storm ceased, and miraculously, his cross—lost to the waves—was found attached to the ship’s hull.



He became a monk in 1875, taking the name Lazarus, and later was ordained deacon and priest, receiving the name Nectarius. Renowned for holiness and learning, he was made Metropolitan of Pentapolis in Egypt. Envy and slander from other clergy led to his unjust removal. Homeless and despised, he endured suffering with patience, trusting God. Eventually he became director of the Rizarios Seminary in Athens, where he inspired generations of students and wrote many edifying books.

Desiring a life of prayer, he rebuilt the abandoned Holy Trinity Monastery on Aegina with his own hands and became the spiritual father of many nuns. He told them, “I am building a lighthouse for you, and God shall put a light in it that will shine to the world.”

In 1920, suffering from illness, he was taken to a poor hospital in Athens. When he reposed, his sweater touched a paralyzed man—who was instantly healed. Saint Nectarius’s body was found incorrupt years later, and countless miracles followed, especially healings of cancer.

A true modern saint, his life was a hymn of humility, forgiveness, and unshakable faith. Today, his relics on Aegina shine like the light of the lighthouse he promised—drawing the faithful to Christ.

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



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November 9, 2025

ST. NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA AND
PENTAPOLIS, THE WONDERWORKER
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

ONESIPHORUS AND PORPHYRIUS OF EPHESUS,
MATRONA, ABBESS OF CONSTANTINOPLE,
THEOKTISTI OF THE ISLE OF LESBOS, SYMEON THE
TRANSLATOR

Tone 5 - Eothinon 11

Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:41-56

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. NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA - Tone 1 - The offspring of Selyvria and the guardian of Aegina, the true friend of virtue who didst appear in the last years, O Nektarios, we faithful honor thee as a Godly servant of Christ, for thou pourest forth healings of every kind for those who piously cry out: Glory to Christ Who hath glorified thee. Glory to Him Who hath made thee wondrous. Glory to Him Who 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.**
- ✦ Trisagion Memorial: Rosamond Jacob, 10 year, 11:15 a.m.
- ✦ Coffee Hour & Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
- ✦ Choir Rehearsal - 12:30 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 (Nov. 16):
COFFEE HOUR: Hill/Jacob Memorial Lunch	Veterans Day Luncheon
PROSPHORA BREAD: Gabriela P. & Macrina L.	John C. & Heather T.
ALTAR CANDLES: - - -	Doris & Jim Eggers-Ceclia (Memory Eternal)
USHERS: Todd M. & Mike T.	Dan M. & Nick M.
CLEANING TEAM: Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky	Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Calvin S., Mary T., Gabriel M.	Morgan T., Mark Z., Rose N., Simon K.

Mark Your Calendar:

Stewardship 2026
Please make your pledge by November 14:
<https://tinyurl.com/stphilip2026>
We now have 31 pledges totaling \$130,920 or 29.3% of our stewardship goal.

Entrance of the Theotokos
November 21

Nativity/Advent Retreat
 Evangelism and Apologetics
 w/ Fr Timothy Hojnicky
November 22
 Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ynm63z4y>

St. Nicholas Vespers (Youth Choir) & Youth Activity
December 5

Feast of St. Nicholas
December 6
 Orthos 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am, Potluck 10:30 am

DEC/NOV OUTREACH
COLLECTION:
Turkeys & Hams

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria, and all the holy land	+Archpriest George
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Tamara
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	+Linnea
The leadership and community of St Justin Academy, our Mission Chapel, Hades Embittered and those who they reach out to.	+Helen
Louise-Ruth	(November Parish Diptychs)
Hieromonk Silouan	+Joseph
Charles	+Peter
Daria	+Ellen
George	+Evelyn
Sandra	+Ksenia
Ludmilla	+William
Catherine	+Elizabeth
Christine	
Maria	<u>Catechumens</u>
John	Ryan
James	Kassandra
James	Jasper
Steven	Matthew
Paraskevi	Mary
Alexander	Martin
Kh Hend, Maria, and Bethlehem and their families and all those in mourning	Meghan-Photini
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	John
Dn Nathan, Jacob, John, Irenaeus, Theophanes, Samuel, Darius & all seminarians and their families	Steven
Those searching for jobs, houses, & spouses	Robert
Courting, Engaged, & Newly-Crowned Couples	Liara
Families struggling to conceive	Asher
Expectant and new mothers and their babies	Sarah
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Andrew
	Carolyn
	Martin & Gabriella
	James
	Anthony
	Slavek
	Nevada
	Josiah, Casie,
	Ray, & Gwen
	John
	Michael
	Daniel, Eleanor,
	Amos, and
	Marigold
	Christopher & Naila
	Adaelle
	Jeff & Jasmine,
	Jackson, Jonah,
	Jayce & Jacob
	Andrew & Rebecca,
	Hannah, Miriam,
	Priscilla & Phoebe
	Hannah

This Week:

Mon, Nov 10:	Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m. Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Tues, Nov 11:	Bishop Thomas Visit Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m. St. Martin's Day Lantern Walk, 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Wed, Nov 12:	Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m. Festal Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m. FOCUS Norristown, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs, Nov 13:	Feast of St. Philip Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Festal Vespers, 4:00 p.m. Festal Vespers, 5:00 p.m. Hierarchical Liturgy, 6:00 p.m. Festal Meal w/ Bishop Thomas, 7:30 p.m. FOCUS: Aviator Park, 8:00 p.m.
Fri, Nov 14:	Nativity Fast Begins Confession (Text Fr. Noah), 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m. Teen Tea w/ Bishop Thomas, 7:30 p.m.
Sat, Nov 15:	Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast w/ Bishop Thomas, 9:30 a.m. Catechism Class, 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m. Book Study w/ Fr. James, 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers w/ Bishop Thomas, 6:00 p.m. Fasting Potluck w/ Bishop Thomas, 7:00 p.m. Confessions, 7:00 p.m. (Text Fr. Noah)
Sun, Nov 16:	Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m. Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: St. Raphael Vespers 10/31: : 104 Vespers 11/1: 129 Liturgy 11/2: 289 Mission Chapel 11/2: 58
OFFERINGS 11/2: Candles, \$404.21. Collections, \$1,051.43. Book Shelf Ministry, \$100. Teen Fund, \$748.11. Building Fund, \$68,019.11. Needy Fund, \$700. Pastoral Discretion, \$530.56. Stewardship, \$4,170.42. Total received: \$75,723.84

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!