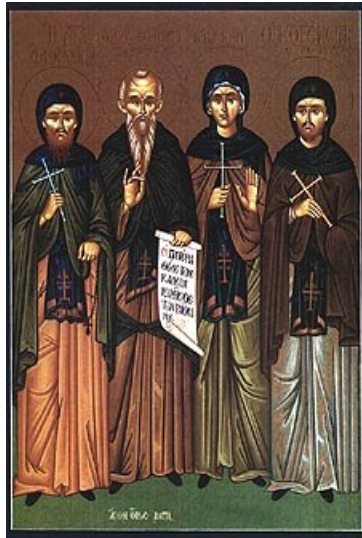


**Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople**  
(January 26)

Saint Xenophon, his wife Maria, and their sons Arcadius and John, were noted citizens of Constantinople and lived in the fifth century. Despite their riches and position, they distinguished themselves by their simplicity of soul and goodness of heart. Wishing to give their sons John and Arcadius a more complete education, they sent them off to the Phoenician city of Beirut.



By divine Providence the ship on which both brothers sailed was wrecked. The waves tossed the brothers ashore at different places. Grieved at being separated, the brothers dedicated themselves to God and became monks. For a long time the parents had no news of their children and presumed them to be dead.

Xenophon, however, already quite old, maintained a firm hope in the Lord and consoled his wife Maria, telling her not to be sad, but to believe that the Lord watched over their children. After several years the couple made a pilgrimage to the holy places, and at Jerusalem they met their sons, living in asceticism at different monasteries. The joyful parents gave thanks to the Lord for reuniting the family.

Saints Xenophon and Maria went to separate monasteries and dedicated themselves to God. The monks Arcadius and John, having taken leave of their parents, went out into the wilderness, where after long ascetic toil they were glorified by gifts of wonderworking and discernment. Saints Xenophon and Maria, laboring in silence and strict fasting, also received from God the gift of wonderworking.

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



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**January 26, 2025**

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF  
PENTECOST & FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
OF LUKE

**COMMEMORATIONS:**

VENERABLE XENOPHON, HIS WIFE, MARY, AND  
THEIR TWO SONS, ARKADIOS AND JOHN, OF  
CONSTANTINOPLE; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS  
OF VENERABLE THEODORE THE STUDITE

**Tone 6 - Eothion 9**

**Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31**

**Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 -** When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

**KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST - Tone 1 -** Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

**TODAY: Orthros, 8:15 a.m.**

*Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 am*

**Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.**

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m.

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