

# Veneration of the Holy Cross

(3rd Sunday of Great Lent)

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).



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A reflection from Fr. Thomas Hopko on the 3rd Sunday of Lent: "We cannot be saved unless we take it up. It's not enough to decorate the cross, carry the cross in procession, lift it up high, bless ourselves and each other with it, incense it with sweet-smelling incense, bow down in front of it, kiss it. Those are all wonderful things, but they exist only for one purpose: that we know that we are saved by it, by God, and that we would take it up."

**YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS** support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Flower offering envelopes are available on the literature table in the Narthex. Thank you!

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



## ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**March 23, 2025**

**VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS  
AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS**  
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

### COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY RIGHTEOUS MARTYR NICON AND HIS  
199 DISCIPLES, ANATOLIOS & PROTOLEON THE  
MARTYRS CONVERTED BY THE MARTYRDOM OF  
ST. GEORGE, LUKE THE NEW MARTYR OF  
MYTILENE

**Tone 6** - Eothion 6  
**Orthros Gospel:** St. Luke 24:36-53  
**Epistle:** Hebrews 4:14-5:6  
**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Mark 8:34-9:1

**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!

**APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS** - Tone 1 - O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

**TODAY:** Orthros, 8:15 a.m.  
Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 am  
Divine LITURGY, 9:30 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 (Mar 30):
COFFEE HOUR:	Popescu Family	Alem Family
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Gabi & Catalin T.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gamble-Winifred's 1st Birthday	<i>Please sign up on the hallway sheet</i>
USHERS:	John N. & Bill H.	Nick M. & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Nick M., Chris H., Mark Z.	Evan R., Zach W., Beraki H., Val H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin S., Mary T., Christian L.	Mike L., Dave & Darby S., Steven M.

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Hierarchical Divine Liturgy w/  
Metropolitan SABA**  
NEXT Sunday (3/30)  
Orthros, 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

**Choir Concert**  
April 6—1:30 to 2:30  
Passion & Resurrection of Christ  
Invite family and friends!

**Holy Thursday Foot Washing  
Liturgy (New Time!)**  
April 17 at 9:30 a.m.

**Holy Pascha**  
April 20, 2025  
We live from Pascha to Pascha!

#### **FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE BOXES**

Please take one of the Food For Hungry People collection boxes (available in the Narthex) to your home and at Pascha bring them back filled to help our archdiocese food distribution program.

#### MARCH OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Baby Care Items

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land	+Pani Susan +Paula +Evangelos
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Sabry-Joseph
Displaced faithful of Southern California.	(March Parish Diptychs)
Archpriest Joel	+Najib
Dn. Michael	+Lorraine
Denis-Patrick John	+Julia
Nun Sergeia	+Helen
Doris	+Dina
Michael	+Robert
John	+Adele
James	
Steven	
Paraskevi	<u>Catechumens</u>
Elizabeth	Lucretia
Michaela	Ryan
Nicholas	Michael
Elias	Kassandra
Mary	Rose
Genevieve	Jasper
	Catherine
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	Matthew
Nathan, John, Samuel & all seminarians	Matthew
	Mary
	Carol
Those searching for spouses	Morgan
Engaged Couples	Meghan
Families trying to conceive	John
Expectant mothers	Steven
New mothers and their babies	Bobby
T	Liara
	Asher
	Sarah
hose searching for jobs and housing	Andrew
	Caroline

The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity

## This Week:

**Mon, Mar 24:** Presanctified Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.  
Confessions, 8:30 a.m.  
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.  
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

**Tues, Mar 25:** **Annunciation to the Theotokos**  
Orthros, 8:15 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.  
Fasting Potluck (fish/wine/oil), 11:00 a.m.  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.  
Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

**Wed, Mar 26:** Confessions, 5:30 p.m.  
Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 p.m.  
Fasting Potluck, 8:00 p.m.

**Thurs, Mar 27:** Confessions, 11:30 a.m.  
Presanctified Liturgy, 12:00 p.m.  
Great Compline, 6:30 p.m.

**Fri, Mar 28:** Confessions, 9:00 a.m.  
Presanctified Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.  
Fasting Potluck, 11:00 a.m.  
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.  
Salutations to the Theotokos, 6:30 p.m.  
Confessions, 7:30 p.m.

**Sat, Mar 29:** Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.  
Prospora Baking Workshop, 10:00 a.m.  
Spring Cleaning, 10:00 a.m.  
Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.  
Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions, 7:00 p.m.

**Sun, Mar 30:** **St. John of the Ladder (4th Sunday of Lent)**  
ORTHROS & Confession, 9:00 a.m.  
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.  
HIERARCHIAL DIVINE LITURGY w/ Metr. SABA, 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:45 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers 3/15: 94                      Liturgy 3/16: 243  
Wed Presanctified: 94                      Fri Presanctified: 40

**OFFERINGS 3/16:** Candles, \$460.71    Collections, \$460.    Needy Fund, \$979.61.  
Book Shelf Ministry, \$60.    Food For Hungry, \$105.    Building Fund, \$400.    Pastoral Discretion, \$979.61.    Stewardship, \$1,480.42    Total received: \$48,044.83

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