

The Prophet Jonah

(September 21)

The Holy Prophet Jonah lived in the eighth century before Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. His short yet powerful book contains prophecies concerning God's judgment on Israel, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and even the end of the world. More than prophecy, however, it tells the dramatic story of Jonah himself, sent by God to preach repentance to the Ninevites, who responded with fasting and prayer and were spared (Jon. 3:3-10).



In the New Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ directly connects Jonah's story to His own saving work. When the scribes and Pharisees demanded a sign, He declared that no sign would be given except "the sign of the Prophet Jonah: for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Mt. 12:40). By these words Christ reveals the prophetic symbolism of Jonah—his descent into the depths and his deliverance prefigure the Lord's death on the Cross, His descent into Hades, and His Resurrection on the third day.

Christ also uses Jonah to confront the hardness of His generation. "The men of Nineveh will rise in judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed one greater than Jonah is here" (Mt. 12:41). The pagan Ninevites, who humbled themselves at the warning of a reluctant prophet, stand as a rebuke to those who, in the presence of the Incarnate Word Himself, refused to turn and believe.

Thus, the story of Jonah is more than ancient history. It is a living prophecy of Christ's Pascha and a summons to repentance, calling every generation to humility, contrition, and faith in the One greater than Jonah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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



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**LEAVE-TAKING OF & SUNDAY
AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS**

COMMEMORATIONS:

QUADRATUS THE APOSTLE, JONAH THE
PROPHET, ISAAKIOS & MELETIOS, BISHOPS OF
CYPRUS

Tone 6 - Eothinon 4
Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
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 OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - Tone 4 - 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, 11:15 a.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 (Sept 28)
COFFEE HOUR:	Potluck	Potluck
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child & Heather Taggart	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	Sidorochev-Michael's Birthday	- - -
USHERS:	TBD	TBD
CLEANING TEAM:	Nick T., Gabi T., Dave & Darby	Nick M., Chris H., Shirley D., Dylan H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Mike L, Dave & Darby, Steven M.	Calvin S., Mary T., Gabriel M.

Mark Your Calendar:

Mental Health Talk
October 11 at 10:00 am
Mental Health in the Modern World: An Orthodox Holistic Approach w/ Keith Eisenhuth

Vigil for St. Luke
October 17/18
 5pm: Holy Unction
 6:30: Festal Vespers
 8:30: Festal Orthros
 10:30: Divine Liturgy
 Midnight Festal Refreshments

Feast of St. Raphael
November 1

Bishop Thomas Visit
November 10-17

Nativity Fast Begins
November 15

Advent Retreat: Evangelism and Apologetics w/ Fr Timothy Hojnicky
November 22
 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:
 Cleaning Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria, and all the holy land	+Doris +Michael
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(September Parish Diptychs)
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	+Helen +Michael +Barry +Helen
St Justin Academy Mission Chapel	+Timothy +George +Jamoul
Tatiana	+Kh. Joyce Black
Bethlehem and her family	
Ludmilla	
Serge and Linea	
Catherine	
Christine	
Maria	<u>Catechumens</u>
John	Ryan
James	Kassandra
James	Jasper
Ulrik	Matthew
Steven	Mary
Paraskevi	Martin
Alexandra	Meghan-Photini
Alexander	John
Nectarios	Steven
	Robert
	Lira
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	Asher
	Sarah
Dn Nathan, Jacob, John, Irenaeus, Theophanes, Samuel, Darius & all seminarians and their families	Andrew
	Carolyn
Those searching for houses, spouses, & jobs	Martin & Gabriella
Courting, Engaged, & Newly-Crowned Couples	James
Families struggling to conceive	Anthony
Expectant and new mothers and their babies	Slavek
Those in mourning	Nevada
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Josiah, Casie & Ray
	John
	Michael
	Daniel
	Christopher and Naila
	Adaelle
	And our inquirers

This Week:

Mon, Sept 22:	Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m. Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Tues, Sept 23:	Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m. Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Wed, Sept 24:	Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m. Confessions, 6:00 p.m. Little Compline, 6:30 p.m. FOCUS Norristown, 7:00 p.m. Patristic Discussion, 7:15 p.m.
Thurs, Sept 25:	Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Confessions, 6:00 p.m. Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Bible Study (Fr. Noah), 7:15 p.m. FOCUS: Aviator Park, 8:00 p.m.
Fri, Sept 26:	Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m. Confession, 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Sat, Sept 27:	Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Catechism Class, 4:30 p.m. Book Study w/ Fr. James, 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions, 6:30 p.m.
Sun, Sept 28:	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: Vespers 9/13: 101 Liturgy 9/14: 252

MISSION CHAPEL: 8/17: 53, 8/24: 45, 8/31: 62, 9/7: 59, 9/14: 47

OFFERINGS 9/14: No numbers this week due to Festival Preparations.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!