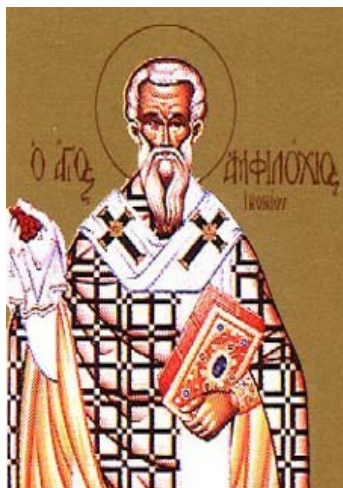


St. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium

November 23

Saint Amphilokhios, Bishop of Iconium, was born in Caesarea of Cappadocia around 340, a city that produced some of the greatest Fathers and teachers of the Orthodox Church. He first worked as a lawyer in Constantinople, but later devoted himself entirely to serving Christ. He was a friend of Saint Basil the Great, a relative of Saint Gregory the Theologian, and a devoted disciple of both.

Saint Amphilokhios labored diligently in Christ's vineyard, living in the wilderness as a strict ascetic for about forty years before the Lord called him to the episcopacy. He became the first Metropolitan of the new province of Lycaonia and often relied on Saint Basil for counsel and support in his pastoral work.



As a holy Archpastor, he fought against Arianism and other errors troubling the Church, especially defending the Divinity of the Holy Spirit against the heresy of Macedonius. Saint Basil dedicated his treatise On the Holy Spirit to Bishop Amphilokhios. Besides demonstrating the Spirit's Divinity and equality with the Father and the Son, this work also defends the Church's ancient unwritten traditions, such as making the Sign of the Cross, praying while facing East, and refraining from kneeling on Sundays.

For many years Saint Amphilokhios tended the flock of Iconium faithfully. His prayer was so fervent that he often called upon the Lord to heal the physical and spiritual infirmities of his people. He was also a gifted writer and preacher, guiding his flock along the path of salvation. A firm Orthodox theologian, he fought relentlessly against Arian and Eunomian teachings. He participated in the Second Ecumenical Council in 381 and helped lead the Church's struggle against the heresy of Macedonius. Although only a small number of his writings survive, eight of his homilies remain, including the oldest known homily on the Meeting of the Lord (February 2).

Saint Amphilokhios departed peacefully to the Lord in 394. Portions of his Holy Relics are preserved at Saint Panteleimon Monastery on Mount Athos, at Kykkos Monastery in Cyprus, and at the Benaki Museum in Athens.

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



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November 23, 2025

NINTH SUNDAY OF
LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

AMPHILOCHIUS, BISHOP OF ICONIUM,
GREGORY, BISHOP OF AGRIGENTUM,
DIONYSIOS, PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE, ISCHYRION, BISHOP OF
EGYPT, AFTERFEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE
THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE, SISINIOS THE
CONFESSIONER

Tone 7 - Eothinon 2

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 12:16-21

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS - Tone 4 - Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

TODAY:

Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School following Liturgy

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 30):

COFFEE HOUR: Tegeste

St. Andrei Romanian Coffee Hour

PROSPHORA BREAD: Gabi & Catalin Tinjala

Gabi & Catalin Tinjala

ALTAR CANDLES: Chebeleu-Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

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USHERS: Steven Kulp & Radu Chebleu

Nick Muzekari & Todd Moody

CLEANING TEAM: Nick T., Gabi T., Dave & Darby S.

Nick M., Chris H., Shirley D., Dylan H.

COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Kendra M., Matt S., Anthony V., John J.

Carolyn K., Eric M., Anders K., Liara M.

Mark Your Calendar:

St. Nicholas Vespers (Youth Choir) & Youth Activity
December 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

Feast of St. Nicholas
December 6

Orthos 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy
9:30 am, Potluck 10:30 am

International Cookie Walk
December 13

11:00 a.m. until the cookies sell out!

Nativity Services
December 24

- ✦ 7:30 am: Royal Hours
 - ✦ 9:30 am: Vespers Liturgy of St Basil
 - ✦ 9:00 pm: Festal Orthros
 - ✦ 10:30 pm: Divine Liturgy
- December 25 - Christ is Born!*
- ✦ 12:00 pm: Great Vespers

NOV/DEC OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

Pray For:

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

This Week:

Mon, Nov 24:

Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
PC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tues, Nov 25:

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.

Wed, Nov 26:

Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
Confessions, 6:00 p.m. (text Fr. Noah)
Akathist: Glory to God, 6:30 p.m.
FOCUS Norristown, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs, Nov 27:

Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.

Fri, Nov 28:

Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Confessions, 6:00 p.m. (text Fr. Noah)
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Nov 29:

Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m.
Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m..
Confessions, 7:00 p.m. (Text Fr. Noah)

Sun, Nov 30:

Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour (No Church School), 11:15 am
Romanian Families Memorial, 11:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.

Stewardship 2026

Please make your pledge: <https://tinyurl.com/stphilip2026>
We now have 53 Stewardship pledges totaling \$248,728 or 55.7% of our goal.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 11/15: 88

Liturgy 11/16: 264

Liturgy for Entrance 11/20: 222

OFFERINGS 11/16: Candles, \$448. Collections, \$1,769.08. Book Shelf, \$438. Building Fund, \$50,760.04. Mission Chapel, \$3,003. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship, \$11,511.04. Total received: \$71,967.85.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!