

## Venerable Patapius of Thebes (December 8)

Saint Patapius was born at Thebes into a pious Christian family. Reaching the age of maturity, he scorned the vanity of this world, and so he went into the Egyptian desert where he became known for his ascetic deeds. Though he wished to live in silence, people began coming to him for advice.



To every tired pilgrim who visited his cell, he offered rest and hospitality, as well as spiritual instructions and profitable counsel for the salvation of one's soul. The Saint's reputation spread quickly, and every day many arrived at his cell in order to hear these beneficial instructions from his lips.

Later, he went to Constantinople, where he had a cell by the city wall, near the Blachernae church. But even here, he soon became known. The infirm started to gather around Patapius, and because he had been granted the gift of healing, he helped all those in need.

Once a certain woman was afflicted by the terrible disease of cancer. She was in constant pain, and it reached her heart, so that she was near death. The doctors could not help her. Therefore, she came to Saint Patapius and fell at his feet, begging him to heal her.

The Saint answered, "If you have faith in the Lord, and have no doubt that you shall be healed, then let it be done according to your faith."

Sighing from the depths of her soul, she said, "I believe, O Lord that You know all things which are hidden and unknown, and that You are all-powerful. Therefore, have mercy on me and heal me."

Then the Saint asked the woman to let him see the effects of her distress. When he saw the ravages of the disease, he was struck with awe, saying, "Your affliction is indeed great, and difficult to cure. Go in peace, for you shall not suffer anymore." As soon as he said this, the woman was healed and went home rejoicing and glorifying God. She told of this miracle everywhere, and praised Saint Patapius.

After a life adorned with virtue and miracles, Saint Patapius fell asleep in the Lord and was buried in the church of Saint John the Baptist.

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## December 8, 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST & TENTH  
SUNDAY OF LUKE

### COMMEMORATIONS:

FOREFEAST OF THE CONCEPTION BY ST. ANNA OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, PATAPIUS THE RIGHTEOUS OF THEBES, SOSTHENES, APOLLO, CEPHAS, TYCHIKOS, EPAPHRODITOS, CAESAR, & ONESIPHOROS, APOSTLES OF THE 70

**Tone 7** - Eothinon 2

**Orthros Gospel:** St. Mark 16:1-8

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:14-22

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Luke 13:10-17

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION** - 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!

**KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY** - Tone 3 - On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

### TODAY:

**ORTHROS 8:15 a.m.**

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

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

Coffee Hour & Sunday School following Liturgy

Caleb's Sing-Along & Concert, 12:45 p.m.

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**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

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 (Dec 15):
COFFEE HOUR:	Ukraine Donation Lunch	Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	<i>Altar Candles are give to the glory of God - Please Sign Up</i>	
USHERS:	John N. & Radu C.	TBD
CLEANING TEAM:	Catechumens	Todd & Kristi M. & Kim B.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin S., Dale Y., Maria S., Christian L.	Maggie E., Mike L., Dave & Darby S.,

Mark Your Calendar:

Christmas Services

**December 24:**

8:00 am: *Royal Hours*  
9:30 am: *Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil*

9:30 pm: *Festal Orthros*  
11:00 pm: *Divine Liturgy*

**December 25:**

12:00 pm: *Great Vespers*

Theophany

**January 5:**

Theophany Fast

8:15 am *Orthros*  
9:30 am *Divine Liturgy*  
11:15 am: *Great Blessing of Water*  
6:00 pm: *Great Vespers*

**January 6:**

8:30 am: *Orthros*  
9:30 am: *Divine Liturgy*  
11:00 am: *Great Blessing of Water*

Christmas Pageant

December 22 after Coffee Hour  
(12:30 pm)

Rehearsal is December 21 from 4:00-5:30 pm

NOV/DEC OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Thanksgiving & Christmas  
Dinner Items

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Faithful of the Holy Land	+Archpriest Michael
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Marius
Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea	+Monk Michael (December Parish Diptychs)
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Joseph
Michael	+Richard
Patrick	+Mary
Doris	+Demetrios
John	+Katherine
James	+Nicholas
Steve	+Gabremariam
Andrew	+Assaad
Tatiana	+Doris
Elias	+Michael
Paraskevi	+Barbara
Eustathia	+Fred-Andrew
Xenia	
Ludmilla	<u>Catechumens</u>
Jonathan	Lucretia
Elizabeth	Andrew
Peter	Ryan
Mary	Michael
	Michael
	Kassandra
	David, Darby, & Easton
	Rose
	Jasper
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries	Bryson
	Catherine
	Matthew
Nathan, John, & all seminarians	Matthew
Engaged Couples	Mary
Families trying to conceive	Carol
Expectant mothers	Morgan
	Meghan
	John
	Julie
	Steven
	Bobby
	Timothy & Kristen and children Eliana,
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Adalyn,
	Benjamin,
	Joshua

This Week:

Mon, Dec 9: Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.  
Bible Study w/ Dn. Luke, 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Dec 10: Divine Liturgy, 5:00 a.m.  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

Wed, Dec 11: Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.  
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.  
Vespers, 6:30 p.m.  
*Galatians Bible Study w/ Fr. Noah, 7:15 p.m.*

Thurs, Dec 12: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.  
12 Baskets Full Serving Night, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec 13: Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.  
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.  
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.  
Teen Tea w/ Fr. Noah, 7:30 p.m.

Sat, Dec 14: DIVINE LITURGY, 8:00 a.m.  
Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.  
Parenting Class, 4:30 p.m.  
Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 15: ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m.  
*Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9 a.m.*  
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m.

Stewardship 2025

*Your Tithe is beneficial to your soul and our parish.*  
Please make your pledge with the cards in the narthex or online at [st-philip.net/stewardship](http://st-philip.net/stewardship) or with the QR code.



ATTENDANCE: Vespers 11/30: 96      Liturgy 12/1: N/A  
Festal Vespers: 101      Festal Liturgy: 74  
OFFERINGS 12/1: Candles, \$227.75      Collections, \$1,203.07.      Book Shelf Ministry, \$74.      Flowers, \$25.      Pastoral Discretion, 222.52.      Classical Fund (SJA), \$320.      Hospitality Fund, \$75.      Mission Chapel, \$45.      Stewardship, \$6,185.      Total received: \$8,377.97.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!