

WELCOME TO
SAINT NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, November 14th, 2021

The Holy Apostle Philip & Eighth Sunday of Luke – Tone 4/Eothonon 10

Today's Hymns and Readings

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Philip the Apostle Tone 3: O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Troparion of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker: In truth you were revealed to your flock, as a rule of faith, a model of meekness and a teacher of self-control. Therefore, you have won the heights by humility, riches by poverty. Holy father Bishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of Entrance of the Theotokos Tone 4: The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

Trisagion Hymn:

English: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal. Have mercy on us.

Arabic: Qudduson ullah, Qudduson ulqawi, Qudduson ullahdhi, la yamut urhamna.

Greek: Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal have mercy on us. With strength!

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The Epistle

(For St. Philip the Apostle)

His voice has gone out unto all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has revealed us, the apostles, last of all, as those appointed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are glorified, but we are dishonored. Even to this present hour we both hunger and thirst; we are naked, and are buffeted, and are restless; and we labor, working with our own hands. While reviled, we bless; while persecuted, we endure; while blasphemed, we exhort; we have become the filth of the world and the off-scouring of all things, even until now. I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children; for though you have a myriad of tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for I begat you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I beseech you, therefore, be imitators of me.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



Today We Commemorate the Holy Apostle Philip

The Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip was a native of the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. He awaited the coming of the Messiah and through the call of the Savior, Philip followed him.

After the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostle Philip preached the Word of God in Galilee, accompanying his preaching with miracles. He restored to life a dead infant in the arms of its mother. From Galilee he went to Greece and preached among the Jews that had settled there. He was reported by some and so some scribes arrived from Jerusalem, along with one of the Jewish chief priests to interrogate him. The Apostle Philip exposed the lie of the chief priest, who said that the disciples of Christ had stolen away and hidden the body of Christ. Philip told instead how the Pharisees had bribed the soldiers on watch to deliberately spread this rumor. When the Jews tried to insult the Lord and attack Philip, they were suddenly struck blind. By his prayer, the Apostle restored everyone's sight and many of them believed in Christ. He provided a bishop for them by the name of Narcissus who is commemorated on January 4th.


From Greece, Philip traveled to Parthia, Azotus, Syrian Hierapolis, and then Phrygian Hierapolis. There were many pagan temples there, but one in particular was where a large serpent was worshipped. The Apostle Philip, by the power of prayer, killed the serpent and healed many bitten by snakes. Among those healed was the wife of the city prefect, Amphipatos. After learning that she and many others had turned to Christianity, he ordered Philip and the Apostle Bartholomew to be crucified.

Suddenly an earthquake struck and knocked down all those present at the place of judgement. Hanging upon the cross, Philip prayed for those who had crucified him, asking God to save them from the earthquake. The people demanded for Philip and Bartholomew to be let down. Philip died on the cross, while Bartholomew survived and baptized everyone there and established for them a bishop. Mariamne his sister, buried Philip's body and went with Bartholomew to preach in Armenia, where the Apostle Bartholomew was crucified (June 11); Mariamne herself then preached until her own death at Lykaonia.

Parish Treasury Report

2021	October 2021	YTD
Income:	\$18,627.96	\$157,775.26
Expense:	\$17,869.72	\$152,077.49

11/3/2021 Checkbook: \$51,796.97 Mortgage: \$110,679.11



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Welcome to our church community! We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God our creator to worship and follow Him, and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.