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Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers
Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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NOVEMBER 14, 2021

21TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY AND ALL-PRAISED
APOSTLE PHILIP



The Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip was a native of the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. He had a profound depth of knowledge of the Holy Scripture, and rightly discerning the meaning of the Old Testament prophecies, he awaited the coming of the Messiah. Through the call of the Savior (John 1:43), Philip followed Him. The Apostle Philip is spoken about several times in the Holy Gospel: he brought to Christ the Apostle Nathaniel (i.e. Bartholomew, April 22, June 30, and August 25. See John. 1:46). The Lord asks him where to buy bread for five thousand men (John.

6: 5-7). He brought certain of the Hellenized Jews wanting to see Jesus (John. 12:21-22); and finally, at the Last Supper he asked Christ to show them the Father (John. 14:8).

After the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostle Philip preached the Word of God in Galilee, accompanying his preaching with miracles.

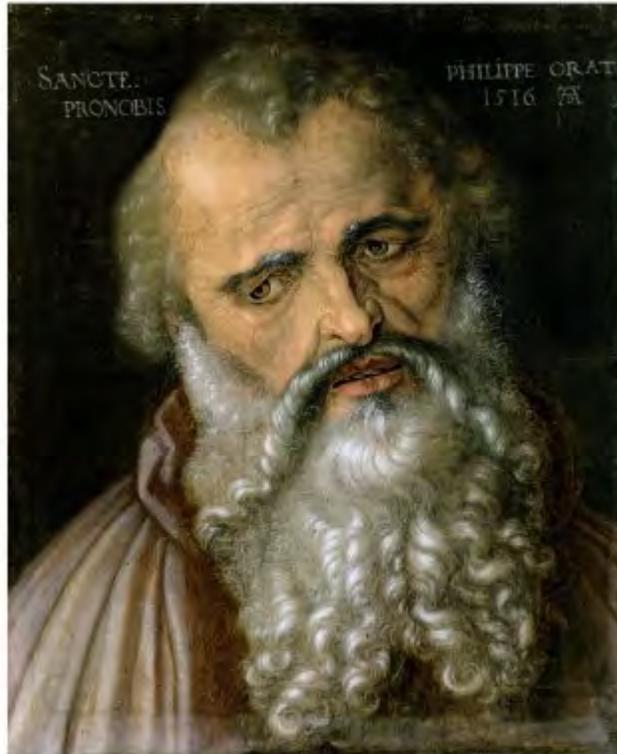
Thus, he restored to life a dead infant in the arms of its mother. From Galilee he went to Greece, and preached among the Jews that had settled there. Some of them reported the preaching of the Apostle to Jerusalem. In response, some scribes arrived in Greece from Jerusalem, with one of the Jewish chief priests at their head, to interrogate the Apostle Philip.

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 Jewish chief priest and his companions began to insult the Lord and lunged at the Apostle Philip, they suddenly were struck blind. By his prayer the Apostle restored everyone's sight. Seeing this miracle, many believed in Christ. The Apostle Philip provided a bishop for them, by the name of Narcissus (one of the Seventy Apostles, January 4).

From Greece the Apostle Philip went to Parthia, and then to the city of Azotus, where he healed an eye affliction of the daughter of a local resident named Nikoklides, who had received him into his home, and then baptized his whole family.

From Azotus the Apostle Philip set out to Syrian Hieropolis (there were several cities of

this name) where, stirred up by the Pharisees, the Jews burned the house of Heros, who had taken in the Apostle Philip, and they wanted to kill the apostle. The apostle performed several miracles: the healing of the hand of the city official Aristarchus, withered when he attempted to strike the apostle; and restoring a dead child to life. When they saw these marvels, they repented and many accepted holy Baptism. After making Heros the bishop at



Hieropolis, the Apostle Philip went on to Syria, Asia Minor, Lydia, Emessa, and everywhere preaching the Gospel and undergoing sufferings. Both he and his sister Mariamne (February 17) were pelted with stones, locked up in prison, and thrown out of villages.

Then the Apostle Philip arrived in the city of Phrygian Hieropolis, where there were many pagan temples. There was also a pagan temple where people worshiped an enormous serpent as a god. 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. Having learned that his wife had accepted Christianity, the prefect Amphipatos gave orders to arrest Saint Philip, his sister, and the Apostle Bartholomew traveling with them. At the urging of the pagan priests of the temple of the serpent, Amphipatos ordered the holy Apostles Philip and Bartholomew to be crucified.

Suddenly, an earthquake struck, and it knocked down all those present at the place of judgment. Hanging upon the cross by the pagan temple of the serpent, the Apostle Philip prayed for those who had crucified him, asking God to save them from the ravages of the earthquake. Seeing this happen, the people believed in Christ and began to demand that the apostles be taken down from the crosses. The Apostle Bartholomew was still alive when he was taken down, and he baptized all those believing and established a bishop for them.

But the Apostle Philip, through whose prayers

everyone remained alive, except for Amphilatos and the pagan priests, died on the cross.

Mariamne his sister buried his body, and went with the Apostle Bartholomew to preach in Armenia, where the Apostle Bartholomew was crucified (June 11); Mariamne herself then preached until her own death at Lykonia.

The holy Apostle Philip is not to be confused with Saint Philip the Deacon (October 11), one of the Seventy.

It's up! **The Merrick House Angel Tree** is in the foyer. If you'd like to participate, PLEASE sign your name and the child's name on the sheet. Gift amount is set at \$40 per child. ALL gifts need to be at church no later than Sunday Dec. 5. A pre-pandemic style distribution is planned at Merrick House on Thursday Dec. 9 at 6:30 (masks currently required). All are welcome to attend. Thank you for your continued generosity to less fortunate children. God bless each of you. Any questions, please see Dan Morris. I'll provide updates as appropriate.



FASTING RULES PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 33 OF THE TYPICON

"It is fitting to know that tomorrow we begin the fast for the Nativity of Christ, the holy forty days. During these forty days fish is permitted on all Saturdays and Sundays, except 20 and 21 December. Fish is permitted on the following weekdays: 21 Nov (Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple), 25 Nov (Leavetaking/Oddanije of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple), 4 Dec (Great-martyr Barbara), 9 Dec (Conception of the Theotokos).

Wine and oil are permitted on all Tuesdays and Thursdays and also permitted on the following weekdays: 24 Nov Dec (Great-martyr Catherine), 5 Dec (Venerable Sabbas), 12 Dec (St. Spyridon), 17/30 Dec (Prophet Daniel).

TODAY IS A SANDWICH SUNDAY

Today, Sunday the 14th, we will be making sandwiches for St. Herman House during Coffee Hour.

THE NATIVITY FAST

From Fr. Jan

This Monday we begin our preparation for the Nativity of our Lord, or, we might say, our journey to Bethlehem. The Parable from the Sunday Gospel says that a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. This is a symbol of man's fall as we know. Jerusalem is the place of peace, it is a symbol of unity with God. Jericho, on the other hand, is a place of sin. When a man departed from Jerusalem, it means that he left God and decided to live in Jericho, according to his own way. Even though we identify with the beaten man, we must admit that we are not "in Jerusalem," in this holy condition of our soul. If we were there, than we would perfectly live with God, according to His holy will and commandments. We start the Nativity journey tomorrow, because we are in Jericho, in that sinful state. This is our journey from our sins to our holiness, to the heavenly Jerusalem. Everyone who decides to leave his sinful passions, anger, greed, envy, gluttony behind and decides to go up, can expect difficulties. Temptations, tiredness, discouragement, lack of motivation, anger... God through all these struggles will purify our soul. There will be thieves, demons, who will attack us on your way to God. Those who spiritually beat us up, and discourage us, who leave us spiritually half dead, people who upset us, make us angry, or discourage us even more, but God will be close to help.

The very first step we can make is fasting and prayer, practiced with humility and repent-

ance. We are learning to temper the body's desire for food, and other worldly desires can be tempered as well. Through this practice we are better enabled to draw closer to God in the hope of becoming more Christ-like. While the fast influences the body, primarily we focus on the spiritual aspect of the fast rather than just a physical. The body and the soul are connected, so what happens to one affects the other. The church teaches that it is not enough to fast from food; one must also fast from anger, greed and envy. In addition to fasting, almsgiving is also emphasized. What could we specifically do? Spend at least 15 minutes in the morning and evening in prayer each day, receive the Mystery of Confession, fast from certain foods and reduce forms of entertainment (television, radio, internet, etc.), strengthen our alms giving, purchase gifts for homeless or needy children or families.

The Canon of Matins for the Nativity says it very clearly: 'He establishes a path for us, whereby we may mount up to heaven'. The Nativity is not only about God's coming down to us, but about our rising up to Him, just as sinful humanity was lifted up into the person of Christ in the Incarnation itself.

Three wise man who were journeying to Bethlehem followed the Star because they didn't know the way. This is what we need, to follow the star, the Gospel, and this will bring us from the sin to the King, from Jericho to Jerusalem.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason.

He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com

The Cathedral chapter of the FOCA will again be supporting the St. Nicholas Day Project of the national organization. The goal of this project is to collect gift cards for seminarian families from St. Herman's (Alaska), St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's seminaries. While you shop, we ask that you consider picking up a gift card in the amount of \$10 or more from Walmart, Amazon, Kohls or Target. In the past, this project has been very successful and the families have been grateful for the assistance it provides. It is necessary to have the gift cards by Nov. 28 to distribute them on time. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Leon or Barb Sheean by phone 216 371-1173 or email b.sheean@att.net.

Boys' Night Out is Tonight!

Boys' Night Out is tonight, Nov 14th at 5:00PM

at Heck's Café in Ohio City!

Link: <https://www.hecksafe.com/>

Heck's Ohio City * 2927 Bridge Ave. Cleveland Ohio 44113

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Church School meets at 4:45-5:45PM on the following dates:

December 4, 2021

March 5, 2022

May 7, 2022

February 5, 2022

April 2, 2022

June 4, 2022

Due to the pandemic, and our financial position last year, we suspended the Food Pantry bags for **Merrick House** (20 bags of groceries for their Moms First program). There are envelopes in the foyer specifically for this, or you can earmark a special offering envelope for the Merrick House Food Pantry. Please consider 'sponsoring a bag' for \$10.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Dan Morris

FAITH ENRICHMENT

Thursdays at 11:00 AM, Classes are held in the hall by the cathedral.

Contact Subdeacon Leon at 440 666-7601, or Reader Paul Pangrace at 440 884-3115.

We hope to see you there!

Searching the SCRIPTURES

Celebrate the landmark **Jesus Christ Series** (SVS Press) with author **Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev** and top biblical scholars presenting their latest research.



November 11-12, 2021

Attend in person or
online

www.svots.edu/events



Theotokos of Vladimir

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD OF GREATER CLEVELAND UNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION

*"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1*

NOTE: Date Change

**Saturday, November 20, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

**BUNA VESTIRE ORTHODOX CHURCH
7140 Fitch Road
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138**

- ♥ **Fellowship and Lenten Refreshments** Prepared by Ladies of Buna Vestire
- ♥
- ♥ **Fall Fundraiser** update
- ♥
- ♥ **Distribute gifts** for Nursing Home and shut-in parishioners
- ♥
- ♥ **Topic: "Christ's Second Advent" – He is coming back here!** Question and Answer Discussion with Father Andrew Harmon from St. Matthew the Evangelist Orthodox Church



Virtual National Youth Retreat & Tour

“Where Saints Have Walked”

A Visit to America’s Oldest Monastery

A gathering of Orthodox Youth in grades K-12

Friday November 26, 2021

100-4:00pm (EST) via Zoom

Join our Retreat Leaders:

Archimandrite Sergius and the Monastery Brotherhood

As they share the history of Saint Tikhon’s monastery and the lives of the many holy men and women who lived there while following Christ.

Advance Registration Required by November 21, 2021

To register go to our registration page at

<https://forms.gle/UrUgGMQjFGsuTz8M9>

or visit our website www.orthodoxfellowship.org

Free-will donations in place of registration fees can be made at

<https://sttikhonsmonastery.org/files/donate/>



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PRAYER REQUESTS

11/14/2021

Departed:

Alexander Chernushin

Fr. Maximos

Andrei Koletaev

Daria

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Protodeacon Dan Boerio

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Jennifer Boerio

Reader Frank Tkacz

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Mary Kay Weber

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Alexander Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Michael Novail (*friend of Subdeacon Leon*)

Child Benjamin Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

Arlene Czajkowski

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Maggie Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Child Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Michael Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

Michelle Blocksom (*Cindy & Nisi's cousin*)

Ron Latare (*friend of Ken*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Maggie Parhamovich (*sister in law of Karen Felon*)

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Michael Novak (*friend of Darrell & Karen Felon*)

Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Robby Prock (*son of Marshall*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by
emailing them to

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 14

John 21:1-14
 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
 John 1:43-51
 Galatians 2:16-20
 Luke 10:25-37

Monday, November 15

Colossians 2:13-20
 Luke 14:12-15

Tuesday, November 16

1 Peter 1:1-2:6
 1 Peter 2:21-3:9
 1 Peter 4:1-11
 John 21:15-25

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 9:9-13
 Colossians 2:20-3:3
 Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday, November 17

Colossians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 15:1-10

Thursday, November 18

Colossians 4:2-9
 Luke 16:1-9

Friday, November 19

Colossians 4:10-18
 Luke 16:15-18, 17:1-4

Saturday, November 20

2 Corinthians 5:1-10
 Luke 9:57-62

Sunday, November 21

Composite 17 - Exodus 40
 Composite 18 - 3 [1] Kings 7, 8
 Ezekiel 43:27-44:4
 Luke 1:39-49, 56
 Galatians 6:11-18
 Luke 12:16-21
 Hebrews 9:1-7
 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate>
 Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



Sunday, Nov 14

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour to follow

Monday, Nov 15

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias,
 Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa
6:00 PM Akathist to Jesus Christ

Tuesday, Nov 16

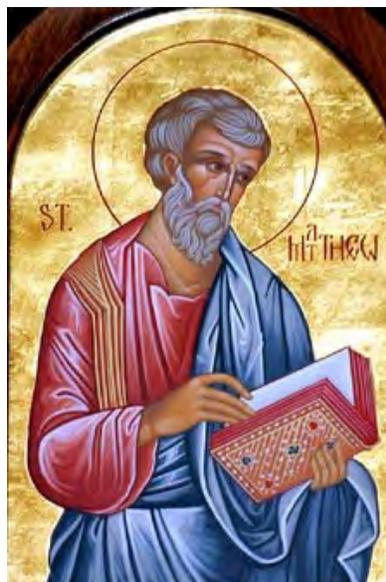
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Nov 17

St. Gregory, Wonderworker of Neo-Cæsarea

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2021



Thursday, Nov 18
 Martyr Plato of Ancyra

Friday, Nov 19
 Prophet Obadiah

Saturday, Nov 20
 Forefeast of the Entry Into the Temple of
 the Most-holy Theotokos
 Great Vespers 6:00 PM

Sunday, Nov 21
22nd Sunday After Pentecost
**The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos
 into the Temple**
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour to follow