

January 21, 2018

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

Virginmartyr Agnes of Rome

The holy Virgin Martyr Agnes was born at Rome during the third century. Her parents were Christians and they raised her in the Christian Faith. From her youth she devoted herself to God, and dedicated herself to a life of virginity, refusing all other suitors.

When she refused to enter into marriage with the son of the city official Symphronius, one of his associates revealed to him that Agnes was a Christian. The wicked Eparch decided to subject the holy virgin to shame and he ordered that she be stripped and sent to a brothel for disdaining the pagan gods. But the Lord would not permit the saint to suffer shame. As soon as she was disrobed, long thick hair grew from her head covering her body. An angel was also appointed to guard her. Standing at the door of the brothel, he shone with a heavenly light which blinded anyone who came near her.

The son of the Eparch also came to defile the virgin, but fell down dead before he could touch her. Through the fervent prayer of Saint Agnes, he was restored to life. Before his father and many other people he proclaimed, "There is one God in the heavens and on earth: the Christian God, and the other gods are but dust and ashes!" After seeing this miracle, 160 men believed in God and were baptized, and then suffered martyrdom.

Saint Agnes, at the demand of the pagan priests, was given over to torture. They tried to burn her as a witch, but the saint remained unharmed in the fire, praying to God. After this they killed her by stabbing her in the throat. Through her death at the age of thirteen, Saint Agnes escaped everlasting death and inherited eternal life. The holy virgin martyr was buried by her parents in a field they owned outside of Rome.

Many miracles occurred at the grave of Saint Agnes. Her holy and grace-filled relics rest in the church built in her honor, along the Via Nomentana.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/01/21/100255-virginmartyr-agnes-of-rome>



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



ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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COMMEMORATIONS:

VENERABLE MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR
MARTYR NEOPHYTOS OF NICAEA
VENERABLE ZOSIMAS, BISHOP OF SYRACUSE IN
SICILY
VENERABLE MAXIMOS THE GREEK OF RUSSIA

Tone 8 - Eothinon 11
Matins Gospel: St. John 21:14-25
Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ST. MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR - Tone 8 - Thou hast shown thyself, O God-inspired Maximos, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity; O star of the universe and companion of the bishops, O wise one. Through thy light thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the spirit. Therefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am
Welcome, Fr. Witalis!

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week:
PROSPHORA BREAD:	BethAnn H./Carolyn K.	Justin G./Mary Lynne B.
EPISTLE READER:	Joe Kyriakos	Rdr Nicholas
ALTAR CANDLES:	Fr. Noah (St. Nina feast day)	Fr. Noah (blessed pilgrimage)
GREETERS:	Don & Maryann Reigle	Michael & Helen H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Teens	Olena, Mary, Tadesse
COFFEE HOUR:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	Gohl/Moore/Gula

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. **Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.**

Coffee Hour sponsors needed! Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these Ministries!

Mark Your Calendar:

HOUSE BLESSINGS - Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Thursday, February 1 - Vespers & Artoklasia, 7 pm

Friday, February 2 - Matins & Liturgy w/ Candle blessing, 9 am

Great Lent Begins

Monday, February 19 - Clean Monday

Choir Concert

Sunday, March 11, 1 pm

Lenten Retreat - "A Christian Ending"

Saturday, March 17

Pascha

Sunday, April 8

SAINT PHILIP'S is a place of prayer and repentance and a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Pray for your relatives who do not know the Lord.

This Week: *Fr. Noah in Greece for Mt. Athos Pilgrimage (1/22 -1/31)*

Monday, Jan 22: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 23: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 24: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Compline & Adult Education, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan 25: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Friday, Jan 26: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 27: Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm
VESPERS 6 pm,
Confessions 7 pm
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm

Sunday, Jan 28: **MATINS 9 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**

Pray For:

Living	Departed
AP Anthony	Assaad
R Maxime	Sylvia
Michael I	Patricia D
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
Patricia & family	
John D	
John G	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Mark L	
Robert C	Faith
Kristen C	Michael
Stephanie	Mary Stella
Helen	
R Herman E	
Nicholas A	
Thomas	

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Oral Care Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: This is EARTH!

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Jan 13: 48 Divine Services on Jan 14: 171
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$168. Collections, \$648. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf, \$12. Camping Fund, \$100. Christmas Card Fund, \$100. Needy Fund, \$70. Women's Fund, \$214. Stewardship, \$7,281. Total received: \$8,594.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

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