

November 11, 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Martyr Menas of Egypt

The Holy Great Martyr Menas of Egypt, an Egyptian by birth, was a military officer and served in the Kotyaeion region of Phrygia under the centurion Firmilian during the reign of the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). When the emperors began the fiercest persecution against Christians in history, the saint refused to serve these persecutors. He removed his soldier's belt (a sign of military rank) and withdrew to a mountain, where he lived an ascetic life of fasting and prayer.



Once he happened to arrive in the city during a pagan festival. At the climax of the games the saint's accusing voice rang out, preaching faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. At his trial before the prefect Pyrrhus, the saint bravely confessed his faith, saying that he had come to denounce the impious. The prefect was angered, and had Menas arrested.

Pyrrhus offered to restore the saint's former rank if he would offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. When he refused, he was put to cruel tortures, then he was beheaded. This occurred in the year 304. Christians gathered up the martyr's relics by night and hid them until the end of the persecution. Later, they were brought to Egypt and placed in a church dedicated to Saint Menas southwest of Alexandria.

The saint received grace from God to work miracles, and to help those in need. Saint Menas is noted for healing various illnesses, delivering people from possession by demons, and as a protector, especially during times of war. We also ask his help in finding lost objects.

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



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HOLY MARTYR MENAS OF
EGYPT

COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS VICTOR AND STEPHANIE IN DAMASCUS;
MARTYR VINCENT OF SPAIN
VENERABLE THEODORE THE STUDITE
BLESSED MAXIMOS THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST
MARTYR STEPHEN OF DECHANI, KING OF SERBIA,
STEPHEN UROSH AND PRINCESS MILICA
MARTIN THE MERCIFUL, BISHOP OF TOURS

Tone 7 - Eothinon 2

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37

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 ST. MENAS THE GREAT-MARTYR - Tone 5 - With great valor of soul, thou didst strive in martyrdom, * and having fought the good fight, O divine Great Martyr Menas, * thou from Heaven hast received the gift of miracles; * for God hath shown thee to the world * as a worker of great signs, and He made thee our protector * and a swift help in afflictions and ever-vigilant defense from harm.

TODAY: Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am
40-Day Memorial for Ayele Shermekah, 11:30 am
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm
Welcome, Fr Gregory Dudash!

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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 (Nov 18):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Carolyn Kaminsky	---
EPISTLE READER:	Karen Burke	Sdn David Hyatt
ALTAR CANDLES:	The Gohls	---
GREETERS:	Colin & Sandra Miller	Celia-Marie & Sharon
CLEANING TEAM:	Olena, Carol, Tadessa	Sdn John & Maxine
COFFEE HOUR:	Zerfenesh Dansamo & family	Linda Morelli

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

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues!
Remember to return your pledge cards!

Mark Your Calendar:

Advent Paraklesis

Mondays & Fridays, 6 pm, during Advent

Entrance of the Theotokos

*Tuesday, Nov 20 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm,
Orthros 7 pm*
*Wednesday, Nov 21 - Liturgy 10 am w/ Potluck
to follow*

St. Nicholas

*Wednesday, December 5 - Vespers & Artoklasia
w/ Youth Choir 7 pm, Youth Activity 8 pm*
*Thursday, December 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy
10 am w/ Potluck to follow*

Advent Retreat

December 8

“The First & Second Comings of Christ”
with Drs. David & Mary Ford

Bp THOMAS Visit

December 22-25

*Sunday, December 23 -
Sunday School Christmas Program, 12:30 pm*

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Bp Alexander	Ayele
Baby Simeon	Timothy
Child Gregory	Helen (B)
Caroline & family	Margaret
Paul (M)	Zafer
James E	
Hortense	
Mary	
R Maxime	
Lasha B	
Otari B	<u>St. Nina's</u>
Daniel H	<u>List</u>
Elizabeth D	Catechumens
Stephanie	Tatiana (Sze),
Mebrat	Rebecca, Evan,
Aristidis	Tina
	New & Ex-
Thomas, Elizabeth & all Missionaries	pectant Moth-
	ers & children
Suffering Christians in Syria, Ukraine, Ethio- pia, Egypt & unstable lands	Couples pre- paring for marriage
	Jeremy
	Michael

Everyday Evangelist

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (Jn 20:21)
Spend Thanksgiving serving others!

This Week:

Fr. Noah returns Nov 12; Fr. James on call

Monday, Nov 12: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Tuesday, Nov 13: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Matushka Olga Sewing Club

Vespers & Artoklasia for St. Philip, 6 pm

Wed, Nov 14:

Patronal Feast of St. Philip

Orthros 9am; Liturgy 10 am

w/ Fasting Potluck to follow

Thurs, Nov 15:

SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon – NATIVITY FAST begins

Friday, Nov 16:

SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Advent Paraklesis 6 pm

Sat, Nov 17:

Ministry Reading Group, 8:30 am

Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm

Youth choir practice, 5 pm

VESPERS 6 pm; Pre-Baptismal prayers (Muzekari)

7 pm; Confession 7:30 pm

Sunday, Nov 18:

**ORTHROS 8:30 a.m., Baptismal LITURGY 9:45 am
(Muzekari)**

Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am

Parish Council, 12:45 pm

“Remember, never to fear the power of evil more than your trust in the power and love of God.” — St. Hermas, one of the Seventy

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: “Pray for God’s help”

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Nov 3: 63 Divine Services on Nov 4: 169
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$417.35. Collections, \$1,376. Youth, \$3.
Bookshelf Ministry, \$38. Cemetery fund, \$500. Pastoral Discretion,
\$250. Stewardship, \$5,504. Total received: \$8,088.35.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!



MANNA ON MAIN STREET IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CANNED FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER, & CEREAL

THESE ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE PLASTIC BINS AT THE ENTRANCE FOR DONATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS!

Ending Hunger, Building Community, Transforming Lives