

Saint Veronica (Bernice), the woman with the issue of blood (July 12)



The Synaxaristes of Saint Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain states that this Saint was from the city of Paneada. When the Lord healed her issue of blood, she was very grateful, because for twelve years she had "suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and nothing had helped, but instead she became worse" (Mark 5:26). She had heard of Christ, and decided to go to Him, believing that she would be healed merely by touching His garment. When she did this, the Savior felt that power had gone forth from Him. Turning to the crowd, He asked who had touched His garment. His disciples were puzzled by the question, since many people were pressing Him on all sides. Saint Veronica came forward and fell down before Him in fear and trembling, and admitted what she had done. The Lord said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your affliction" (Mark 5:34).

In her gratitude, she made a statue of Him and placed it in front of her house, where everyone could venerate it. A healing plant grew at the base of the statue, which was able to cure various diseases. Later, St. Veronica became a member of the early Church. After living a life of holiness, she surrendered her soul to God.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/07/12/102006-saint-veronica-bernice-the-woman-with-the-issue-of-blood>)

A Brief Reflection:

The story of St. Veronica in Mark 5:24-34 is "sandwiched" between the healing of Jairus' daughter (Mk 5:21-24, 35-42). This alone suggests that the stories interpret one another, but there are other indications as well: obviously both characters are women, but they are also linked chronologically. St. Veronica has been ailing and in a state of ritual impurity for as long as Jairus' daughter has been alive—**12 years**. Both are experiencing "death" and "exile," and in Jesus, both are restored to life and wholeness, both "return from exile."

Several Old Testament prophets describe Israel as a "woman/wife" of God (Yahweh), but Ezekiel is perhaps the most explicit in his elaborations (cf. Ezek 16; 22), and in particular his portrayal of Israel as being born as an impure outsider (Ezek 16:3-6). Later, in Ezek 36:12-18, Ezekiel joins images of "menstrual uncleanness" and "child bereavement" to describe the conditions that led to Israel's exile:

13 "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because they say to you, "You are a devourer of men and **have bereaved your nation of children**," 14 therefore you will no longer devour men and no longer bereave your nation of children,' declares the Lord GOD. ... 17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; **their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity**. 18 "Therefore I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols."

Immediately after this passage, Ezekiel prophesies about Israel's return from exile, and about the "washing" and renewal of Israel, the "new heart" and "new spirit" God will give Israel (Ezek 36:24ff). This prophecy is further elaborated in the Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones (Ezek 37)—the quintessential image of resurrection and re-creation.

Following Mark 5, Israel rejects Jesus as Messiah (Mk 6:1-6), and Jesus then calls the **Twelve**. The return from exile is beginning now, in the formation of the New Covenant People and Bride of God, the New Israel, the Church.



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July 12, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

COMMEMORATIONS:

ATHANASIOS OF MOUNT ATHOS
HOLY MARTYRS PROCLUS AND HILARY OF ANCYRA
VERONICA, THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD
WHO WAS HEALED BY OUR LORD
VENERABLE FATHER PAISIOS THE NEW OF ATHOS

Tone 4 - Eothinon 5

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 8:29-9:1

RESURRECTION TROPARION - 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!

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
"Pascha in July" Basket Blessing & Outdoor Fellowship after Liturgy

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Office Hours: Monday through 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 (July 19):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	Carolyn Kaminsky
USHERS:	Sdn. Justin G. & Sdn John N.	Dan M. & Rdr. Nick Muzekari
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Jordan & Natalie Gamble	Todd & Kendra Moody

Mark Your Calendar:

Summer Weekday Liturgies

Tues, Fri, Sat, 10 am
(Saturday service – Masks required)

Evening services (6:30 pm)

Wednesday: Little Compline
Friday: Paraklesis
Saturday: Great Vespers

Young Saints Club

Fridays, 10am-12:30pm
Starting July 10

Red Cross Blood Drive



Friday, July 24, 2-7 pm
See Beth McClintock or Jerry Burke to sign up.

Dormition Fast - August 1-14

Daily Paraklesis
Holy Unction, Aug 12, 4 pm

Transfiguration of Christ

Wednesday, August 5
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 6
Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am
Blessing of fruit & garden produce.
Fasting potluck after liturgy.

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Hirut	+Mat. Linda (D)
Kaitlyn & Child in womb	+Robert Joseph
Denise (A)	+Timothy (B)
Helen (P-N)	+Tatiana
Doris & John	+Michael
Fr. Gregory & Family	+Nielus
Larissa & Family	
Kh. Beverly & Family (W)	
Marina & Family	
Rachel	
James	
Lasha B	<u>Catechumens</u>
Otari B	Evan, Conor,
Daniel H	Shaun,
John	Matthew, Tina,
Zerfenesh	& Michael
Maximos	
Luke	
Apostoli	
Peter	Thomas,
	Elizabeth,
	Elaine & all
	Missionaries
	New &
	Expectant
	Mothers &
	children
All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic	
For the repentance, healing & unity of our country	

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 Liturgy.

This Week:

Fr. Noah away July 13-16; Fr. James on call

Monday, July 13:	6th Hour, 12 noon
Tuesday, July 14:	Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, July 15:	6th Hour, 12 noon Compline & Patristic Reading, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 16:	6th Hour, 12 noon
Friday, July 17:	Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18:	Divine Liturgy (Mask Required), 10 a.m. VESPERS 6:30 p.m., Confession 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 19:	SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY w/ Baptism & Chrismation (Hewitt) 10 a.m. Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

Check out the Kids Summer Reading Program! Forms are available in the Library. Sign out a book & get started!



Ministry Highlights

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)

UPDATING THE Photo Directory

to encourage unity, fellowship, and ministry at St. Philip



Please submit your updated family photo, address, emails, and telephone numbers to: **stphilipphotos20@gmail.com**.

You may also submit a printed photo for the directory. We will have a section for Stewards, and another for Friends. Have questions? Contact Dale Yeager (daleyeager@live.com), Colin Miller (Colinmil@comcast.net) or Dn. David Hyatt (apostlephilip@gmail.com).

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$181. Collections, \$98. Youth, \$2. Building Fund, \$500. Needy Fund, \$97.50. Ukrainian Orphanage, \$830. Stewardship, \$3,555. Total received: \$5,263.50.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!