

St. Irenaeus of Lyons (August 23)

The Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, was born in the year 130 in the city of Smyrna (Asia Minor). His guide in the truths of the Christian Faith was a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian, St. Polycarp of Smyrna (Feb 23). St. Polycarp baptized the youth, and afterwards ordained him presbyter and sent him to a city in Gaul then named Lugdunum [present-day Lyons, France] to the dying bishop Pothinus. Saint Irenaeus was chosen in 178 as Bishop there.



In his refutations of the heresies of the Gnostics and Marcion, St. Irenaeus grounds the Church's faith in the continuity of the Tradition of the Church from the Apostles, in the Scriptures, Tradition, and Apostolic succession of bishops. The successors of the Apostles have received from God the certain gift of truth, which St. Irenaeus links to the succession of the episcopate (*Adv. Haer.* 4.26.2): *"Anyone who desires to know the truth ought to turn to the Church, since through Her alone did the apostles expound the Divine Truth. She is the door to life."*

Saint Irenaeus also exerted a beneficial influence in a dispute about the celebration of Pascha. In the Church of Asia Minor, there was an old tradition of celebrating Holy Pascha on the fourteenth day of the month of Nisan, regardless of what day of the week it happened to be. The Roman bishop Victor (190-202) forcefully demanded uniformity, and his harsh demands fomented a schism. In the name of the Christians of Gaul, Saint Irenaeus wrote to Bishop Victor and others, urging them to make peace. Eusebius of Caesarea recounts the controversy and its resolution:

"But though matters were in this shape, they communed together, ... manifestly as a mark of respect. And they parted from each other in peace, both those who observed, and those who did not, maintaining the peace of the whole church. Thus Irenaeus, who truly was well named, became a peacemaker in this matter, exhorting and negotiating in this way in behalf of the peace of the churches." (Eusebius, *H. E.* 3.24.17-18)

After this incident, Saint Irenaeus drops out of sight, and we do not even know the exact year of his death. Saint Gregory of Tours, in his *Historia Francorum*, suggests that Saint Irenaeus was beheaded by the sword for his confession of faith in the year 202, during the reign of Severus.

The Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, Saint Polycarp of Smyrna, and Saint Irenaeus of Lyons are three links in an unbroken chain of the grace of succession, which goes back to the Original Pastor, our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

(Adapted from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/08/23/102379-hieromartyr-irenaeus-bishop-of-lyons>)



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August 23, 2020

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
OUR HOLY FATHER IRENEAUS, BISHOP OF LYONS
MARTYR LUPUS, SERVANT OF THE GREAT-MARTYR
DEMETRIOS
VENERABLE NICHOLAS AND DIONYSIOS OF OLYMPUS
OUR HOLY FATHER KALLINIKOS, PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE
OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER NICHOLAS OF SIKELION
38 MARTYRS OF THRACE
OUR HOLY FATHER IRENEAUS, BISHOP OF SIRMIMUM
HARALAMBOS OF KALYVIANI

Tone 2 - Eothinon 11

Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 18:23-35

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION - Tone 1 - In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

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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 (Aug 30):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	MaryLynne Black	Anonymous
USHERS:	Sdn. Justin & Steve K.	Dan M. & Rdr. Nathan
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Sdn. John & Maxine Nicholson and Tatiana Yau	Rdr. Jordan & Natalie G.

Mark Your Calendar:

Saturday Liturgies in August

Masks required

Vigil for Zacharias & Elizabeth

Friday, September 4

Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Great Vespers, 8 p.m.
Festal Orthros, 9:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy, 11 p.m.

Saturday, September 5

Holy Unction, 10 a.m.
(Mask Required; Fast in Preparation)

Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 8

Elevation of the Cross

Monday, September 14

Virtual Fall Retreat & Meetings 2020

for Eastern Dioceses

November 12-15

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly Illumined Elias	+Archpriest Joseph
N.I. Kira	+Archpriest Boniface
N.I. Eva Veronica	+Lida
N.I. Ryan Augustine	+Mat. Linda (D)
N.I. Conor Constantine	+Robert Joseph
N.I. Evan John	+Timothy (B)
N.I. Evelyn Marie	+Tatiana
Priest Thomas	+Michael
Hirut	+Nielus
Denise (A)	+Kathy Anne
Helen (P-N)	+Nicholas
Doris & John	+Irene (D)
Apr. Gregory & Family	+Emily (H)
Calvin & Family	+John
Kh. Beverly & Family (W)	<u>Catechumens</u>
Marina & Family	Matthew,
Sophrony & Family	Michael, Ryan,
Rachel	Shaun, Tina
James	
Lasha B	Dn. Thomas,
Otari B	Elizabeth,
Daniel H	Elaine & all
John	Missionaries
Zerfenesh	
Maximos	New &
Luke	Expectant
Apostoli	Mothers &
Peter	children
Peter	
	For the
	repentance,
	healing & unity
	of our country
All who are suffering,	
serving and rebuilding	
from the pandemic	The faithful of
	Beirut

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$232.72. Collections, \$344.20. Youth, \$37. Building Fund, \$1,500. Mortgage Reduction, \$250. 12 Baskets, \$330. Camera Project, \$20. Lebanon Relief, \$1,255. Stewardship, \$15,228. Total received: \$19,901.92.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering **Classic Olive Oil** to be left under the icon of St. Thekla. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

Monday, Aug 24: 6th Hour, 12 noon

Tuesday, Aug 25: 6th Hour, 12 noon

This week: Office closed Wed. thru Friday

Wednesday, Aug 26: 6th Hour, 12 noon
Little Compline & Patristic Reading Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug 27: 6th Hour, 12 noon
COF Vespers, 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug 28: 6th Hour, 12 noon
Vespers for the Beheading, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 29: BEHEADING OF THE FORERUNNER —
Strict Fast Day
Orthros 9 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (Mask Required), 10 a.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 30: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.

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: stphilpphotos20@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?

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