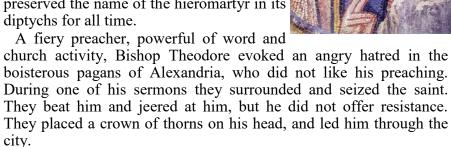
# Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria (Dec 3)

The Hieromartyr Theodore, Bishop of Alexandria, was born in Egypt in the city of Alexandria. This city was famous for its many martyrs and confessors: from the holy Evangelist Mark, Protomartyr of Alexandria (April 25), to Saint Athanasius the Great (January 18 and May 2), a pillar and confessor of Orthodoxy.

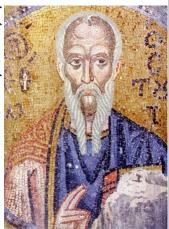
Regrettably, historical records do not give us precise details of Saint Theodore's life and deeds, but the Church of Christ has preserved the name of the hieromartyr in its diptychs for all time.



Then they led him to the seacoast and threw him from a cliff into the sea, but the wind and the waves carried him back to dry land. The astonished pagans brought Saint Theodore to the prefect of the city, who commanded that he be subjected to harsh tortures. Not a word did the torturers hear from the tortured confessor, except his prayer to the Lord. Then the holy martyr was handed over to Roman soldiers and executed in the manner of the Apostle Paul, he was beheaded with a sword.

Text from https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/12/03/103469-hieromartyrtheodore-archbishop-of-alexandria

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





# ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese

> Father James Thayer 215-692-0890

# December 3, 2023

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### **COMMEMORATIONS:**

THE HOLY PROPHET SOPHONIAS (ZEPHANIAH)
OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER JOHN, BISHOP AND

HOLY MARTYRS AGAPIUS, SELEUCIUS, AND MAMAS
THEODORE, ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA
ANGELIS THE NEW MARTYR
KARPOS THE HIEROMARTYR

Tone 1 - Eothinon 4
Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12
Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:35-43

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION** - Tone 1 - 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!

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY - Tone 3 - On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to \* God the Word ineffably, \* Who was before all the ages. \* Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing \* the gladsome tidings; \* with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him \* Who is willing to be gazed on \* as a young Child Who \* before the ages is God.

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School & Teens

Coffee Hour

Putting Your House In Order 1:15 p.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

### Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

This Week:

Next Week (Dec 10):

COFFEE HOUR
PROSPHORA BREAD:

Catechumen Class Kristi Moore SJA Donation Luncheon Gabriela P. & Tinjala

ALTAR CANDLES: USHERS:

Angela Draghici — Anesia's B-day Todd M. & Steve K. Gohls — Kate's B-day Tom A. & Dan M.

CLEANING TEAM:

Moores: Kim B: Chilberts

Gohls; Olena; Midena

COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Kendra; Felicia

Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Christian/

Zach W; Zách F

## Mark Your Calendar:

### **SS Christmas Program**

Saturday, Dec 16 Practice 4:30pm Sunday, Dec 17 Performance 12:30pm

### **Christmas Services**

Friday, Dec 22 Royal Hours 10am Holy Unction 6:30pm

Saturday, Dec 23 Divine Liturgy 10am Great Vespers 6:30pm

Sunday, Dec 24 Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10am

# FEAST OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY Great Vespers 8pm

Great Vespers 8pm
Festal Orthros 9:30pm
Divine Liturgy 11pm
Festal Refreshments to follow

Monday, Dec 25 Vespers 12pm

Tuesday, Dec 26
Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am
for the Synaxis of the Theotokos

# DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys & Hams

### **CHALLENGE FOR 2023:**

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

### Pray For:

#### Living

N.I. Simona Petra Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine

Faithful of Ethiopia
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners

Kh. Joyce Mary Child Timothy Xenia

George Ephrem Nicole Patrick Doris

John James Helen Wadieh Mary

Victoria Steve Lasha Otari

John Tatiana Anesia Linda Daria

Pavlo Elena Xenia Derek

Michael Linda Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries Nathan & family, John, & all

seminarians
New & Expectant Mothers & their children

For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity

The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends—George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric

#### Departed

+George +Paul

(December Parish Diptychs) +Joseph +Richard

+Mary +Demetrios (Jim) +Katherine +Nicholas

+Gabremariam +Assaad +Doris

> +(Michael) +Barbara

+Fred Andrew

Catechumens Lucretia

Ryan Alina Nicholas, Rachel, Luka,

& Leo Michael

Caden Keith, Maggie, & Eli Andrew Daniel Kassandra

Christian

### 40 Days of Growth in Stewardship has concluded!

Theme: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly ..."

(2 Cor 9:6)

~ ~ Please Submit Your 2024 Pledge! ~ ~

## This Week:

### Nativity Fast continues ...

Mon, Dec 4: Office open

Tues, Dec 5: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

Vespers for St Nicholas 6:30pm w/Kids activity

Wed, Dec 6: St. Nicholas

Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am w/ Fasting

Potluck

Little Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, Dec 7: Vespers (Slavic tones) 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study: Romans, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Dec 8: Office Closed

Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Dec 9: Catechumen Class 5 p.m.

Byzantine Notation Intro 5:15 p.m.

Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria 5:15 p.m.

Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Dec 10: Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am

ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens

Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Nov 25: 71 Divine Services Nov 26: 238
OFFERINGS 11/26: Candles, \$306. Collections, \$806. Youth, \$1.
Book Shelf Ministry, \$38. Classical School Fund, \$80. Food for Hungry, \$100. Mission Chapel, \$1,200. Pastoral Discretion, \$450. Teen Fund, \$20. Stewardship, \$1,075. Total received: \$4,076.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!