

## The Holy Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros, and Anempodistos

(November 2)

Saints Acindynos, Pegasias, Aphthonius, Elpidophorus, and Anempodistus were noble courtiers of King Sapor II of Persia (310-381). Though outwardly serving in the royal court, they were secretly devoted Christians. When the cruel Sapor began his persecution of the faithful, jealous pagans accused these saints of following Christ. Summoned before the king, they boldly confessed their belief in the Holy Trinity. Enraged, Sapor ordered them to be scourged, yet they rejoiced in their sufferings, glorifying the Lord.



According to the Synaxarion, after repeated tortures, Sapor condemned Saints Acindynos, Pegasias, Anempodistus, and Elpidophorus to be beheaded, forbidding the Christians to bury them. As they were led to execution, a great multitude followed, praising Christ with hymns. The furious king then commanded that all who accompanied them (about 7,000 believers) be slaughtered with swords. Saint Elpidophorus was slain among them, sealing his confession with his blood.

The Prologue of Ohrid recounts that on the following day, Saints Acindynos, Pegasias, and Anempodistus were burned alive together with the emperor's mother, who had come to believe in Christ through their witness. Yet when Christians came secretly by night, they found the martyrs' bodies untouched by the flames, shining with divine light. They reverently buried them, giving thanks to God who glorifies His saints even in death.

Saint Nikolai of Ohrid reflects that these martyrs endured all things with serenity, teaching that "no earthly fire can consume the faith that burns in the heart aflame with divine love." Their steadfastness strengthened countless others to confess Christ amid persecution. The Church honors them as shining examples of courage and fidelity, whose intercessions uphold all who suffer for the name of Jesus Christ.

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**November 2, 2025**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST &  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY MARTYRS ACINDYNOS, PEGASIOS,  
APHTHONIOS, ELPIDOPHOROS, AND  
ANEMPODISTOS, DOMNINA, DOMNA, & KYRIAKI,  
THE MARTYRS

**Tone 4 - Eothion 10**  
**Orthros Gospel:** St. John 21:1-14  
**Epistle:** Galatians 2:16-20  
**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Luke 16:19-31

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - 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!

**APOLYTIKION OF THE PERSIAN MARTYRS - Tone 2 -** Blessed is the earth that drank your blood, O prizewinners of the Lord, and holy are the tabernacles that received your spirits; for in the stadium ye triumphed over the enemy, and ye proclaimed Christ with boldness. Beseech Him, we pray, since He is good, to save our souls.

**TODAY:** **ORTHROS & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.**  
*Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission, 9 a.m.*  
**Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.**  
Coffee Hour & Sunday School 11:15 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 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:

	<b>This Week:</b>	<b>Next Week (Nov. 9):</b>
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	CrossRoads Initiative Lunch	Hill/Jacob Memorial Lunch
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Kristi Moore & Sissy Hill	Gabriela P. & Macrina L.
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	Gamble-Winfred's Name Day	- - -
<b>USHERS:</b>	John N. & Bill H.	Todd M. & Mike T.
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Justin & Kate G., Midena S., Salv & Ola S.	Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky
<b>COFFEE HOUR TEAM:</b>	Mike L., Steven M., Dave & Darby	Calvin S., Mary T., Gabriel M.

## Mark Your Calendar:

### **Bishop Thomas Visit**

*November 10-17*

The Feast of St. Philip is  
November 13: Hierarchical Liturgy  
at 6:00 pm w/ the tonsure of Tim R.  
& Keith E.

### **Nativity Fast Begins**

*November 15*

### **Entrance of the Theotokos**

*November 21*

### **Nativity Advent Retreat**

Evangelism and Apologetics  
w/ Fr Timothy Hojnicky

*November 22*

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ynm63z4y>

### **Stewardship 2026**

*Please make your pledge by*

*November 14:*

<https://tinyurl.com/stphilip2026>

## **NOVEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:**

**Turkeys & Hams**

### **Pray For:**

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria, and all the holy land	+Archpriest George
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Tamara
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	+Linnea
The leadership and community of St Justin Academy, our Mission Chapel, Hades Embittered and those who they reach out to.	+Helen (November Parish Diptychs)
Louise-Ruth Hieromonk Silouan	+Joseph
Charles	+Peter
Daria	+Ellen
George	+Evelyn
Sandra	+Ksenia
Ludmilla	+William
Catherine	+Elizabeth
Christine	
Maria	<u>Catechumens</u>
John	Ryan
James	Kassandra
James	Jasper
Steven	Matthew
Paraskevi	Mary
Alexander	Martin
Kh Hend, Maria, and Bethlehem and their families and all those in mourning	Meghan-Photini
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	John
Dn Nathan, Jacob, John, Irenaeus, Theophanes, Samuel, Darius & all seminarians and their families	Steven
Those searching for jobs, houses, & spouses	Robert
Courting, Engaged, & Newly-Crowned Couples	Liara
Families struggling to conceive	Asher
Expectant and new mothers and their babies	Sarah
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Andrew
	Carolyn
	Martin & Gabriella
	James
	Anthony
	Slavek
	Nevada
	Josiah, Casie, Ray, & Gwen
	John
	Michael
	Daniel, Eleanor, Amos, and Marigold
	Christopher & Naila
	Adaelle
	Jeff & Jasmine, Jackson, Jonah, Jayce & Jacob
	Andrew & Rebecca,
	Hannah, Miriam, Priscilla & Phoebe
	Hannah

## This Week:

**Mon, Nov 3:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.  
Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

**Tues, Nov 4:** Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.  
Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

**Wed, Nov 5:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.  
Confession, 6:00 p.m.  
Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.  
FOCUS Norristown, 7:00 p.m.  
Patristic Discussion, 7:15 p.m.

**Thurs, Nov 6:** Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.  
Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.  
FOCUS: Aviator Park, 8:00 p.m.

**Fri, Nov 7:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.  
Confession, 6:00 p.m.  
Great Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

**Sat, Nov 8:** Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.  
Catechism Class, 4:30 p.m.  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m.  
Book Study w/ Fr. James, 5:00 p.m.  
Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions, 7:00 p.m. (Text Fr. Noah)

**Sun, Nov 9:** Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.  
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.  
Trisagion (+Rosamond Jacob), 11:15 a.m.  
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.

### **Stewardship 2026 Update**

We now have *16 pledges totaling \$65,820 or 12.8%* of our goal.  
Please pray about how you will give of your  
time, talent & treasure this year.

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers 10/25: 78                      Liturgy 10/26: 248  
Mission Chapel 10/26: 52

**OFFERINGS 10/26:** Candles, \$395. Collections, \$1,425.34. Book Shelf Ministry, \$163. Building Fund, \$800. Hospitality, \$20. Pro-Life Fund, \$1,000. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Teen Fund, \$523.08. Stewardship, \$3,402.52. Total received, \$7,806.46.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**