

Saints Athanasius & Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria

January II

Saint Athanasius the Great and Saint Cyril of Alexandria stand together in the life of the Church as twin pillars of truth, shepherds who guarded the mystery of Christ when that mystery was under fierce attack. Though they lived in different generations, they shared one see, one struggle, and one unwavering confession of the Orthodox Faith.



Saint Athanasius entered history as a young deacon at the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea. There, while many hesitated, he spoke with fearless clarity: the Son of God is not a creature, but consubstantial—homoousios—with the Father. For this confession, Athanasius would suffer deeply. Again and again he was driven from Alexandria by Arian intrigues, spending much of his life in exile. Yet his absence never silenced him. Through letters, sermons, and his luminous theological writings, he strengthened the faithful and preserved the Church's understanding of salvation as life in the true God. Near the end of his life, like a calm evening star, he returned briefly to his flock before reposing in peace in 373.

Decades later, Saint Cyril inherited both the episcopal throne of Alexandria and Athanasius's uncompromising spirit. Educated by his uncle Patriarch Theophilus, Cyril became Archbishop in 412 and soon faced a new crisis. Nestorius divided Christ, refusing to confess the Virgin Mary as Theotokos, the God-bearer. Cyril rose as defender of the Church's faith, teaching that the one Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, united without division. Presiding at the Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus in 431, he exposed Nestorian error and safeguarded the truth of the Incarnation. Though temporarily deposed through intrigue, he returned to his see and continued to guide the Church until his repose in 444.

Together, Saints Athanasius and Cyril show the Church that truth is preserved through courage, suffering, and faithful love for Christ. Their legacy endures as a confession prayed, taught, and defended in every age

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



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January 18, 2025

TWELTH SUNDAY
OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL, PATRIARCHS
OF ALEXANDRIA, ZENIA THE MARTYR

Tone 7 - Eothinon 10
Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:1-14
Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 12:12-19

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 SS. ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL - Tone 3 - Shining forth with works of Orthodoxy, ye quenched every false belief and teaching and became trophy-bearers and conquerors. And since ye made all things rich with true piety, greatly adorning the Church with magnificence, Athanasius and wise Cyril, ye justly found Christ God, Who through your prayers doth grant Great Mercy unto all.

TODAY:

Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School following Liturgy

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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:

COFFEE HOUR: Khalifa Memorial Coffee Hour
PROSPHORA BREAD: Heather Taggart & John Child
ALTAR CANDLES: Gamble-Taso & Xenia's Name Day
USHERS: John Nicholson & Radu Chebeleu
CLEANING TEAM: Serge, Alex and Sarah Kaminsky
COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Miriam K., Ryan M., Daniel C., Laura B.

Next Week (Jan 25):

Little Brothers Donation Luncheon
 Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
 Schneider-Flora's Feast Day
 Dan Marquardt & Nick Muzekari
 Nick T., Gabi T., Dave & Darby S.
 Mike L., Dave & Darby, Steven M.

Mark Your Calendar:

Creative Arts Workshop
January 31 - 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Meeting of Our Lord
February 1
 6:00 pm - Vespers, Artoklasia &
 Candle Blessing
February 2

8:15 am - Festal Orthros
 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy & Candle
 Blessing
 11:30 am - Festal Potluck

Forgiveness Sunday
February 22

Great & Holy Pascha
April 12

**Thanks for respecting Fr Noah's
 Availability:**
 8am-8pm, except Tuesdays (Text
 preferred)
 Don't forget: Fr James and Fr Luke
 Urgent, non-pastoral matters:
 Keith 610-662-2580

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 COLLECTION:**
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Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria, and all the holy land	+Fr. Daniel +Najezda
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(January Parish Diptychs) +George +Predrag +Mimi +Helen +Christopher
The leadership and community of St Emmelia Ministries, St Justin Academy, our Mission Chapel, Hades Embittered and those to whom they reach out.	+Nagib +Julia +Nicole
Newly Illumined Margaret Dcn. Evgeny Amy Athena Sze-Tatiana Hieromonk Silouan Aristides Catherine Christine Maria John James James Steven Sophia Elias Paraskevi	<u>Catechumens</u> Kassandra H Matthew H Martin (Ernie) R Sean, Meghan, and John T Robert S Carolyn D Martin (Morgan) & Gabriella T Anthony V Slavek G Nevada L Josiah & Casie, Ray & Gwen L John C Daniel, Eleanor, Amos & Marigold C Adaelle S Jeff & Jasmine, Jaxon, Jonah, Jayce & Jacob P Andrew & Rebecca, Hannah, Miriam, Priscilla & Phoebe V Daniel & Jordan, Daniella, Meadow & Mason M Hannah B Samuel & Emilie, Ari & Addison P James B Nicole P Ryan M Mission Chapel: Christopher & Nailah M Sean & Natalie, Rosalie & Abel K Inactive: Jasper, Asher, Andrew, Michael
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries Priest Nathan, Deacon Irenaeus, Theophanes, Jacob, John, Samuel, Darius & all seminarians and their families Those searching for jobs, houses, spouses & monasteries Courting, Engaged, & Newly-Crowned Couples Families struggling to conceive Expectant and new mothers and their babies The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	

This Week:

- Mon, Jan. 19:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
 Divine Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Jan. 20:** Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Wed, Jan. 21:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
 Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
 Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.
 FOCUS: Norristown, 7:00 p.m.
 Patristic Discussion, 7:15 p.m.
- Thurs, Jan 22:** Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
 FOCUS: Aviator Park, 8:00 p.m.
- Fri, Jan 23:** Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
 Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
 Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Jan 24:** Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
 Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.
 Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
 Confessions, 7:00 p.m.
- Sun, Jan 25:** Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.
 Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.

OLIVE OIL NEEDED: Please bring pure olive oil (light or classic preferred, because it burns cleaner in the lamps). Tape your prayer requests to the bottle and leave it at the icon of St Thekla.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 1/10: 121 Liturgy 1/11: 299
 Mission Chapel Attendance: 1/4: 71 1/11: 55
OFFERINGS 1/11: Candles, \$608.81. Collections, \$607.51. Book Shelf, \$79. Building Fund, \$250. Christmas Card, \$25. Flowers, \$10. Mission Chapel, \$1,800. Seminarian Fund, \$3,750. Stewardship, \$8,247.52. Total received: \$15,377.84.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!