

Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence, and those with him, of Rome

The Martyrs Archdeacon Laurence, Pope Sixtus, Deacons Felicissimus and Agapitus, and the soldier Romanus suffered in 258 under Emperor Valerian. Saint Sixtus, born in Athens and originally a philosopher, became a follower of Christ and later the Bishop of Rome after the martyrdom of Saint Stephen. Soon after, he was arrested with Deacons Felicissimus and Agapitus.



Archdeacon Laurence visited Sixtus in prison and cried, "Where are you going, Father, without your son?" Sixtus replied, "Three days after my death, you shall follow me." He then entrusted Laurence with the Church's treasures, instructing him to distribute them to the poor.

When Sixtus and the deacons were brought to trial, Laurence witnessed it. Refusing to offer sacrifice to idols, they were executed at the temple of Mars. As Sixtus prayed, an earthquake destroyed part of the temple. Laurence exclaimed, "Father, I have fulfilled your command and distributed the Church's treasures."

Afterward, Laurence was arrested. When the emperor demanded the treasures, Laurence asked for three days. He gathered the poor and brought them before the emperor, saying, "Behold the treasures of the Church." Enraged, the emperor ordered Laurence imprisoned. There, Laurence healed a blind man named Lucillus. The jailer, Hippolytos, was converted and baptized with his household.

Hippolytos later brought Laurence to Valerian. Refusing to sacrifice, Laurence was tortured. During this, a soldier named Romanus saw a radiant youth (an angel) with Laurence and was moved to believe. He was baptized and soon beheaded for confessing Christ.

On August 10, Laurence was scourged and placed on a red-hot gridiron. He said, "Turn me over, this side is done," and gave thanks to Christ before dying.

That night, Hippolytos and the priest Justin buried him with honor. Hippolytos and other Christians were martyred on August 13.

Saint Laurence's relics remain in Rome, on Mount Athos, and in Cyprus.

Text & icon from oca.org



ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the
Antiochian Archdiocese

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA



His Grace Bishop THOMAS



Father Noah Bushelli, Pastor

215-954-9286



Father James Thayer

215-692-0890

August 10, 2025

**AFTER-FEAST OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST**
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

9TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW, LAURENCE THE
HOLY MARTYR & ARCHDEACON OF ROME,
HIPPOLYTUS THE MARTYR OF ROME

Tone 8 - Eothion 9

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 14:22-34

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 8 - 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!

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - Tone 7 - When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - Tone 7 - Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the everglorious Splendor of the Father.

TODAY:

ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m.

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

Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Trisagion (Fr Boniface and Kh Joyce), 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour, 11:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.

Paraklesis & Confession, 1:00 p.m.

1970 Clearview Road, Souderton, PA 18964

www.st-philip.net (215) 721-4947

Emails: office@st-philip.net nbushelli@gmail.com frjamesthayer@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

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 (Aug 10):
COFFEE HOUR:	Potluck	Potluck
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriella Please	Macrina Layton
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gohl-Phoebe's Birthday	- - -
USHERS:	Dan Marquardt & Nick Muzekari	Steve Kulp & Radu Chebleu
CLEANING TEAM:	Radu C., Mary T., Alex U.	Catechumens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Mike L., Dave & Darby, Steven M.	Calvin S., Mary T., Gabriel M.

Mark Your Calendar:

Dormition of the Theotokos
August 15

Mortgage Burning BBQ
August 23

Beheading of the Forerunner
Strict Fast Day
August 29

Ecclesiastical New Year
September 1

Nativity of the Theotokos
September 8

International Food Festival
September 19-20
*Flyers & Sponsorship Packets available
on the Narthex information table*



Annual Parish Meeting
October 26

**AUGUST OUTREACH
COLLECTION:**
Paper Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land	+ Maxim
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+ Martyred in Damascus
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	(August Parish Diptychs)
Survivors of the Damascus Church Attack	+Mary
	+Augustine
	+Iwan
Nun Sergeia	+Victor
Bethlehem and family	+Archpriest Michael
John	+Myron
Doris	+Archpriest
James	Boniface and Kh
Steven	Joyce-Elena
Paraskevi	+John
Alexandra	+Michael
Doru and Christiana	
Alexander	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	Ryan
	Kassandra
	Jasper
	Matthew
	Mary
	Martin
	Photini
	John
	Steven
	Robert
	Lira
	Asher
	Sarah
	Andrew
	Carolyn
	Martin & Gabriella
	James
	Anthony
	Slavek
	Nevada
	Josiah, Casie & Ray
	John
	Our Inquirers
Those searching for houses, spouses, and jobs	
Courting, Engaged, and Newly-Wed Couples	
Families trying to conceive	
Expectant mothers	
New mothers and their babies	
Those in mourning	
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	

This Week:

Confessions are available before & after most services.

Mon, Aug 11:	Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Tues, Aug 12:	Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Wed, Aug 13:	Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m. Confessions, 4:00 p.m. Holy Unction, 5:00 p.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m. FOCUS Norristown, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs, Aug 14:	Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Festal Vespers, Artoklasia, Lamentations, 6:30 p.m. FOCUS: Aviator Park, 8:00 p.m.
Fri, Aug 15:	Dormition of the Theotokos Festal Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Festal Liturgy & Flower Blessing, 9:30 a.m. Fish/Wine/Oil Potluck, 11:00 a.m. Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Sat, Aug 16:	Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Help Needed: Library Shuffle, 10:30 a.m. Q&A w/ Fr. Noah, 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Sun, Aug 17:	Orthros, 8:15 a.m. <i>Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.</i> Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. College Student Blessing, 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 8/2: 74 Liturgy 8/3: 236
Transfiguration Vespers: 79; Liturgy: 117; Mission Chapel: 8/3: 40

OFFERINGS 8/3: Candles, \$164. Collections, \$872.77. Book Shelf Ministry, \$215. Pastoral Discretion, \$146.03. Stewardship, \$5,632.08. Total received: \$7,029.88. Cemetery, \$2,000. Food Festival, \$675.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!