

November 12, 2017

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Venerable Nilus the Myrrhusher of Mt Athos

Saint Nilus the Myrrh-Gusher of Mt Athos was born in Greece, in a village named for Saint Peter, in the Zakoneia diocese. He was raised by his uncle, the hieromonk Macarius. Having attained the age of maturity, he received monastic tonsure and was found worthy of ordination to hierodeacon, and then to hieromonk.



The desire for greater monastic struggles brought uncle and nephew to Mt Athos, where Macarius and Nilus lived in asceticism at a place called the Holy Rocks. Upon the repose of Saint Macarius, the venerable Nilus, aflame with zeal for even more intense spiritual efforts, found an isolated place almost inaccessible for any living thing. Upon his departure to the Lord in 1651, Saint Nilus was glorified by an abundant flow of curative myrrh, for which Christians journeyed from the most distant lands of the East.

Saint Nilus has left a remarkably accurate prophecy concerning the state of the Church in the mid-twentieth century, and a description of the people of that time. Among the inventions he predicted are the telephone, airplane, and submarine. He also warned that people's minds would be clouded by carnal passions, "and dishonor and lawlessness will grow stronger." Men would not be distinguishable from women because of their "shamelessness of dress and style of hair." Saint Nilus lamented that Christian pastors, bishops and priests, would become vain men, and that the morals and traditions of the Church would change. Few pious and God-fearing pastors would remain, and many people would stray from the right path because no one would instruct them.

Text and Image <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/11/12/103290-venerable-nilus-the-myrrhusher-of-mt-athos>

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle ..., that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior.

2 Peter 3:1-2



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COMMEMORATIONS:

ST. JOHN THE MERCIFUL, PATRIARCH OF
ALEXANDRIA (620)

ST. NILUS THE FASTER OF SINAI (451)

ST. NILUS THE MYRRHUSHER OF MT. ATHOS
(1651)

PROPHET AHIJAH (ACHIAS) (960 B.C.)

NEW MARTYRS SABBAS (1726) AND NICHOLAS
(1742) OF CONSTANTINOPLE

ST. LEONTIUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
(1143)

ST. EMILIAN OF VERGEGIO IN IBERIA

ST. CADWALADR, KING OF THE WELSH (664)

Tone 6

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Matins Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

TODAY:

Welcome to Metr. EPHREM!

Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship is concluding.

Bishop ANTOUN, 40-Day Memorial

Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens.

SAINT PHILIP'S is a place of prayer and repentance and a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments and have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, and who are dressed modestly and arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today by Sandra Shaw, in thanksgiving for blessings received (birthday - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to Gabi & Catalin Tinjala for sponsoring today's coffee hour. EVERYONE is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

The new 2018 Coffee Hour sponsorship chart is posted! Enlist a friend, choose a Sunday, and sign up! (There are a few unsponsored Sundays left this year, too.)

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Michael & Helen Heveran

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: The Teens

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

Mark Your Calendar:

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Monday, November 20 - Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Orthros 7 pm

Tuesday, November 21 - Divine Liturgy 10 am

St. Nicholas

Tuesday, December 5 - Vespers & Artoklasia w/ Youth Choir 7 pm, Youth Activity 8 pm

Wednesday, December 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am

Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 9

Drs. David & Mary Ford: *When the Foundations Are Shaken: Biblical & Patristic Wisdom for Living through Spiritual Upheaval*

Bp Thomas Visit

December 15-17

Nativity of Christ

Sunday, December 24 - Orthros 8:45 am, Liturgy 10 am

Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Festal Orthros 7 pm

Monday, December 25 - Festal Liturgy 9 am; Vespers for Synaxis 6 pm

Theophany

Friday, January 5 - Royal Hours, 10 am

Vesperal Liturgy, 6 pm & Great Blessing of Water, 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am

Great Blessing of Water, 11:30 am

Sunday, January 7 - Outdoor Blessing of Water @ Lenape Park, 1 pm

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)

Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship 2018

"I have a holy task for you"

(Father Boniface)

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Say genuinely, "God willing," and "Thank God."

This Week:

Monday, Nov 13: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
VESPERS & ARTOKLASIA for St. Philip, 6 p.m.
MATINS for St. Philip, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov 14: Feast of St. Philip Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Potluck Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:30 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

— NATIVITY FAST BEGINS —

Wednesday, Nov 15: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Advent PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov 16: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Friday, Nov 17: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Advent PARAKLESIS, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 18: Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m. & CONFESSION, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 19: MATINS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Choir Practice; Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Prayer is key.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Nov 4: 48 Divine Services on Nov 5: 221
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$278. Collections, \$138. Youth, \$21. Needy Fund, \$30. Pastoral Discretion, \$600. Smerkanich Scholarship Fund, \$100. Vestments, \$75. Stewardship, \$11,297.53. Total received: \$12,539.53.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN 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.