

January 28, 2018

SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN

St. Isaac the Syrian the Bishop of Nineveh

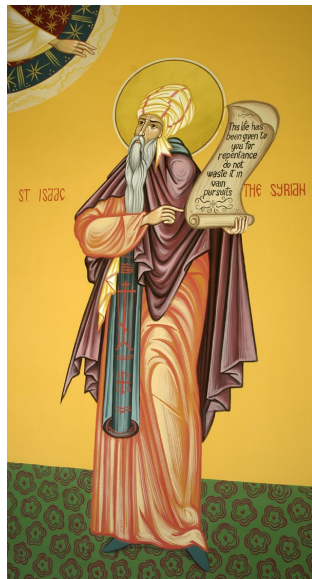
Saint Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Ninevah, lived during the sixth century. He and his brother entered the monastery of Mar Matthew near Ninevah and received the monastic tonsure. His learning, virtue, and ascetic manner of life attracted the notice of the brethren, and they proposed that he head the monastery. Saint Issac did not want this burden, preferring a life of silence, so he left the monastery to live alone in the desert.

His brother urged him more than once to return to the monastery, but he would not agree. However, when the fame of Saint Isaac's holy life had spread, he was made Bishop of Ninevah. Seeing the crude manners and disobedience of the inhabitants of the city, the saint felt that it was beyond his ability to guide them, and moreover, he yearned for solitude.

Once, two Christians came to him, asking him to settle a dispute. One man acknowledged that he owed money to the other, but asked for a short extension. The lender threatened to bring his debtor to court to force him to pay. Saint Isaac, citing the Gospel, asked him to be merciful and give the debtor more time to pay. The man said, "Leave your Gospel out of this!" Saint Isaac replied, "If you will not submit to Lord's commandments in the Gospel, then what remains for me to do here?" After only five months as bishop, Saint Isaac resigned his office and went into the mountains to live with the hermits. Later, he went to the monastery of Rabban Shabur, where he lived until his death, attaining a high degree of spiritual perfection.

From the early eighth century until the beginning of the eighteenth century, nothing was known about Saint Isaac of Syria in Europe except for his name and works. Only in 1719 was a biography of the saint published at Rome, compiled by an anonymous Arab author. In 1896, more information on Saint Isaac came to light. The learned French soteriologist Abbot Chabot published some eighth century works on Syrian history by Iezudena, bishop of Barsa, where the account of Saint Isaac the Syrian was found.

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ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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COMMEMORATIONS:

GOD-BEARING FATHERS EPHRAIM AND ISAAC THE
SYRIANS

VENERABLE PALLADIOS OF ANTIOCH

MARTYR CHARITA

VENERABLE THEODOSIOS OF TOTMA IN VOLOGDA

Tone 1 - Eothinon 1

Matins Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:10-14

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION - Tone 1 - Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am
Welcome, Fr. Witalis!

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Fr Noah & Fr James 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.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Feb 4):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Justin G./Mary Lynne B.	Kristi Moore
EPISTLE READER:	Rdr Nicholas	Karen Burke
ALTAR CANDLES:	Fr. Noah (blessed pilgrimage)	John Ferguson
GREETERS:	Michael & Helen Heveran	Angie Drăghici
CLEANING TEAM:	Olena, Mary, Tadesse	Serge & Alex K.
COFFEE HOUR:	Gohl/Moore/Gula	Teens (Fundraiser)

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. **Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.**

Coffee Hour sponsors needed! Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these Ministries!

Mark Your Calendar:

HOUSE BLESSINGS - Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!

Ice Skating Event
Sunday, February 11 - 2:40 pm at Hatfield Ice

Great Lent Begins
Monday, February 19 - Clean Monday

Choir Workshop & Concert
Saturday, March 10 - Retreat, 11 am–7 pm
Sunday, March 11 - Concert, 1 pm

Lenten Retreat - "A Christian Ending"
Saturday, March 17

Pascha
Sunday, April 8

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, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
Pray for your relatives who do not know the Lord.

This Week: *Fr. Noah in Greece for Mt. Athos Pilgrimage (1/22 -1/31)*

Monday, Jan 29: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 30: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 31: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Compline & Adult Education, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 1: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Vespers & Artoklasia for the Presentation of Christ, 7 pm

Friday, Feb 2: Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Matins 9 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am
Candle blessing 11:30 am & Festal Potluck

Saturday, Feb 3: Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm
VESPERS 6 pm, Confessions 7 pm
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm
Chili Cookoff, 7pm

Sunday, Feb 4: **MATINS 9 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am

Pray For:

Living	Departed
AP Anthony	Assaad
Mary K.	Sylvia
R Maxime	Patricia D
Michael I	
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
Patricia & family	
John D	
John G	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	
Mark L	
Robert C	
Kristen C	
Stephanie	
Helen	
Constantine	
R Herman E	
Nicholas A	
Thomas	

St. Nina's List

Faith
Michael
Mary Stella

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Oral Care Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: This is EARTH!

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Jan 20: 57 Divine Services on Jan 21: 178
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$343. Collections, \$697. Youth, \$9. Book Shelf, \$6. Camping Fund, \$41. Stewardship, \$3,669. Total received: \$4,765.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!