

February 4, 2018

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON & AFTER-FEAST
OF PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST**

Venerable Isidore of Pelusium

Saint Isidore of Pelusium lived during the 4th-5th centuries. He was a native of Alexandria, and was raised among pious Christians. He was a relative of Theophilus, Archbishop of Alexandria, and of his successor, Saint Cyril (January 18). While still a youth he quit the world and withdrew to Egypt to Mount Pelusium, which became the site of his monastic efforts.



Saint Isidore's spiritual wisdom and strict asceticism, combined with his broad learning and innate knowledge of the human soul, enabled him to win the respect and love of his fellow monks in a short time. They chose him as their head and had him ordained a priest.

Following the example of Saint John Chrysostom, whom he had managed to see and hear during a trip to Constantinople, Saint Isidore devoted himself primarily to Christian preaching. He was a teacher and a willingly provided counsel for anyone who turned to him for spiritual encouragement, whether it was a simple man, a dignitary, a bishop, the Patriarch of Alexandria, or even the emperor. He left behind about 10,000 letters, of which 2,090 have survived.

Saint Isidore's love for Saint John Chrysostom resulted in his support of Saint John when he was persecuted by the empress Eudoxia and Archbishop Theophilus. After the death of Saint John, Saint Isidore persuaded Theophilus' successor Saint Cyril to inscribe the name of Saint John Chrysostom into the Church diptychs as a confessor. Through the initiative of Saint Isidore the Third Ecumenical Council was convened at Ephesus (431), at which the false teaching of Nestorius concerning the person of Jesus Christ was condemned.

Saint Isidore lived into old age and died around the year 436. The Church historian Evagrius (sixth century) writes of Saint Isidore, "his life seemed to everyone the life of an angel upon the earth." Another historian, Nicephorus Callistus (ninth century), praises Saint Isidore thus: "He was a vital and inspired pillar of monastic rules and divine vision, and as such he presented a very lofty image of most fervent example and spiritual teaching."

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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYRS JADORUS AND ISIDORE WHO SUFFERED UNDER
DECIVS (249-251)

HIEROMARTYR ABRAMIUS, BISHOP OF ARBELA IN ASSYRIA
(CA. 344-347)

ST. ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM, MONK (436-440)

ST. NICHOLAS THE CONFESSOR, ABBOT OF THE STUDIOIN
(868)

ST. ABRAHAM AND ST. COPRIUS, MONKS, OF PECHENGA
(VOLOGDA) (15TH C.).

ST. CYRIL, ABBOT, WONDERWORKER OF NEW LAKE
(NOVGOROD) (1532)

Tone 2 - Eothinon 2

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 15:11-32

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

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
Women of St. Philip's, 12 pm
Choir Practice, 12:30 pm
Welcome home, Fr. Noah!

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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 11):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Tadesse
EPISTLE READER:	Karen Burke	Raja Kyriakos
ALTAR CANDLES:	John Ferguson	---
GREETERS:	Angie Drăghici	Jim & Dorris Eggers
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge & Alex K.	Chris & Natalia
COFFEE HOUR:	Teens (Fundraiser)	Women's Donation

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

Announcement: Important Ministry Need/Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to clean the church, Narthex and Nave. This primarily includes dusting, vacuuming and cleaning the glass, about 1.5 to 2 hours. In the past we have had 4 or 5 teams to alternate performing the cleaning duties. As of today we have 4. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Larry or Louise Shaheen. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar:

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 daily for St. Philip's Outreach and Evangelism.

This Week:

- Monday, Feb 5:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb 6:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb 7:** Viewing & Funeral of John Nemetz, 10 am-12pm
Compline & Adult Education, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb 8:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Friday, Feb 9:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb 10:** Soul Saturday Divine LITURGY, 9 am
BAPTISM (Kotsatos), 11 am
Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm
VESPERS 6 pm, Confessions 7 pm
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm
- Sunday, Feb 11:** *Judgment/Meatfare*
MATINS 9 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am
Choir Practice, 12:30 pm
Ice Skating, 2:40 pm

Pray For:

Living	Departed
AP Anthony	Assaad
Christine S	Sylvia
Carolyn K	Patricia D
Mary K	
R Maxime	
Michael I	
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
Patricia & family	
John D	
John G	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Mark L	
Robert C	Corrine
Kristen C	Faith
Stephanie	Michael
Helen	Mary Stella
Constantine	
R Herman E	
Nicholas A	
Thomas	

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Paper Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Always remember and say to yourself: God is near!

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Jan 27: 46 Divine Services on Jan 28: 182
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$218. Collections, \$1,364. Youth, \$7. Book Shelf, \$25. Stewardship, \$5,942. Total received: \$7,556.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!