

February 25, 2018

**FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
(SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY)**

St. Tarasius the Archbishop of Constantinople

Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople was of illustrious lineage. He was born and raised in Constantinople, where he received a fine education. He was rapidly promoted at the court of the emperor Constantine VI Porphyrogenitos (780-797) and Constantine's mother, the holy Empress Irene (August 7), and the saint attained the rank of senator.



During these times the Church was agitated by the turmoil of the Iconoclast disturbances. The holy Patriarch Paul (August 30) although he had formerly supported Iconoclasm, later repented and resigned his office. He withdrew to a monastery, where he took the schema. When the holy Empress Irene and her son the emperor came to him, Saint Paul told them that the most worthy successor to him would be Saint Tarasius (who at this time was still a layman).

Tarasius refused for a long time, not considering himself worthy of such high office, but he then gave in to the common accord on the condition that an Ecumenical Council be convened to address the Iconoclast heresy.

Saint Tarasius was elevated to the patriarchal throne in the year 784. In the year 787 the Seventh Ecumenical Council was convened in the city of Nicea, with Patriarch Tarasius presiding, and 367 bishops attending. The veneration of holy icons was confirmed at the council.

Saint Tarasius wisely governed the Church for twenty-two years, leading a strict ascetic life and giving alms generously to all in need.

The holy Patriarch fearlessly denounced the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos when he slandered his spouse, the empress Maria, the granddaughter of Saint Philaretos the Merciful (December 1), so that he could send Maria to a monastery, thus freeing him to marry his own kinswoman.

Saint Tarasius died in the year 806. Mourned by the Church, the saint was buried in a monastery he built on the Bosphorus. Many miracles took place at his tomb.

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COMMEMORATIONS:

TARASIOS THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF
CONSTANTINOPLE (806)

HIEROMARTYR REGINOS, BISHOP OF SKOPELOS (355)

HIEROMARTYR MARKELLOS, BISHOP OF APAMEA IN SYRIA

MARTYR ALEXANDER OF MARKIANOPOLIS (305)

ST. ETHELBERT, KING OF KENT (616)

ST. WALBURGA, ABBESS OF HEIDENHEIM (779)

NEW HIEROMARTYR PRIEST LEO KOROBCEK OF LASKOV
(1944)

Tone 5 - Eothinon 5

Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Liturgy Gospel: St. John 1:43-51

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - Tone 2 - Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am
Parish Council, 12:45 pm
Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, 4 pm @ St. Nicholas OCA
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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

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 (Mar 4):
PROSPHORA BREAD: Justin G/Mary Lynne B	Kristi Moore
EPISTLE READER: David Hyatt	Terry Kaminsky
ALTAR CANDLES: Howanetz Family	---
GREETERS: Colin & Sandra Miller	Celia-Marie & Sharon
CLEANING TEAM: The Teens	Serge & Alex
COFFEE HOUR: Kovalenko/Marquardt	---

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?

Mark Your Calendar:

Choir Workshop
Saturday, March 10 - Retreat, 9 am - 9 pm

Friends & Family Day – Choir Concert
Sunday, March 11 - Concert, 1 pm

Lenten Retreat - “A Christian Ending”
Saturday, March 17 – 9 am - 7pm

Please speak with Fr Noah, Martha, or Stephanie about Burial Ministry Teams.

Pascha
Sunday, April 8

Pentecost
Sunday, May 27

Parish Life Conference
June 27 - July 1

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: **Great Fast Continues ...**

Fr. Noah will be travelling March 1-6.

- Monday, Feb 26:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Great Compline, 7 p.m.
- Tues, Feb 27:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Wedn, Feb 28:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Confession, 6:30 p.m.
Presanctified Liturgy, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar 1:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Friday, Mar 2:** Presanctified Liturgy, 10 am
Akathist (w/ Youth Choir), 7 pm
Choir Practice, 8 pm
- Saturday, Mar 3:** Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5 p.m.
VESPERS 6 p.m., Confession 7 pm
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm
- Sunday, Mar 4:** **MATINS 9 a.m.,**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, Sunday School &
Teens, 11:45 am
Women of St. Philip’s, 12 p.m.

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Vladimir R	John N.
Valentine	Assaad
Christine S	Daria
Angela G	Steve-Stavros
Mary K	Christopher-
R Maxime	John
Michael I	
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
John D	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	
Mark L	St. Nina’s List
Robert C	Catechumens
Kristen C	
Stephanie	Couples prepar-
Helen	ing for marriage
Constantine	
R Herman E	Corrine
Nicholas A	Faith
Abess Emitiani	Mary
	Michael

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Paper Products.

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

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Feb 17: 47 Divine Services on Feb 18: 155
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$150. Collections, \$279. Youth, \$7. Book Shelf, \$224. Missions, \$50. Needy Fund, \$70. Stewardship, \$5,903.
Total received: \$6,683.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!