

July 2, 2017
ROBE OF THE THEOTOKOS

St Stephen the Great

Saint Stephen succeeded his father, Prince Bogdan II, as Prince of Moldavia on April 12, 1457 soon after the latter was murdered. He defended his country against the Turks, and he also built many churches and monasteries.

Saint Stephen the Great was a spiritual son of Saint Daniel the Hesychast (December 18), who told him that if he built a church after every battle he would be victorious in all his wars. Following Saint Daniel's counsel, Saint Stephen won forty-seven battles and built forty-eight churches or monasteries. He also built the Putna Dormition Monastery in northern Moldavia in 1466 when Saint Daniel urged him to do so.

In 1476, Saint Stephen lost the battle of Razboieni to the Turks. He went to visit Saint Daniel at the Voronets Monastery to ask whether or not he should surrender the country to the Moslems. Saint Daniel told him not to surrender, because he would soon win a decisive victory. Saint Daniel also told him that after he had saved the nation, Stephen should build a monastery in honor of Saint George at that place. Having faith in Saint Daniel's prophecy, Stephen went forth with his army and drove the Turks from the country.

Saint Stephen fell asleep in the Lord on July 2, 1504, and was buried at the Putna Monastery. He was glorified by the Orthodox Church of Romania in 1992.

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COMMEMORATIONS:

THE PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' ROBE IN
BLACHERNAE (5TH C.)
JUVENALY, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM (458)
ST. MONEGUNDE OF CHARTRES (530)
RIGHT-BELIEVING KING STEPHEN THE GREAT OF
MOLDAVIA (ROMANIA, 1504)
REPOSE OF JOB, FIRST PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW
(1607)
ST. JUVENAL, PROTOMARTYR OF AMERICA AND
ALASKA (1796)
ARCHBISHOP JOHN MAXIMOVITCH OF SHANGHAI
AND SAN FRANCISCO (1966)

Tone 3
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Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12
Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7
Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

TODAY: Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.

SAINT PHILIP'S is 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 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 to the glory of God.

MANY THANKS to the Heveran family and Zemelak Wolde & family for sponsoring today's coffee hour. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Greg & Jenn Howanetz

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Olena Kulbachna, Mary Kompass, Tadesse Abay

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!



Mark Your Calendar:

Akathist

Wednesdays 7 pm, June 21 - July 26

Sacred Music Institute

July 12-16

At the Antiochian Village

Vacation Church School

August 7-11 - The Parables of Christ

Fr Boniface Memorial & Retreat

August 12-13

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 17, 2-7 pm

See Beth McClintock or Jerry Burke to sign up.

International Food Festival

Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

Everyday Evangelist

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

Be available.

This Week:

Tuesday, Jul 4: **SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon**

Wednesday, Jul 5: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
AKATHIST, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jul 6: **DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.**

Saturday, Jul 8: **VESPERS, 6 p.m. - Confessions**

Sunday, Jul 9: **MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.**
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.
Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Oral Care Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: How are you, Father?
"Never Better!"

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Jun 24: 34 Liturgy on Jun 18: 149
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$190. Collections, \$176. Youth, \$3. Food for Hungry, \$37.01 Smerkanich Schol, \$50. Stewardship, \$2,441. Total received: \$2,897.01

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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