

September 24, 2017

PROTO-MARTYR THEKLA

Saint Dorothy of Kashin

Saint Dorothy of Kashin was born in 1549 of a noble family. No information has come down to us about her name before she became a nun, or the place of her birth. From the age of twelve, she lived in a climate of civil unrest, and the area was subject to rebellion, invasion, and plague.



Later, she was married to Theodore Ladygin, and they lived north of Moscow in the region where the city of Kashin is located. They had a son named Michael. Dorothy's husband was killed at the beginning of the seventeenth century defending the city in a battle against Polish and Lithuanian invaders. She was close to sixty years old at that time.

After suffering this terrible loss, Saint Dorothy decided to leave the world and enter the women's monastery of the Meeting of the Lord in Kashin. In this same monastery were the relics of Saint Anna of Kashin (October 2). The monastery had been sacked along with the city, so conditions there were anything but easy.

Saint Dorothy built a small cell in the ruins, and there she engaged in ascetical struggles. She found the Korsun icon of the Mother of God (October 9) in the debris and kept it in her cell. This icon later became known for its miracles.

She did not move to another monastery when she grew older, but preferred to remain in the semi-wilderness around Kashin. She tried to help those who were suffering during this time, encouraging and consoling them. Whatever money she had left after her husband's death was used to restore the monastery, or to benefit the poor.

Saint Dorothy had once lived in luxury, but now she was reduced to poverty, enduring every affliction and sorrow with great patience. She prayed continually for her husband, her monastery, and the city of Kashin.

Once the danger had passed, the other nuns started coming back to the monastery. Saint Dorothy's holy and virtuous life also inspired other women to become nuns. They all wanted her as their abbess, but Saint Dorothy refused this office, preferring to live as a humble nun. For the rest of her life, however, she was an example to the sisters.

In 1615, Saint Dorothy received the Great Schema and increased her spiritual efforts. She fell asleep in the Lord when she was about eighty on September 24, 1629 after living in the monastery for more than twenty years.

She was buried on the north side of the monastery church. A white memorial stone was placed over her grave, and the inscription was clearly legible until the twentieth century. Many miracles have taken place at her grave for those who entreat her with faith.

Text from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/09/24/102721-venerable-dorothy-of-kashin>

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



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COMMEMORATIONS:

HOLY PROTOMARTYR AND EQUAL-TO-THE-
APOSTLES THEKLA OF ICONIUM (1ST C.)

ST. COPRIUS OF PALESTINE (530)

ST. ISARNUS OF MARSEILLES (1043)

COMMEMORATION OF THE WONDER-WORKING
ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS OF THE MYRTLE TREE
(1198)

SAINT VLADISLAV OF SERBIA (1239)

VENERABLE NICANDER OF PSKOV (1581)

SAINT DOROTHY OF KASHIN (1629)

THE SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS OF ALASKA
NEW-MARTYR AHMED

Tone 7

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Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Liturgy Gospel: Luk 5:1-11

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

TODAY: Coffee Hour - Hurricane Harvey relief collection.
Sunday School & Teens.
Parish Council meets, 12:45

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 Chris Stavrou, in memory of departed husband, Barry Dennis (MEMORY ETERNAL!); and by Celia-Marie Khouri, in thanksgiving for blessings received (birthday - MANY YEARS!).

MANY THANKS to Chris Stavrou for sponsoring today's coffee hour. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS are needed for most of the rest of the year. Please take a turn.

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Celia-Marie Khouri & Sharon Yezdimir

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Chris Stavrou, Natalia Mamardashvili, and Ken Hedrick

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE in support of Hurricane Harvey relief! A basket will be placed during coffee hour to collect your donations to IOCC.

Mark Your Calendar:

CHANT WORKSHOPS

Every other Wednesday after Compline, Sept - Nov
Free-chanting, Prosomia, and Byzantine Notation
Sept 6 & 20, Oct 4 & 18, Nov 1 at 7:30 p.m.

ADULT STUDIES

Every other Wednesday after Compline, Sept - Nov
What is a Parish? A Place of Repentance, Hospitality, Rejoicing, & Edification
Sept 27, Oct 11 & 25, Nov 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Intro to Orthodoxy - Fall Series

Saturdays at 4:30, Sept 23 - Nov 18 (exc. Nov 4)

Village at Home

Saturday, November 11
Flyer and registration form on the bulletin board.

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

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
Teach English as a Second Language classes.

This Week:

- Monday, Sep 25:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sep 26:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sep 27:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
COMPLINE 7 p.m.
Adult Study, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sep 28:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Friday, Sep 29:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Men's Fellowship, 8 p.m. *at Kovalenko home*
- Saturday, Sep 30:** Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct 1:** MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.
Women of St Philip's

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Cleaning Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: I guess you didn't want a blessing.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers & Matins for Nativity of the Theotokos: 30
Liturgy for the Feast: 30 Vespers on Sep 9: 36 Divine Services on Sep
10: 175 **OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$180.75 Collections, \$615. Youth, \$1.
BookShelf, \$312. Camp Schol, \$347. Needy, \$102.50 Pastoral
Discretion, \$120. Teens, \$160. Women (bazaar), \$1,705. Cemetery
plot, \$250. Stewardship, \$1,423. Total received: \$5,216.25
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR 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.