

January 7, 2018

**SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER &
BAPTIST JOHN**

St. Cedd of Lastingham

Saint Cedd was a missionary and bishop who spread the faith throughout England during the seventh century.

The eldest of four brothers, all of whom became priests, he was born in 620 AD into a noble Northumbrian family. At an early age, he began studies at the Lindisfarne Priory, where he became familiar with Irish monasticism. After pursuing further studies in Ireland, he was sent by Bishop Finan of Lindisfarne to evangelize the people of Essex. He baptized many of the locals, built several churches, and founded monasteries in Bradwell-on-Sea and East Tilbury.



After his consecration to the episcopacy as Bishop of Essex, he reinstated Saint Paul's in London as the main seat of his diocese. He remained fond of his northern homeland and made regular visits there. On one such occasion in 658, he was approached by King Aethelwald of Deira who, finding Saint Cedd to be a good and wise man, pressed him to accept a parcel of land at Lastingham in Yorkshire on which to build a monastery. Saint Cedd eventually agreed, laying the foundation stones after the parcel had been cleansed through prayer and fasting. He became the first Abbot of Lastingham and remained so while still ministering to his flock in Essex.

Saint Cedd died in Lastingham during a great plague that also claimed the life of his brother Cynebil. Eventually, he was buried under the altar of a little stone church built at Lastingham in honor of the Mother of God. His relics were later transferred to the Litchfield Cathedral, which had been built by his brother Chad.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/01/07/108296-st-cedd-of-lastingham>

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



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COMMEMORATIONS:

ST. BRANNOCK (BRYNACH) OF BRAUNTON (6TH
C.)

ST. CEDD, BISHOP OF LASTINGHAM (664)

ST. PACHOMIUS, ABBOT OF KENO LAKE
MONASTERY (1525)

NEW-MARTYR ATHANASIOS OF ATTALIA (1700)

Tone 6 - Eothinon 9

Matins Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8

Liturgy Gospel: St. John 1:29-34

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

TROPARION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST - Tone 2 - The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
10-Year Memorial for Jim Vleisides
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens
Women of St. Philip, 12 pm
Outdoor Water Blessing @ Lenape Park, 1 pm

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week:
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
EPISTLE READER:	Brian Fitzgerald	Irene Forssen
ALTAR CANDLES:	Peter Psomiadis (birthday - MANY YEARS!)	---
GREETERS:	Steve & Carolyn Kaminsky	Todd & Kristi Moore
CLEANING TEAM:	Chris & Natalia	Kim, Todd & Kristi Moore
COFFEE HOUR:	Potluck	---

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!

Adult Education - "Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy"

Jan 3 - Feb 14, Wednesdays after Compline

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Thursday, February 1 - Vespers & Artoklasia, 7 pm

Friday, February 2 - Matins & Liturgy w/ Candle blessing, 9 am

Great Lent Begins

Monday, February 19 - Clean Monday

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:

Monday, Jan 8: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan 9: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Jan 10: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Compline & Adult Education, 7 p.m.**

Thursday, Jan 11: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

Friday, Jan 12: 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan 13: Men's Fellowship, 8-10 am
Holy Bread Workshop, 3 pm
Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm
VESPERS 6 pm, Confessions 7 pm
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm**

**Sunday, Jan 14: MATINS 9 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Parish Council, 12:45 pm**

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Oral Care Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: This is EARTH!

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Dec 30: 30 Divine Services on Dec 31: 164
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$351.01. Collections, \$179. Youth, \$25. Book Shelf, \$101. Camping Fund, \$400. Christmas Card Fund, \$30. Needy Fund, \$20. One-time Project, \$31.55. Stewardship, \$11,331. Total received: \$12,468.56.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

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.