

**October 7, 2018**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus**

Saint Pelagia of Tarsus in Cilicia (southeastern Asia Minor) lived in the third century, during the reign of Diocletian (284-305), and was the daughter of illustrious pagans. When she heard about Jesus Christ from her Christian friends, she believed in Him and desired to preserve her virginity, dedicating her whole life to the Lord.

Emperor Diocletian's heir (a boy he adopted), saw the maiden Pelagia, was captivated by her beauty and wanted her to be his wife. The holy virgin told the youth that she was betrothed to Christ the Immortal Bridegroom, and had renounced earthly marriage.

Pelagia's reply greatly angered the young man, but he decided to leave her in peace for awhile, hoping that she would change her mind. At the same time, Pelagia convinced her mother to let her visit the nurse who had raised her in childhood. She secretly hoped to find Bishop Linus of Tarsus, who had fled to a mountain during a persecution against Christians, and to be baptized by him. Along the way Saint Pelagia, by the grace of God, met Bishop Linus. Pelagia immediately recognized the bishop who had appeared to her in the dream. She fell at his feet, requesting Baptism. At the bishop's prayer a spring of water flowed from the ground.

She tried to convert her own mother to Christ, but the obdurate woman sent a message to Diocletian's son that Pelagia was a Christian and did not wish to be his wife. The youth realized that Pelagia was lost to him, and he fell upon his sword in his despair. Pelagia's mother feared the emperor's wrath, so she tied her daughter up and led her to Diocletian's court as a Christian who was also responsible for the death of the heir to the throne. The emperor was captivated by the unusual beauty of the virgin and tried to turn her from her faith in Christ, promising her every earthly blessing if she would become his wife. The holy virgin refused the emperor's offer with contempt.

Diocletian sentenced Pelagia to be burned in a red-hot bronze bull. Not permitting the executioners to touch her body, the holy martyr signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and went into the brazen bull and her flesh melted like myrrh, filling the whole city with fragrance. Saint Pelagia's bones remained unharmed and were removed by the pagans to a place outside the city. Four lions then came out of the wilderness and sat around the bones letting neither bird nor wild beast get at them. The lions protected the relics of the saint until Bishop Linus came to that place. He gathered them up and buried them with honor. Later, a church was built over her holy relics.

*Text (adapted) and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/10/07/102895-martyr-pelagia-of-tarsus>*



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



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**COMMEMORATIONS:**

MARTYRS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS OF SYRIA  
HIEROMARTYR POLYCHRONIOS OF NICAEA  
PRIEST JULIAN AND DEACON CAESARIUS OF CAMPANIA  
VENERABLE JOHN THE HERMIT AND THOSE WITH HIM  
VENERABLE SERGIUS OF NURMA  
JONAH OF MANCHURIA

**Tone 2 - Eothinon 8**

**Matins Gospel: St. John 20:11-18**

**Epistle: 2 Cor 11:31-12:9**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-16**

**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!

**EXAPOSTEILARION FOR SS. SERGIUS & BACCHUS - Tone 2 -** Bound to each other by their faith \* and brotherly affection, \* those Martyrs clothed in victory, \* the godly-minded Sergius \* and ever-mem'orable Bacchus, \* ask Thee, O Christ, with fervor \* to grant Thy peace unto the world \* and to all those within it, \* and victory \* over every heresy to our hierarchs, \* and pardon of our sins to us, \* granting our souls salvation.

**TODAY:** Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am  
One-Year Memorial for Bp ANTOUN & Anthony (Al) Manze,  
11:30 am

Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens, 11:45 am

Women of St Philip, 12 noon

*Farewell to the Hoffmans! Godspeed & Many Blessings!*

*Please pray for Levi & Jocey (Jekel) as they are united in Marriage today in Harrisburg.*

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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 (Oct 14):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Anonymous
EPISTLE READER:	Brian Fitzgerald	Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	Nancy Manze	---
GREETERS:	Don & Maryann Reigle	Michael & Helen Heveran
CLEANING TEAM:	Hyatt Family	Natalia, Lasha; John G
COFFEE HOUR:	Nancy Manze	---

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

### How Can You Help?

There are many **weekly/regular ministry** opportunities that you can be a part of! Baking bread, altar candles, wine, flowers, joining a cleaning crew, sponsoring coffee hour, etc. Please consider how you can use your gifts to enrich our life and ministry together at St. Philip!

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Compline & Patristic Reading**  
Wednesday evenings (6 pm)

**Intro to Orthodoxy Class**  
Saturdays at 4:30 pm

**Liturgy for St. James**  
Tuesday, October 23, 10 am  
w/Festal Potluck to follow

**Advent Retreat**  
December 8

"The First & Second Comings of Christ"  
with Drs. David & Mary Ford

**Bp THOMAS Visit**  
December 22-25

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Bp Alexander	Ayele
Baby Simeon	Timothy
Child Gregory	Helen (B)
Caroline, Luke, Samuel,	Yorgo
Hosanna	
Paul (M)	
Denise A	
James E	
Mat. Linda	
Hortense	
Mary K.	
R Maxime	<b>St. Nina's List</b>
Lasha B	Catechumens
Otari B	Tatiana (Sze),
Daniel H	Rebecca, Evan,
Elizabeth D	Tina
Stephanie	New & Expectant
Mebrat	Mothers & children
Aristidis	
John	
Kristen	Couples preparing
Laurence	for marriage
Tadessa	
Magda	
Thomas, Elizabeth & all	
Missionaries	
Suffering Christians in	
Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia,	
Egypt & unstable lands	

## Everyday Evangelist

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

Help a neighbor rake leaves!

### This Week:

Monday, Oct 8:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Tuesday, Oct 9:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Wed, Oct 10:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Little Compline & Patristic Reading, 6 pm
Thurs, Oct 11:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Friday, Oct 12:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Sat, Oct 13:	Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm VESPERS 6 pm; Confession 7 pm
Sunday, Oct 14:	ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 am Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm

"It is unpleasant when people react to you poorly and suspect you of some evil doing. Therefore do not speak poorly of anyone, and without sufficient cause do not be suspicious of anyone. Love thinketh no evil (I Cor. 13:5)."  
- Metropolitan Gregory (Postnikov) of St. Petersburg

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Bath & Shower Products.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE:** "I am not my emotions."

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Sept 29: 52 Divine Services on Sept 30: 217  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$166.49. Collections, \$1,045. Youth, \$6. Book Shelf, \$146. Burial Ministry, \$500. Camping Fund, \$20. Needy Fund, \$1,500. Stewardship, \$7,431. Total received: \$10,814.49.  
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!



MANNA ON MAIN STREET IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

**CANNED FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER, & CEREAL**

THESE ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE PLASTIC BINS AT THE ENTRANCE FOR DONATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS!