

December 2, 2018

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prophet Habakkuk

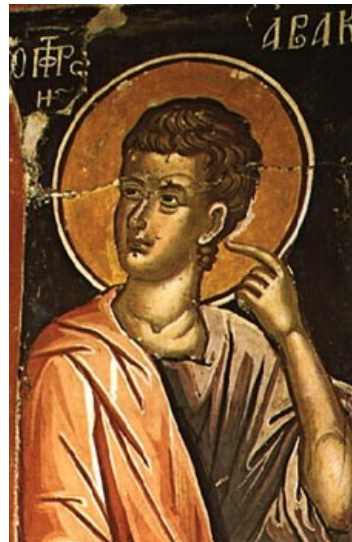
The Holy Prophet Habakkuk, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C.

The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37).

After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14).

The Fourth Ode of the Psalter (“O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...”) is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/12/02/103455-prophet-habakkuk>



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



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COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY PROPHET HABAKKUK
MARTYR HABIB THE NEW
MARTYR MYROPE OF CHIOS
VENERABLE JOHN, HERACLEMON,
THEOPHILOS AND ANDREW OF EGYPT
MARTYR STEPHEN UROSH, THE SERBIAN KING
VENERABLE IOANNIKIOS OF DEVITCH
ST PORPHYRIOS THE KAPSOKALYVITE

Tone 2 - Eothinon 5

Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35
Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:35-43

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!

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY - Tone 3 - The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal; wherefore, rejoice O earth at the message; with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

TODAY: Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am
Women of St Philip, 12 pm

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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 (Dec 9):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
EPISTLE READER:	Raja Kyriakos	Irene Forssen
ALTAR CANDLES:	<i>(Sign up sheet in the hallway)</i>	
GREETERS:	Nick & Martha Morelli	Justin & Kate Gohl
CLEANING TEAM:	Natalia, Lasha, & John G	Kim, Todd & Kristi M.
COFFEE HOUR:	Yurchak	Choir Appreciation Potluck

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

Giving Opportunities at St. Philip

- ✦ As the year comes to a close, please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund, Camp Scholarship Fund, Library Fund, Property Acquisition, Chapel Fund, and Pastoral Discretionary Fund.**
 - ✦ **YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS** support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Flower offering envelopes are available on the literature rack.
 - ✦ **YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD OFFERINGS** benefit Ministries, Monasteries, & Mission Situations.
- Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Advent Paraklesis

Mondays & Fridays, 6 pm, during Advent

Bp THOMAS Visit

December 22-25

Nativity Services

Sunday, December 23 -

Sunday School Christmas Program, 12:30 pm

Monday, December 24 -

Royal Hours 8:45 am, Vespers Liturgy 10 am
Festal Orthros 8:45 pm, Hierarchical Liturgy 10 pm

Tuesday, December 25 -

Vespers for Synaxis 12 pm

Wednesday, December 26 -

Orthros 9 am, Liturgy for Synaxis 10 am

Circumcision & St Basil & New Year

Monday, Dec 31 - Tuesday, Jan 1

Talent Show 8-10 pm – Speak to Sandy Miller about participating!

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Bp Alexander	“Aunt Betty”
Baby Simeon	Dovi
Child Gregory	Fr. Joseph
Caroline & family	
Paul (M)	
James E	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	<u>St. Nina’s List</u>
Mebrat	Catechumens
Aristidis	Tatiana (Sze), Rebecca, Evan, Tina
Thomas, Elizabeth & all Missionaries	New & Expectant Mothers & children
Suffering Christians in Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Egypt & unstable lands	Jeremy Michael

This Week:

NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES ...

- Monday, Dec 3:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Advent Paraklesis 6 pm
- Tuesday, Dec 4:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club
- Wed, Dec 5:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Vespers & Artoklasia for St. Nicholas, w/
Youth Choir 6 pm, Youth Activity 7 pm
- Thurs, Dec 6:** FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS
Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am with Fish/Wine/
Oil Potluck to follow
- Friday, Dec 7:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Advent Paraklesis 6 pm
- Sat, Dec 8:** Advent Retreat, 2 pm
“*The First & Second Comings of Christ*”
with Drs. David & Mary Ford
VESPERS 6 pm; Confession 7 pm
- Sunday, Dec 9:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 am
Removal of Crowns (Coutros), 11:30 am
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: Taking Every Thought Captive to Christ
“Pray for God’s help”

OFFERINGS for Sunday, Nov 18: Candles, \$528.35. Collections, \$612.25. Book Shelf, \$15. Honorarium Fund, \$3,000. Stewardship, \$4,102. Total received: \$8,257.60.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Nov 24: 24 Divine Services on Nov 25: 169
OFFERINGS for Sunday, Nov 25: Candles, \$270. Collections, \$1,291. Youth, \$14. Book Shelf, \$6. Camping Fund, \$100. Needy Fund, \$100. Stewardship, \$3,154. Total received: \$4,935.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!