

## Knowing, Praying, Living the Holy Scriptures

“How I have loved thy law, O Lord! The whole day it is my meditation.” (Ps 118:97)

### Deuteronomy 4:6

“Therefore be careful to observe [these ordinances and judgments]; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the Gentiles, who will hear all these ordinances and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’” (OSB)

In Deuteronomy 1-3, Moses recounts Israel’s 40-year journey from Egypt to the east of the Jordan River. This culminates in Moses’ final petition to be granted access to the Promised Land (Deut 3:21-29), a request God denies with a view to Joshua’s—whose name in Greek is “Jesus”—role of leading Israel into its divine rest in the Land.

In this we find a kind of summary of salvation history: “Moses,” symbolizing the Law, must give way to “Joshua,” Jesus, for the Law was intended as a “Pedagogue”—guide, tutor (Gal 3:24)—to bring us to Christ, who is the Seed of Abraham, the true Israel, as well as the Heavenly Kingdom, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and “eternal life” itself (1 Jn 2:25).

This does not mean that there are “two people” of God, nor does it mean that the Law is outside of the providential purpose and promises of God (“God forbid!,” Gal 3:21). Rather, with the Incarnation as the goal of all salvation history, God has arranged things such that the righteous saints of old would “not be made perfect apart from us,” God’s new covenant people (Heb 11:40)—and by implication, nor us apart from them!

Once we have entered into the “Promised Land” that is Christ Himself, and thus His Body, the Church, the Law’s function is fulfilled and transformed, it is not abolished. Since the Law is “summed up” in the twin commandment of “Love God” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt 22:36-40; Rom 13:8-10), the Law is at once both an “old” and a “new” commandment (1 Jn 2:7-8) which is fulfilled in Christ’s self-giving for us and then our self-giving to God, to one another, and to the world.

“Have this mind in you,” says St. Paul, reflecting on Christ’s loving condescension and self-giving to the point of death on a Cross (Phil 2:5-11). It is by our love for one another, Christ says, that “all men will know that you are my disciples” (Jn 13:35). It is in our imitation of Christ’s laying down of His life for His friends that we fulfill “the Law of Christ” (Gal 6:2) such that the life of the Church becomes a continual proclamation of the Gospel, the scandalous Wisdom of the Cross (1 Cor 1-2), for the Church’s life is but a continuation, an extension, of the Incarnation and the redemptive suffering of Christ in and for the world.

God is Love (1 Jn 4:8), and so to enter into Christ is to enter into Love, in which Love we must continually “abide” (Jn 15:9-10), as our “Promised Land.” To not love is to “abide in death” (1 Jn 3:14).

We need exert little effort to recall instances in our own lives/hearts, in the history of the Church, or in our experiences of church life, where the lack of love has caused “God’s name” to be “blasphemed among the Gentiles” (Rom 2:24/Isa 52:5). May we, through our love, be a living proclamation to the world of the manifold Wisdom of God (Eph 3:10)!



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November 10, 2019

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

### COMMEMORATIONS:

APOSTLES OLYMPAS, RODION, SOSIPATER, TERTIOS,  
ERASTOS AND QUARTOS OF THE SEVENTY  
GREAT-MARTYR ORESTES OF CAPPADOCIA  
VENERABLE THEOSTIRIKTOS OF SYMBOLA AND  
NONNUS, BISHOP OF HELIOPOLIS

**Tone 4 - Eothinon 10**

**Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:1-14**

**Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 -** Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

**KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS - Tone 4 -** The sacred treasury of God’s holy glory, \* the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, \* the Savior’s most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, \* into the House of the Lord \* on this day is brought forward \* and bringeth with herself the grace \* of the Most Divine Spirit; \* her do God’s Angels hymn with songs of praise, \* for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

**TODAY:** Orthros 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am  
Catechism, Sunday School, & Teens  
Coffee Hour after Liturgy  
Information Meeting: Orthodox School, 12:45 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 (Nov 17):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
EPISTLE READER:	Rdr Luke Carpenter	Jennifer Howanetz
USHERS:	Justin G. & Colin M.	Sdn. John & Steve K.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Jordan & Natalie Gamble <small>Anniversary of Jordan's Chrismation</small>
ALTAR BOYS:	"Archangel Gabriel"	"Archangel Michael"
GREETERS:	Justin & Kate Gohl	Steve & Carolyn Kaminsky
CLEANING TEAM:	Lasha & Natalia M.; John G. & Moody family	Sdn. John & Maxine; Tatiana Y
COFFEE HOUR:	Potluck	Potluck

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

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

*Wednesday, Nov 20*

Vespers & Artoklasia, 7 pm

*Thursday, Nov 21*

Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am  
Fasting Potluck to follow

#### Thanksgiving Liturgy

*Thursday, Nov 28, 9 am*

#### St. Nicholas

*Thurs, Dec 5 - Vespers & Artoklasia w/  
Youth Choir 7 pm, Youth Activity 8 pm*

*Fri, Dec 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am*

#### Taylor Kardiotissa Icon Visit

*Friday evening, December 13*

#### Feast of the Nativity of Christ

*Tuesday, December 24*

Royal Hours, 9 am

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 am  
Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm  
Divine Liturgy, 11 pm

*Wednesday, December 25*

Vespers for the Synaxis  
of the Theotokos, 12 pm

*Thursday, December 26*

Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am  
for the Synaxis of the Theotokos

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Crowned Kenneth & Pulcheria	Laurence Steven
Newly-Illumined James Archimandrite David (Griffeth)	Kh. Anastasia
Sarah & Child Benjamin	<u>Catechumens</u>
Richard	Zachary, Evan,
Lasha B	Tina, Robert,
Otari B	Michael, Todd,
Daniel H	Kendra, Liesel,
John	Todd, John
John	Moses, Virginia,
Doris	Conor
Kelly	
Louise-Ruth & family	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Zerfenesh	Amika
Thomas, Elizabeth & all	Michael
Missionaries	Sheilagh
New & Expectant Mothers & children	Andrea
	Faith
	Sloane

**Please check the table in the Great Room for items marked with your name or free to take!**

### OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys

### EVANGELISM CHALLENGE:

"Invite Someone to Church"

## This Week:

<b>Mon, Nov 11:</b>	<b>SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon</b>
<b>Tues, Nov 12:</b>	<b>SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon</b> Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. Conshohocken Fellowship Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Wed, Nov 13:</b>	<b>SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon</b> Vespers, 4 p.m. <b>Vespers &amp; Artoklasia for St. Philip, 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs, Nov 14:</b>	<b>PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. PHILIP</b> Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am Festal Potluck to follow

### ***NATIVITY FAST BEGINS***

<b>Fri, Nov 15:</b>	<b>SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon</b> Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.
<b>Sat, Nov 16:</b>	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8 am Catechism Seminar, 4:30 p.m. <b>VESPERS 6 p.m., Confession 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun, Nov 17:</b>	<b>ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour, Catechism, Sunday School, & Teens, 11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m. Parish Council, 12:45 p.m. Advent Paraklesis, 2 p.m.

## **Ministry Highlights**

*"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10)*

### **"Iveron Icon Prayer Group"**

The purpose of the Iveron Icon Prayer Group is to pray the Akathist before a copy of the miraculous Iberian (Iveron) Icon of the All-Holy Theotokos, known as the Keeper of the Portal at the Iveron Monastery on Mt. Athos. Each day, one member of the prayer group prays the service and reads the list of petitions of the living and the departed for all the members of the group. If you are interested in finding out more about the prayer group and how to join, contact Mary Kompass (marykfilms@gmail.com).

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers Nov 2: 57    Divine Services on Nov 3: 206  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$369. Collections, \$1,085. Youth, \$7. Book Shelf Ministry, \$6. Choir Fund, \$250. COF, \$50. Endowment, \$100. Land Acquisition, \$50. Stewardship, \$13,071. Total received: \$14,988.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**