

Saint Eustathius, Archbishop of Antioch (February 21)

Saint Eustathius, Archbishop of Antioch (323-331) was born in Side, Pamphylia in 324. He was Bishop of Beroea (modern Aleppo), and enjoyed the love and esteem of the people, and at the request of his flock he was elevated by the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (325) to the See of Antioch.

St. Eustathius was a learned theologian, and was also distinguished by his broad knowledge in secular sciences. When the heresy of Arius began to spread in the East (Arianism denied the consubstantiality of the Son of God with the Father), Saint Eustathius struggled zealously for the purity of the Orthodox Faith through his words and his writings.

The First Ecumenical Council was convened in the year 325 by the holy God-crowned Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337). The first to preside over this Council was St. Eustathius. The Council condemned the heretical teachings of Arius and incorporated the Orthodox confession into the Symbol of Faith (the Nicene Creed). But the mad Arius, as Saint Eustathius called him, refused to renounce his errors. He and those who shared his opinion were excommunicated from the Church by the Council. Among the bishops who signed the Nicene Symbol of Faith were some who sympathized with the heresy of Arius, but signed the Acts of the Council through fear of excommunication.

After the Council, his enemies plotted against Saint Eustathius. With great cunning they gained his consent to convene a local Council at Antioch. Having bribed a certain profligate woman, they persuaded her to appear at the Council with an infant at her breast, and falsely declare that Saint Eustathius was the father of the infant. The Arians declared Saint Eustathius deposed, violating the Apostolic Rule that accusations against the clergy must be substantiated by two witnesses. Without a trial he was sent off into exile in Thrace. But the lie was soon unmasked: the woman repented after falling grievously ill. She summoned the clergy, and in the presence of many people, she confessed her sin.

Saint Constantine the Great died around this time, and his son Constantius (337-361), who shared the heretical views of Arius and favored the Arian bishops, succeeded his father on the throne. Even in exile, Saint Eustathius struggled for Orthodoxy with the same zeal. He died in exile, in the city of Philippi or Trajanopolis, in the year 337.

Convened in the year 381 at Constantinople, the Second Ecumenical Council confirmed the Orthodox Symbol of Faith, which Saint Eustathius had so vigorously defended. The Arian heresy was once again anathematized.

In the year 482 the relics of Saint Eustathius were reverently transferred from Philippi to Antioch, to the great joy of the people of Antioch, who had not ceased to honor and love their patriarch.

(Adapted from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/02/21/100576-saint-eustathius-archbishop-of-antioch>)



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February 21, 2021

**SUNDAY OF THE
PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE**

COMMEMORATIONS:

TIMOTHY THE RIGHTEOUS
JOHN III, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
EUSTATHIUS, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH
ZACHARIAH, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM
GEORGE, BISHOP OF AMASTRIS

Tone 4 - Eothion 4

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12
Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:10-14

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 FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN - Tone 4 - Let us flee the Pharisee's * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican's * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Virtual Sunday School & Catechism

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Office Hours: Monday through 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 (Feb 28):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	MaryLynne Black
USHERS:	Dan M. & Rdr. Nick Muz.	Sdn. John N. & Colin M.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kendra Moody; Natalia M.	Todd & Kristi Moore
COFFEE TO-GO TEAM:	Angie D.; Calvin S.; Nick & Martha M.	Chris H.; Bushellis; Amelia

Mark Your Calendar:

Special Liturgies

- ✦ Mar 4th for St. Gerasimos
- ✦ Mar 9th for 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

Lenten Triodion

Prodigal Son - February 28
Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) - Mar 7

Forgiveness Sunday

March 14 - Forgiveness Vespers 11:45 am

Beginning of Lent

March 15, 2021

Bible Study on Sacrifice

Saturdays, 5 pm
Mar 20-Apr 17

Feast of the Annunciation

Wednesday, March 24
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Orthros 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25
Liturgy 10 am
(fish, wine, oil permitted)

We live Pascha to Pascha!
May 2, 2021

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$165.
Collections, \$395. Youth, \$1. Book
Shelf Ministry, \$46. Needy Fund, \$100.
Women's Fund, \$8. Stewardship,
\$1,874. Total received: \$2,589.

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

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Dn. Luke & Family	+George
George, Victoria, & family	+Katharine
AP Boris	+Luke
HM Sylvester	+Christopher
Fr. Sergius	
AP Serge	+Thomas
Doris & John	Joseph
Apr. Gregory & Family	+Frank
James	+Kristina
Lasha B	+John
Otari B	+Steve
Daniel H	+John
John	+Hertanse
Peter	
Anesia	
Svetlana & Family	
Pulcheria	
Natalia	
Anna	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
	Matthew,
	Michael,
	Shaun,
	Tina,
	Aseana,
	Sara,
	Barry,
	Ryan

For the people of our
land and their
repentance, healing &
unity

All who are suffering,
serving and rebuilding
from the pandemic

This Week:

NO FASTING THIS WEEK

Office Open – 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri

Masks encouraged for all services.

- Monday, Feb 22:** Office open
Parish Council 6 p.m. (Zoom)
- Tuesday, Feb 23:** Liturgy for St. Polycarp 10 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
- Wed, Feb 24:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Live Not By Lies Reading Group
7:15 p.m.
- Thurs, Feb 25:** Office open
- Friday, Feb 26:** Office open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Feb 27:** Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.
Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb 28:** SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Paper Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

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 let us know if there is any way we can serve you. **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 receive a blessing, anointing, and Blessed Bread at the end of the Liturgy.