

MAY 20, 2018
SUNDAY OF THE
FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Martyr Thallelaeus at Aegae in Cilicia

The Martyrs Thallelaeus, Alexander and Asterius lived during the reign of Numerian (283-284). The prefect of the city of Aegea sent soldiers to seek out Christians. They brought to him Thallelaeus, an eighteen-year-old blond-haired youth. To the prefect's questions Saint Thallelaeus replied, "I am a Christian, a native of Lebanon. My father, Beruchius, was a military commander, and my mother was named Romylia. My brother is a subdeacon. I, however, am studying medicine under the physician Macarius. During a former persecution against Christians in Lebanon, I was brought before the prefect Tiberius, and barely escaped execution. But now that I stand before this court, do with me as you will. I wish to die for Christ my Savior and my God, and hope to endure all torments with His help."



The enraged prefect ordered the two torturers Alexander and Asterius to bore through the knees of the martyr, pass a rope through the bone, and suspend him head downwards. But the executioners, by God's design, bored into a block of wood, which they hung up in place of the martyr. When the prefect saw that they had deceived him, he then ordered that Alexander and Asterius be whipped. They also confessed themselves Christians and glorified God. The prefect immediately gave orders to cut off their heads. Twice he attempted to carry out the execution, and to bore through the saint's knees, but the grace of God prevented him. Then he commanded that Saint Thallelaeus be drowned.

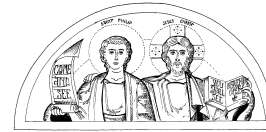
The returning servants reported to the prefect that they had carried out the execution, but just as they finished their report, Saint Thallelaeus appeared in white raiment. For a long time everyone was numbed with terror, but finally the prefect said, "Behold, this sorcerer has bewitched even the sea."

Then one of his advisers, the magician Urbician, told the prefect to have the martyr thrown to the wild beasts. But neither the vicious bear, nor the hungry lion and lioness, would touch the saint, all meekly lay down at his feet. Seeing this happen, the people began to shout, "Great is the God of the Christians. O God of Thallelaeus, have mercy on us!"

The crowd seized Urbician and threw him to the beasts, which did not hesitate to tear the magician apart. Finally, the prefect gave orders to kill the holy martyr with a sword. They led Christ's martyr to the place of execution, called Aegea, where he prayed to God and bent his neck beneath the sword. This occurred in the year 284.

The relics of the holy martyr Thallelaeus are in the church of Saint Agathonicus of Constantinople and have performed many miracles. Saint Thallelaeus treated the sick without payment. For this reason, the Church calls him an Unmercenary Physician. He is invoked in prayers for the sick in the Mystery of Holy Unction, and during the Blessing of Waters.

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Tone 6

Eothinon 10 - St. John 21:1-14
Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
Gospel: St. John 17:1-13

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 FOR ASCENSION - Tone 4 - Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God and Deliverer of the world.

TROPARION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 8 - Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish the Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith. O most merciful One, glory to thee!

TODAY: Orthros, 8:35 am & Churching (Sawicki), 9:50 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School, and Teens after Liturgy
Parish Council, 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 (May 27):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	---	Justin G.
EPISTLE READER:	Rdr Nathan	Irene Forssen
ALTAR CANDLES:	Bushelli	Howanetz Family
GREETERS:	Teen SOYO	Colin & Sandy M.
CLEANING TEAM:	Chris & Natalia	Kim, Todd & Kristi
COFFEE HOUR:	---	---

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

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED! Several upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?



Mark Your Calendar:

Blood Drive
Wednesday, May 30, 2-7pm

Apostles' Fast
June 4-29

High School Graduate Recognition
Sunday, June 10

Parish Life Conference
June 27 - July 1

Ss. Peter & Paul
June 29

2018 Sacred Music Institute at Antiochian Village
July 11-15, 2018

Vacation Church School
July 30 - Aug 3

International Food Festival
September 21-22

Pray For:

Living	Departed
James E	Zafer
Vladimir R	Dumitru
Christine S	Claudiu
Angela G	
Mary K	
R Maxime	
John D	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	
Mark L	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Stephanie	Catechumens
R Herman E	
M. Emiliani	Expectant
Mebrat	Mothers
Yorgo	
Barbara M.	Couples
	engaged
Syria, Ethiopia, Egypt & unstable lands	Joseph G.
	Faith
	Mary
	Michael

SAINT PHILIP'S is 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!**

Everyday Evangelist

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

Bring a neighbor flowers and offer to help with spring clean-up.

This Week:

Monday, May 21:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Tuesday, May 22:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Wednesday, May 23:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Little Compline, 7 pm
Thursday, May 24:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Friday, May 25:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Saturday, May 26:	SOUL SATURDAY Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m. VESPERS & Artoklasia, 6 p.m., Confession, 7 p.m. Bible Bowl Practice, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 27:	HOLY PENTECOST ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Sunday School, Teens, & Coffee Hour. Kneeling Prayers, 2 pm

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Skin Care Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Count your blessings everyday. I do.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on May 12: 52 Divine Services on May 13: 172
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$355.05. Collections, \$775.25. Youth, \$4. Camping Fund, \$100. Special gifts, \$140. Stewardship, \$2,571.50. Total received: \$3,945.80.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY