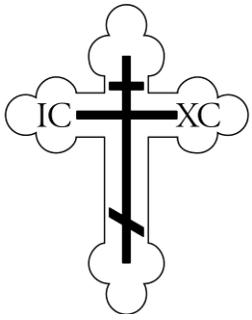


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Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
parish hall after Divine
Liturgy for coffee hour.

November 14, 2021 The Holy Apostle Philip

The Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip was a native of the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. He had a profound depth of knowledge of the Holy Scripture, and rightly discerning the meaning of the Old Testament prophecies, he awaited the coming of the Messiah. Through the call of the Savior (John 1:43), Philip followed Him. The Apostle Philip is spoken about several times in the Holy Gospel: He brought to Christ the Apostle Nathaniel (John 1:46). The Lord asks him where to buy bread for five thousand men (John 6:5-7). He brought certain of the Hellenized Jews wanting to see Jesus (John 12:21-22); and finally, at the Last Supper he asked Christ to show them the Father (John 14:8).

After the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostle Philip preached the Word of God in Galilee, accompanying his preaching with miracles. From Galilee he went to Greece and preached among the Jews that

had settled there. The Apostle Philip then set out to Hierapolis in Syria where, stirred up by the Pharisees, the Jews burned the house of Heros, where Philip was staying, and they wanted to kill the apostle. He performed several miracles: the healing of the hand of the city official Aristarchus, withered when he attempted to strike the apostle; and restoring a dead child to life. When they saw these marvels, they repented and many accepted holy Baptism. After making Heros the bishop at Hierapolis, Philip went on to Asia Minor, Lydia, Emessa, and everywhere preaching the Gospel and undergoing sufferings.

Then the Apostle Philip arrived in the city of Hierapolis in Phrygia, where there were many pagan temples. There was one temple where people worshiped an enormous serpent as a god. The Apostle Philip by the power of prayer killed the serpent and healed many bitten by snakes. Among those healed was the wife of the city prefect, Amphipatos. Having learned that his wife had accepted Christianity, the prefect Amphipatos gave orders to arrest St Philip, his sister Mariamne, and the Apostle Bartholomew traveling with him. At the urging of the pagan priests of the temple of the serpent, Amphipatos ordered the holy Apostles to be crucified. Suddenly, an earthquake struck, and it knocked down all those present at the place of judgment. Hanging upon the cross, the Apostle Philip prayed for those who had crucified him, asking God to save them from the ravages of the earthquake. Seeing this happen, the people believed in Christ and began to demand that the apostles be taken down from the crosses. The Apostle Bartholomew was still alive when he was taken down, and he baptized all those believing and established a bishop for them. But the Apostle Philip, through whose prayers everyone remained alive except for Amphipatos and the pagan priests, died on the cross.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 4 – Resurrectional Troparion

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ our God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:
Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.
Deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//
that He may save our souls.

Tone 3 – Troparion for the Holy Apostle Philip

Holy Apostle Philip,
entreat the merciful God//
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 4 – Resurrectional Kontakion

My Savior and Redeemer, as God,
rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 8 – Kontakion for the Holy Apostle Philip

Your disciple, friend and imitator of Your passion,
the God-preaching Philip, proclaimed You to the universe.
By his prayers deliver Your Church from her enemies;
through the Theotokos protect every city, O most merciful Christ!

Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels and bishops worship.
Apostles and prophets rejoice together,//
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 4 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 103)

O Lord, how manifold are Your works;
in wisdom You have made them all!

Tone 8 – Prokeimenon for the Holy Apostle Philip (Psalm 18)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the universe!

Epistle: Galatians 2.16-20 (Sunday)

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I, through the law, died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

1 Corinthians 4.9-16 (St. Philip)

Brethren: I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore, I urge you: imitate me.

Gospel: Luke 10.25-37 (Sunday)

At that time, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

So, he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you." So, which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

John 1.43-51 (St. Philip)

At that time, Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New Dep. Petre Ristevski

Paul Sikorsky

Gorgi Talevski

Ev.Mem. Julian Borisoff ('36)

John Selencheff ('55)

Clima Sarafin ('56)

Boshko Taleff ('60)

Frank Kurhan ('82)

Sophia Raylain ('96)

Archpr. Peter Rozdelsky ('86)

Veterans of the American
Armed Forces

Health & Salv.

Archpr. Peter

Archpr. Moses

Mat. Margaret

Mat. Anne

Mat. Trudi

Michal

Annika

Sarah

Archpr. Michael

Pr. Christopher

Mat. Jennifer

Andrew

Gideon

Dn. Nicholas

Sophia

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Jovan

Julia

Tom

Tina

Jennifer

Gail

Stacy

Jeramie

Olivia

Parker

Christine

Larry

Rollie

Joseph

Nadia

Brendan

Tanya

Christopher

Nina

Renee

Carissa

Cynthia

John

Olga

Janie

Michael

David

Sharon

Mark

Jerry

Michael

Anthony

Daryl

Diane

Carla

Susan

Timothy

William

Paul

Joseph

Linda

Claudia

Elizabeth

Snezana

Nathan

Kara

Christine

Jon

Zoey

Dominic

Declan

Hudson

Ayden

Hyland

Jason

Ted

James

Pamela

Erin

Alexander

Ronald

Theodore

Robert

Craig

Chuck

Scott

Mark

Christine

Dale

Pauline

Mary

Timothy

Lisa

Lois

Michael

Janice

Ken

Debbie

Jacqueline

Cindy

Daniel

Laura

Dorothy

Vasiliy

William

Wanda

Cindy

Mary

Linda

Ivanka

Susan

Denise

Valerie

Jeffrey

Aaron

William

Jamie

Karen

Dale

Jack

Joyce

Junia

Anna

Sandra

Linda

Stephen

Megan

Ryan

Carol

William

Jim

N.Ill. Emmalee

U.S. Veterans

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After venerating the cross, we will serve the **35-year memorial for Fr Peter Rozdelsky**.

Faith Enrichment has been moved to Monday this week (instead of Thursday, as usual). We will still start at 10am.

For **Bible Study** this Wednesday, read 4 Kingdoms (2 Kings) 23-25.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale orders are due this Wednesday, November 17. Pick-up is next Sunday (Nov 21) during coffee hour. If any would like to help us bake this Friday or Saturday (Nov 19 & 20) please see Elizabeth Pederson.

Our **Angel Tree** is up! Wish lists are from the Salvation Army, who have asked us to deliver the gifts on Friday, December 3. That means the last Sunday for **dropping gifts at the Church will be November 28**—just two weeks from now.

In the hall, there is a table set up of **books and icons for the taking**. Please help yourself!

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has directed that **this Sunday, November 14, 2021 be designated as Stewards of the OCA Sunday**. We will take a special collection on your way out to help financially support the work of the Orthodox Church in America especially through its various departments and offices.

Mark your calendars:

Nov 15: **First Day of Advent**

Faith Enrichment @ 10am

Nov 17: **Bible Study @ 7pm**

Nov 21: **Thanksgiving Bake Sale pick-up** after Divine Liturgy

Nov 25: **Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy @ 9am**

Dec 4: **St. Nicholas Church School celebration @ 9am**

Dec 6: **Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas @ 10am**

Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$9,117

Veteran's Day Message

of His Beatitude, our Metropolitan Tikhon

"I have said this to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33).

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Veterans Day (Remembrance Day in Canada), we remember the sacrifices made by the men and women who protect our nations. It is right that we do so with gratitude.

War is a terrible thing which must never be glorified or treated lightly. It is a brutal, cruel, ugly, and grim affair that scars all who come into contact with it. For our veterans and their families, war is a cross which they carry both in combat and for long years after their return.

We owe our gratitude to those men and women who endure those hardships for our protection, sometimes paying the highest price. Because of these men and women, we enjoy peaceful countries and our children are spared this horrific reality of our broken world.

But we Christians know that peace is something more than the absence of conflict. Christ's peace is "not as the world gives" (Jn 14:27). Saint Paul assures us that God's peace "passes all understanding" and "will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7). God's peace leads us to deeper communion with our Lord that cannot be destroyed even by the battlefield. Let us pursue this peace above all.

I express gratitude to the veterans and their families, and offer my prayers for them. May you be encouraged with the words of the Apostle Peter, quoting the Psalmist: "He that would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile; let him turn away from evil and do right; let him seek peace and pursue it" (1 Pet 3:10-11).

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada