

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Resurrectional Dismissal Hymn

To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Dismissal Hymn for the Sunday of Orthodoxy

Before your most pure image we bow low, O Good One, begging You to forgive our sins, Christ our God. For You willingly ascended the cross in the flesh to deliver from the enemy those whom You had made. For this we thank you and we cry to You, O Savior: By coming to save the world You have filled all things with joy.

Dismissal Hymn for Sts. Constantine & Helen

The form of Your Cross was seen in the sky by Your Apostle among the kings, O Lord. He received his calling, like Paul, not from man, and placed his imperial city in your hands. Ever guard it in peace, O Loving God, through the intercessions of the Theotokos.

Kontakion

O Champion General, I your city now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. But since you have the dominion unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you, I may cry aloud: rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

From the Holy Fathers –

If a pagan asks you to show him your faith, take him into church and place him before the icons. *-St. John of Damascus*

Κυριακή τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Κυριακῆ τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελεθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύση οὖς ἔπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἁγίου Κωνσταντίνου

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸν τύπον ἐν οὐρανῷ θεασάμενος, καὶ ὡς ὁ Παῦλος τὴν κλῆσιν οὐκ ἐξ ἀνθρώπων δεξάμενος, ὁ ἐν βασιλεῦσιν, Ἀπόστολός σου Κύριε, Βασιλεύουσαν πόλιν τῇ χειρὶ σου παρέθετο ἦν περισῶζε διὰ παντὸς ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβεΐαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνη Φιλάνθρωπε.

Κοντάκιον

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 8 – Sunday of Orthodoxy

8:30 AM Orthros, 9:45 AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

(Liturgy Book, Pages 136,137)

Gospel: John 1:43-51

(Liturgy Book, Pages 137,138)

Acolytes Group 1 (Thrones): D. Porcaro, Y. Patestas, A. Zeppos, A. Grassley, A.J. Tilley, M. Patestas, C. Zeppos, A. Zeppos

Council Members Welcoming Today:

Sal Caloiero, Angel Helm

Council Members Ushering Today:

John Lountzis, Chris Kraras

Fellowship Hosts: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kyvelos, Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Lahaniatis, Mr. & Mrs. Achilles Lambriodes, Ms. Irene Lambriodes

11 AM – **Procession of Icons**

4 PM – **Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Nicholas, Bethlehem, PA**

Monday, March 9

9 AM - Lenten Orthros

12 PM - 3rd 6th Hour

9 AM – **Baking – Koulourakia 3**

Wednesday, March 11

9 AM – **Baking – Baklava**

5 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

7 PM **Our Life in Christ**

Friday, March 13

9 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

7 PM 2nd Salutations

Saturday, March 14 – JOY Lenten Retreat @ Annunciation, York

6 PM Great Vespers

Next Sunday, March 15 – Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Acolytes Group 2 (Powers): H. Robitzer, D. Scantzios, A. Futrick, A. Scantzios, E. Ross, J. Ross, J. Futrick, N. Meitzler, F. Amegangee

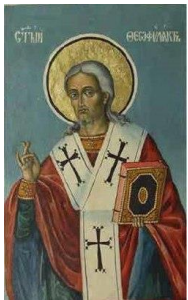
Other Announcements

- This Lenten Season, the National Philoptochos Society has requested the help of our Church School Students with an initiative entitled, **KIDS HELPING KIDS**. The youth of our parish have been enlisted to collect school supplies for the less fortunate children in Berks County and in the Cleveland area. **Please ask your child for the decorative bag created in Church School. A notecard is attached detailing the KIDS HELPING KIDS campaign.** Please consider helping your child learn the importance of philanthropy and how their donation of school supplies will make a difference for many needy children. Parishioners interested in donating additional school supplies will find a **KIDS HELPING KIDS** box located in the Church School hallway. **Please return all donations by Palm Sunday, April 12th.** Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and Christian service.
- Support Sts. Constantine & Helen by buying gift cards from us for your grocery shopping at Giant, Redner's, and Weis supermarkets. They will be on sale each week at Fellowship.



In the Hospital (Remember in Prayer)
Reading: John Karamichalacos

Theophylact the Confessor, Bishop of Nicomedia (March 8)

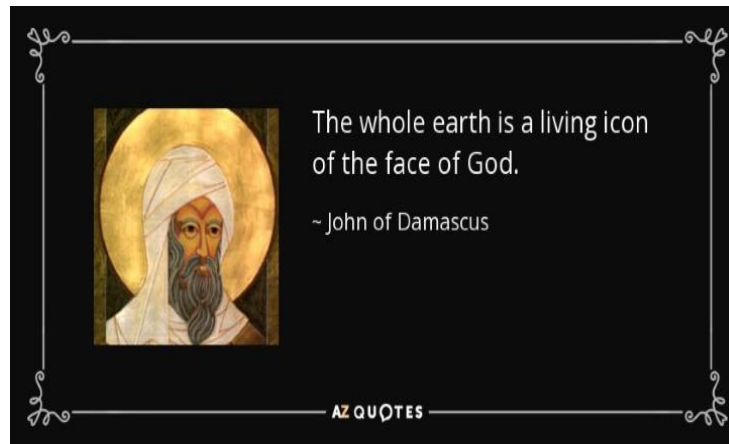


Theophylact was from the East; his native city is unknown. In Constantinople he became a close friend of Tarsius, who afterwards became Patriarch of Constantinople (see Feb. 25). Theophylact was made Bishop of Nicomedia. After the death of Saint Tarsius, his successor Nicephorus (see June 2) called together a number of Bishops to help him in fighting the iconoclasm of Emperor Leo the Armenian, who reigned from 813-820. Among them was Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis (celebrated Dec. 26), who had attended the holy

Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787 - he was exiled three times for the sake of the holy icons, and for defying the Emperor Theophilus' command to renounce the veneration of the icons, was scourged from head to foot until his whole body was one great wound, from which he died eight days later, about the year 830; Joseph of Thessalonica (see July 14); Michael of Synnada (see May 23); Emilian, Bishop of Cyzicus (see Aug. 8); and Saint Theophylact, who boldly rebuked Leo to his face, telling him that because he despised the long-suffering of God, utter destruction was about to overtake him, and there would be none to deliver him. For this, Theophylact was exiled to the fortress of Strobilus in Karia of Asia Minor, where, after 30 years of imprisonment and hardship, he gave up his holy soul about the year 845. Leo the Armenian, according to the Saint's prophecy, was slain in church on the eve of our Lord's Nativity, in 820.

This past week, your Stewardship made it possible for many of our parishioners to attend:

- The Lenten Service of Great Compline
- The Lenten Service of the Pre-sanctified
- Today's Sunday of Orthodoxy!



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