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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (*Tone 6*)

**The Holy and Glorious Apostle Philip**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 6*)

**Holy Apostle Philip; St Gregory Palamas**

*Saturday, 26 November (13 November, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 27 November (14 November, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
Trapeza (coffee hour)  
12:00 PM Young Adults' 'Lunch with Father'

### 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 7*)

**ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

*Saturday, 3 December (20 November, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 4 December (21 November, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
Trapeza (coffee hour)  
12:30 PM Adult Study

## SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

### Week of 27 November

Su	<b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matt. §116 [28:16-20]</i>	
	Eph. §220 (2:4-10)	Luke §53 (10:25-37)
	<b>24TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>	
M	1 Thess. §267 (2:20-3:8)	Luke §75 (14:12-15)
Tu	1 Thess. §268 (3:9-13)	Luke §77 (14:25-35)
W	1 Thess. §269 (4:1-12)	Luke §78 (15:1-10)
Th	1 Thess. §271 (5:1-8)	Luke §80 (16:1-9)
F	1 Thess. §272 (5:9-13, 24-28)	Luke §82 (16:15-18; 17:1-4)
Sa	2 Cor. §191 (11:1-6)	Luke §49 (9:57-62)
Su	<b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>ENTRY OF THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS</b>	
	<i>Vespers Paramia: (1) Exodus 40:1-5, 9-10, 16, 34-35 • (2) I Kings 7:51; 8:1, 3-7, 9-11 • (3) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a</i>	
	<i>Matins Gospel: Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)</i>	
	Eph. §221 (2:14-22)	Luke §66 (12:16-21)
	Heb. §320 (9:1-7)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

## FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

## Week of 27 November

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
<i>Monday</i>	28 November (15 Nov, o.s.)	Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, & Habib Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
<i>Tuesday</i>	29 November (16 Nov, o.s.)	Apostle & Evangelist Matthew Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Wednesday</i>	30 November (17 Nov, o.s.)	St Gregory of Neo-Caesarea Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
<i>Thursday</i>	1 December (18 Nov, o.s.)	M Platon; M Romanus the Deacon Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	2 December (19 Nov, o.s.)	Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
<i>Saturday</i>	3 December (20 Nov, o.s.)	St Gregory the Decapolite Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Sunday</i>	4 December (21 Nov, o.s.)	ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Week of 20 November

**Namedays** – 21st (Archangel Michael): Michael Carey, Michael Golikov; 24th (Martyr Victor): Rdr Viktor Skuratovskiy.

**Birthdays** – 20th: Anya Fitzgerald; 24th: Philip Schidlovsky.

### Week of 27 November

**Namedays** – Nov. 27th (Apostle Philip): Sbdcn Philip Hotz, Philip Schidlovsky; 27th (St Gregory Palamas): Reader Gregory Maxey, Alex Gregory Titus; Dec. 3rd (St Edmund the Martyr): Edmund Titus;

**Birthdays** – Nov. 29th: Marina Kamensky (Golikova); 30th: Martin Macko, John Morrow; Dec. 1st: Jack (John) Welsh; 2nd: Alexander Reitano; 3rd: Sofia Fitzgerald.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – Nov. 28th: Sergey & Liudmila Efuni (1981).

## THE REST OF DECEMBER

**Namedays** – 7th (Great-Martyr Katherine): Katharine Bibas, Katya Darenkov; 13th (Apostle Andrew): Andrew O'Brien, Andrew Kostadis, Andrew Welsh; 19th (St Nicholas): Nikolai Darenkov, Reader Nicolas Schidlovsky, Nicolas Straut, Nicholas Szydlovski; 22nd (Conception of St Anna): Anna Straut; 22nd (Righteous Hannah): Mat. Nancy Hannah Barker; 25th (Holy

Forefathers): Sarah Brangwynne; 30th (Prophet Daniel): Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen, Daniel Palko, Daniel Yanovsky.

**Birthdays** – 6th: (Mrs.) Nina Fitzgerald; 15th: Xenia Whitacre; 22nd: Anna Straut; 26th: Nina Titus; 29th: Elizabeth Lieuwen, Paul Schidlovsky; 30th: Sbdcn Philip Hotz, Tatiana Yanovsky.

**Baptism Anniversaries** – 19th: Father David Straut (1982).

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 18th: Archimandrite Joasaph (McLellan) (+2009); 20th: Serge Kropov (+2009); 22nd: Thomas Hancorn (+2013)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2017 Wall Calendars are available** in the back of the church in English only and Russian and English. These Calendars help us to live an Orthodox Christian life by keeping abreast of the Saint(s), Scripture Readings, and fasting rule for each day of the year.

**The December Parish Calendar** is now posted on our Parish Website and available at the Candle Desk.

**This is the final Sunday for the special collection** for the Fund for Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. If you have already donated may the Lord bless you. If you have not, please consider giving today.

**This is the final Sunday for our formal collection** of toys and personal care items for the “Christmas Care” Program of the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County. However, if you still want to donate to this worthy cause, the Jail Chaplaincy can still use toys up to the 2nd Sunday of December and personal care items until the 3rd Sunday of December. May God bless you for your generosity to the needy.

**The Nativity Fast**, also known as the ‘St Philip’s Fast’ because it begins the day after the Feast of the Apostle Philip, begins on 28 November (n.s.) and continues for forty days until the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord on 7 January (n.s). We eat no animal products (meat, meat products, eggs, and dairy products) throughout the forty days. The general rules for this period are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are normal fast days; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, wine and oil are permitted; and on Saturdays and Sundays we may eat fish, wine, and oil. But since greater Saints’ Days frequently brings a further mitigation of the fast from the general rules, it is important to consult an annual Orthodox calendar to find the correct fasting regimen for a particular weekday.

**The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple** (21 November / 4 December) is one of the Twelve Great Feasts. On it we remember the presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple in Jerusalem when she

was three years old by her holy parents, the Righteous Joachim and Anna, where she remained serving the Lord until she was twelve years of age. All the faithful should be in church to honor the All-Pure One on this holy day.

**The Feast of the Entry of the Mother of God** is celebrated for only five days, from the Feast Day itself through the *Apodosis* (Leave-taking) of the Feast on 8 December (n.s.). The festal period of this Feast is shorter than the usual eight days due to it’s falling within the Nativity Fast. The troparion and kontakion of the Entry are chanted or read at all the services of the Church on each of the five days. The texts for these hymns may be found in the *Jordanville Prayer Book*. To celebrate the Feast at home, the troparion of the Feast (*‘Today is the prelude of God’s good will...’*) can be sung instead of the ‘Our Father’ before meals, while the kontakion of the Feast (*‘The most pure temple of the Saviour...’*) can be sung instead of the usual thanksgiving troparion after each meal. It would also be most appropriate to sing the troparion and kontakion of the Feast at the end of our morning and evening prayers at home.

**The annual St Herman of Alaska Youth Conference** will take place in Washington, D.C. at *the Orthodox Cathedral of St John the Baptist*, from Friday, 23 December through Tuesday, 27 December 2016, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia and of His Grace, Archbishop Gabriel of Montreal and All Canada. The program includes spiritual lectures and discussion groups, church services, the chance to meet other Orthodox youth, and social outings. Youth from age 16 through young adult are invited. The Registration fee includes all lectures, activities, meals and lodging (quad occupancy). Transportation will be provided from the hotel to all activities and services. The cost for the conference will be a discounted rate of \$300 prior to the December 2nd deadline and includes lodging, meals, and local transportation. Limited scholarships are available. After 2 December, the price will increase to \$325. Please register early, as space is limited. For further information and registration, please visit the website at [www.StHermanConference.com](http://www.StHermanConference.com) This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and socialize with other Orthodox Christian youth and clergy from the United States, Canada, Russia, and elsewhere. We would love to see all our youth from St Elizabeth’s in Rocky Hill participate in this event.