

Saintly Notes

St. Nikephoros, Patriarch of Constantinople (March 13)

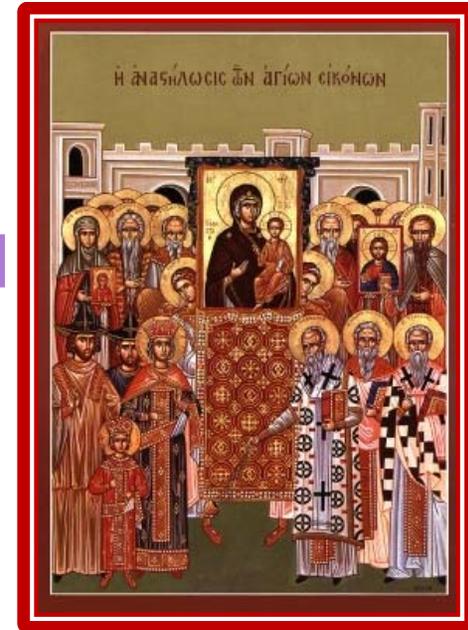
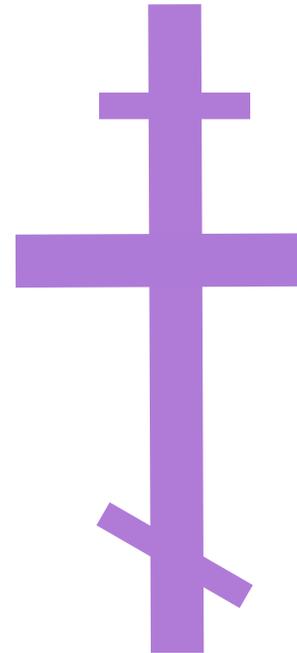
Nikephoros governed the Holy Church wisely and zealously as one of the greatest Arch-pastors of Constantinople. When Leo the Armenian rose up against icons, Nikephoros alone defied the emperor. He first counseled the emperor and then later unmasked him. That is why the depraved emperor banished him to the island of Prokenesis.

On this island there was a monastery which Nikephoros had built in honor of Saint Theodore. This confessor of the Orthodox Faith remained in this monastery for thirteen years and afterwards presented himself to the Lord in the year 827 A.D. Since all the iconoclastic emperors had perished, and Michael, with his mother Theodora, sat on the Imperial Throne, Patriarch Methodius then was restored to the Patriarchal Throne.

The relics of St. Nikephoros were translated from Prokenesis to Constantinople in 846 A.D. and were reposed, first in the Church of the Divine Wisdom of God [St. Sophia], from which he was banished during his life, and later reposed in the Church of the Twelve Apostles. The principal feast of this great hierarch is commemorated on June 2 and again on March 13 when the discovery and translation of his incorruptible relics is commemorated. On March 13, St. Nikephoros was banished from Constantinople and then, again, on March 13, nineteen years later, his relics were returned to the Capitol.

(The Prologue from Ochrid)

Glory Be to God for All Things



First Sunday of Great Lent

(Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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March 13, 2011

The Saints Whom We Remember

The translation of the relics of Nikephoros, patriarch of Constantinople;
Bishops Publius and Marius

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy;
5:00p Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers (St. Barbara GOC, Durham)
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayer; 6:30p Presanctified Liturgy; 8:00p
Soup and Bread Supper
Thursday: 7:00p Parish Council
Friday: 6:30p Akathist
Saturday: 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead;* save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

(Tone 2)

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

Troparion of the First Sunday of Great Lent: Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will

Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."

† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1):* While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence,

O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

† *Troparion of the First Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 2):* See above.

† *Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):* As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† *Kontakion for the Annunciation (Tone 8):* To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: "Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom."

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Heb. 1:10—2:3
Gospel: Mark 2:1—12

Alegalynarion

(Tone 8)

In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and super-sensual paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee

rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.

Communion Hymn

(Tone 8)

Praise ye the Lord. . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion

Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealf, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg, Aidan Labrozzi.

Special Attention

- **Remember: No Food or Drink In the Narthex or Nave of the New Temple.**
- **Adult Class on Sunday.** Every adult in our parish is welcome to attend the adult class that meets with Fr. Nicholas at 9:00am on Sunday morning in the nave. The class will begin a new topic today: "Moral and Ethical Considerations for Orthodox Christians Using the Internet and Social Networking."
- **Church Etiquette—Lipstick.** It is certainly not a sin to wear lipstick. However, out of respect for holy things and those who must clean them, please do not wear lipstick while taking Holy Communion, or when kissing the cross, an icon, the priest's or bishop's hand, or any sacred object.
- **March is designated as Women's Month** in our Archdiocese. Women will be more active in the church, will read the Epistle, will address those attending Liturgy and will take up a collection (on 2nd and 3rd Sunday) for the Convent of St. Thekla at the Antiochian Village. We thank God for our All Saints Women's Association called St. Thekla. They truly provide the "heart" to all that we do in our parish. Remember all women in our parish are considered members of St. Thekla.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

†Epistle: Heb. 11:24–26, 32–40 (RSV)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that

apart from us they should not be made perfect.

†Gospel: John 1:43–51 (RSV)

At that time, Jesus decided 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." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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