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Holy, All-Praised Apostle Philip

November 14, 2021

Troparion – Tone 4

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

Troparion – Tone 3

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

Kontakion – Tone 4

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!

Kontakion – Tone 8

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

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Prokeimenon – Tone 8

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

Holy, All-Praised 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 (i.e. Bartholomew, April 22, June 30, and August 25. See 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. Thus, he restored to life a dead infant in the arms of its mother. From Galilee he went to Greece, and preached

among the Jews that had settled there. Some of them reported the preaching of the Apostle to Jerusalem. In response, some scribes arrived in Greece from Jerusalem, with one of the Jewish chief priests at their head, to interrogate the Apostle Philip.

The Apostle Philip exposed the lie of the chief priest, who said that the disciples of Christ had stolen away and hidden the body of Christ. Philip told instead how the Pharisees had bribed the soldiers on watch, to deliberately spread this rumor. When the Jewish chief priest and his companions began to insult the Lord and lunged at the Apostle Philip, they suddenly were struck blind. By his prayer the Apostle restored everyone's sight. Seeing this miracle, many believed in Christ. The Apostle Philip provided a bishop for them, by the name of Narcissus (one of the Seventy Apostles, January 4).

From Greece the Apostle Philip went to Parthia, and then to the city of Azotus, where he healed an eye affliction of the daughter of a local resident named Nikoklides, who had received him into his home, and then baptized his whole family.

From Azotus the Apostle Philip set out to Syrian Hieropolis (there were several cities of this name) where, stirred up by the Pharisees, the Jews burned the house of Heros, who had taken in the Apostle Philip, and they wanted to kill the apostle. The apostle 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 Hieropolis, the Apostle Philip went on to Syria, Asia Minor, Lydia, Emessa, and everywhere preaching the Gospel and undergoing sufferings. Both he and his sister Mariamne (February 17) were pelted with stones, locked up in prison, and thrown out of villages.

Then the Apostle Philip arrived in the city of Phrygian Hieropolis, where there were many pagan temples. There was also a pagan 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 Saint Philip, his sister, and the Apostle Bartholomew traveling with them. At the urging of the pagan priests of the temple of the serpent, Amphipatos ordered the holy Apostles Philip and Bartholomew to be crucified.

Suddenly, an earthquake struck, and it knocked down all those present at the place of judgment. Hanging upon the cross by the pagan temple of the serpent, 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.

Mariamne his sister buried his body, and went with the Apostle Bartholomew to preach in Armenia, where the Apostle Bartholomew was crucified (June 11); Mariamne herself then preached until her own death at Lykaonia. The holy Apostle Philip is not to be confused with Saint Philip the Deacon (October 11), one of the Seventy.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

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.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

For 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

And 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."

Gospel: John 1:43-51

The following day 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."

Service Schedule for the week of November 14

Today – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Turkey Social (Bingo) in Daria Hall

Saturday November 20 – 5:00 PM **ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE** Vespers with Litya followed by Confession

Sunday November 21 – 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Weekly Giving

November 7 – 53 adults, 11 youth, \$2,158

Parish Announcements

The Nativity Fast starts Monday, November 15. It is important to partake of the sacraments of Confession and Communion before December 25. Please contact Father Volodymyr if you need to set up a time for Confession other than after Vespers on Saturday evenings.

We are happy to announce two recent births in our parish:

Nana & Matthew Barrett's baby son Noah was born on November 1.

Christine Waite's baby daughter Roxie was born on November 12.

May God grant Noah and Roxie many years of health and happiness!

Upcoming events:

1. The children will decorate the Christmas Tree in Daria Hall next Sunday, November 21.
2. After Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 12, Mr. Constantine Zallas will give a lecture on Confession and Communion. Please plan on staying for this informative lecture.
3. On Sunday, December 19, the Sunday School and parish children will be sponsoring and hosting a Russian Tea in Daria Hall in lieu of Coffee Hour. Bring your own favorite teacup! There will also be a special visitor during the Tea! A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for foods needed for the Tea. Parents and parishioners may help out the children.

The Ladies Altar Society is in need of bud vases for an upcoming fundraising project. If you have any of these vases at home and no longer want them, please bring them in for the ladies. Thank you!

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022 after Divine Liturgy. There are five (5) Parish Council openings. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council, please see Father Volodymyr by December 31. Elected members must have been a member of the parish for at least one year.

If anyone in the parish has any keys for the church buildings that they no longer use or need, please turn them in to Father Volodymyr.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Gabriela Plesa – November 16

Samson Manna – November 17

Have a blessed birthday and God grant you many years!

FOCA ST. NICHOLAS GIFT WISH PROJECT: As we have done for many years, the FOCA Club will participate in this project. We once again ask for parish participation in helping a Seminarian family with their Nativity celebration. We will be collecting gift cards in any denomination for **Target, Kohls, Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Old Navy, Amazon, Shop Rite, Wegmans – or cash.** Please put your donation in the basket behind the last pew in church. The last day to donate will be Sunday November 28. Thank you for your generosity!

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen

Nov. 14 *TURKEY SOCIAL – NO COFFEE HOUR*

Nov. 21 **FAST DAY** Germain & Tahara Ortiz

Nov. 28 **FAST DAY** Darice Keyes

Dec. 5 **FAST DAY** Lynne Sheedy

Dec. 12 **FAST DAY** Blake & Jessica Kilgore

Dec. 19 **FAST DAY** Sunday School Children

Dec. 26 Phyllis Eck

Jan. 2 Sophie Dumas

Jan. 9 Aftan Chowansky

Jan. 16 Dottie Kish & Philip Moldovan

Jan. 23 Walter & Maria Pyl

Jan. 30 Francine Brady & Herman Meyer

Feb. 6 Anna & Leon Brasowski

Feb. 13 Guy Radcliffe

Feb. 20 Dave & Natalie Sichik

Feb. 27 Valeria & Timothy Srock

Mar. 6 Walter & Tanya Tribbey

Mar. 13 **FAST DAY** Betty Kavchok

Mar. 20 **FAST DAY** Awet Tesfa

Mar. 27 **FAST DAY** Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt