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**AFTER-FEAST OF & SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY OF CHRIST SYLVESTER,
MARTYR POLYEUKTOS OF ARMENIA; VENERABLE EUSTRATIOS THE
WONDERWORKER; NEW-MARTYR PARTHENAS;
PHILIP, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW**

REFRAINS OF THE SECOND ANTIPHONS

Save us, O Son of God, who was baptized by John in the Jordan, who sing to thee.

During the Entrance

Troparion of the Theophany of Christ in the First Tone: When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to thee. Alleluia.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection, in the Fourth Tone: Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Theophany of Christ in the First Tone (Repeat)

Troparion to St. Mark in the Fourth Tone: From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Kontakion of the Theophany of Christ in the Fourth Tone: Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

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Prokeimenon: (Psalm 32:22,1) Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, “When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Alleluia Verses: (Psalm 88:1,2) I will sing of your mercies, O Lord, forever. For you have said: “Mercy shall be built up forever.”

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

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Holy Oblations are given today by Barbara Scholl and family for her husband Steve on the occasion of his birthday (January 6); by Fr. Michael and Donna for Matthew and Sophia Whitacre on the occasion of their 12th Wedding Anniversary (January 11); by Alexandra Chala for Protodeacon George Moubayed on the occasion of his birthday (January 7); by Charlotte Khoury for the soul of her sister Salwa, departed this life 5 years; by Juliana Tannous for her mother Keitie Turk on the occasion of

her birthday and by the Kishek & Qushair families for the soul of the newly-departed Albert Kishek.

Coffee Hour today is given by the Coffee Hour Committee

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Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, May Dabbah, Sylvia Saba, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, Fouad and Mary Farraj (kidney transplant), Laura Anter (brain surgery), Tony Rodriguez (shoulder surgery) and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

Note: To minimize the spread of the latest COVID variant the wearing of masks is recommended. In addition, a social distancing area has been set aside in the church on the left side (as one faces the altar).

Today

Antiochian Women Zalabieh sale.

Please make sure to pick up your 2022 calendar from the table by the bookstore.

Holy Land religious gifts are offered for sale by Roni Hannounch. Proceeds benefit our church.

This Week

**The January 11, Ladies Holiday Dinner is postponed to a date TBA
Wednesday January 12, 7:00 p.m. Little Compline**

Next week

Adult Education Tuesday classes will resume on January 18.

Upcoming Services & Events

Tuesday February 1, 5:30 p.m. Orthros and 6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple.

Quote from the Saints

"What is there that cannot happen to a man? Yet in every suffering one must have hope in God. Covered with festering sores and seated in his humiliation upon a dunghill, the righteous Job cried out: Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him! (Job 13:15)" -- *St. Nikolai of Zica*

Today's Commemoration
Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow (January 9)

Philip was born February 11, 1507 A.D. Once, while standing in church as a young boy, he heard the priest read from the Gospel: *No man can serve two masters* (Matthew 6:24). He became very frightened by these words, as though they had been spoken to him alone, and at that same moment he became enlightened by them. He then withdrew to the Solovki Monastery where, after a long and difficult novitiate (period of probation), he was tonsured a monk. In time, Philip became the abbot and shone as the sun, and the whole of Russia heard of him. Hence, Tsar Ivan the Terrible summoned Philip to fill the vacant see of the Metropolitan of Moscow in the year 1566 A.D. However, this holy man could not endure with indifference the atrocities of the terrible tsar, and therefore he counseled and rebuked him without fear. The tsar found some false witnesses against Philip, ousted him from office, ordered that he be dressed in a simple and tattered monastic cassock and imprisoned him in Tver on December 23, 1569 A.D. Malyuta Skuratov, one of the tsar's confidants, came to Philip's cell and suffocated him with a pillow. Shortly afterward, all those who were opposed to Philip died evil deaths. After several years, the body of the saint, which was discovered whole, incorrupt and fragrant, was translated to the Monastery of Solovki.

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