

Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy

Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the 7 Deacons is not to be confused with Saint Philip one of the Twelve Apostles (November 14). This Philip was born in Palestine, was married and had children.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Twelve Apostles made Philip a deacon in the Church of Jerusalem. Along with the other six deacons, they appointed him to deal with the offerings of the faithful and attend to the concerns of the widowed, the orphaned and the needy. The eldest among the seven deacons was the holy Archdeacon Stephen. When the persecution of Christians began, the Jews stoned the Protomartyr Stephen. The Apostle Philip left Jerusalem and settled in Samaria. There he successfully preached Christianity. Among the disciple's converts was the noted magician Simon, who "after being baptized, continued with Philip." (Acts 8:9-13)

At the command of an angel of the Lord, Saint Philip set out upon the road connecting Jerusalem with Gaza. There he met an official of the empress of Ethiopia, whom also he converted to Christianity (Acts 8:26-39). The holy disciple Philip tirelessly preached the Word of God in many of the lands of the Near East adjoining Palestine. At Jerusalem the Apostles made him a bishop and sent him to Tralles in Asia Minor, where he also baptized many. Saint Philip died in old age.

The Seventy Apostles

The Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles was established by the Orthodox Church to indicate the equal honor of each of the Seventy. They were sent two by two by the Lord Jesus Christ to go before Him into the cities He would visit (Luke 10:1).

Besides the celebration of the Synaxis of the Holy Disciples, the Church celebrates the memory of each of them during the course of the year. Today, we commemorate Philip, one of the 7 Deacons and one of the Seventy Apostles.

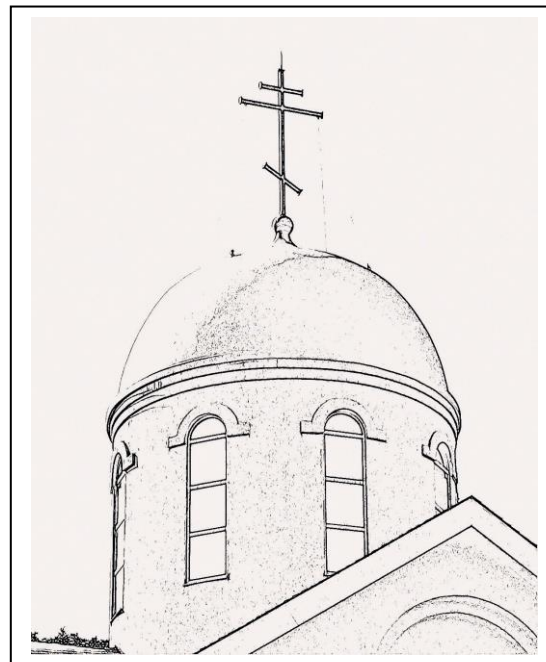
With the Descent of the Holy Spirit the Seventy Apostles preached in various lands. Some accompanied the Twelve Apostles, like the holy Evangelists Mark and Luke, or Saint Paul's companion Timothy, or Prochorus, the disciple of the holy Evangelist John the Theologian, and others. Many of them were thrown into prison for Christ, and many received the crown of martyrdom.

There are discrepancies and errors in some lists of the Seventy Apostles. In a list attributed to Saint Dorotheus of Tyre (June 5) some names are repeated (Rodion, or Herodion, Apollos, Tychicus, Aristarchus), while others are omitted (Timothy, Titus, Epaphras, Archippus, Aquila, Olympas). Saint Demetrius of Rostov consulted the Holy Scripture, the traditions passed down by the Fathers, and the accounts of trustworthy historians when he attempted to correct the mistakes and uncertainties in the list in compiling his collection of Lives of the Saints.

The Church in particular venerates and praises the Seventy Apostles because they taught us to honor the Trinity One in Essence and Undivided.

In the ninth century Saint Joseph the Hymnographer composed the Canon for the Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles of Christ.

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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October 11, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Tone 1. Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.). St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicæa (ca. 850). Ven. Theophanes, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Leo of Optina (1841). Synaxis of the Optina elders. Martyrs Zenais (Zinaída) and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1st c.).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 and Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 and John 17:1-13

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today @ 9am Divine Liturgy

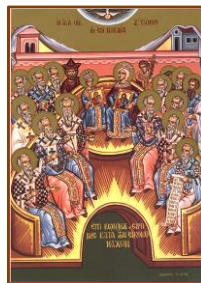
Saturday @ 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday @ 9am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 and Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 and Luke 10:16-20



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The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in the program. Brochures are located by the bulletin board in the parish hall or at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.

Special Prayers

We pray for all our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Reader John Economou, Margaret Makara, Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak (under hospice care), Pauline Barnowsky, and Catherine Ratushnuk.**

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week:

Friday – Tom Berger

Saturday – Steve Humphrey

Keep up on OCA news by visiting www.oca.org, diocesan news and directives by visiting www.nynjoca.org, and parish news by visiting www.orthodoxbrick.org.

Annunciations

TODAY – Many thanks to **Father Paul Kucynda** for serving the Divine Liturgy today as Father Gary and Father Michael serve at another parish in the deanery.

THIS WEDNESDAY – We will continue the **Adult Education** program on the **Divine Liturgy**. All **parishioners and inquirers** are invited to attend at 7pm via Zoom.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 – We will begin a new system for **attendance at Sunday Divine Liturgy**. All potential attendees will be placed in one of three groupings, and each group will be invited on a rotating basis. An email that explains the new system will be sent out shortly.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 – We are tentatively planning to return to a modified and controlled **Coffee Hour** ministry beginning on this day. Details will be made available this week.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 - We are tentatively planning to resume our **Church School** program on this day with the older group of parish youth. On the following Sunday, the younger children will begin their sessions.

Please continue to sign up online for **Great Vespers and weekday Divine Liturgy**. These services are filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Stewardship Donations may be brought to the church or mailed to the church address: 360 Van Zile Road, Brick, NJ 08724. **On-line donations** are possible by visiting our website for a link. Many thanks for continuing to support your parish in these challenging times.

Confessions continue to be offered either by phone or in person (with proper social distancing). Please **contact Father Gary** to make an appointment for the Sacrament of Confession.

Grocery Gift Cards are available for purchase. Please contact Matushka Mary by email (matmaryb@gmail.com) or by phone at (848) 333-7075 to make arrangements.

Last Sunday was **Church Musician Appreciation Day** in our Diocese of New York and New Jersey. We missed observing it, nevertheless we wish to thank all singers who have continued to sing at our Divine worship services, especially with limited numbers during this pandemic. Many thanks especially to our choir director, Matthew Hascha, who always has the music prepared and ready for every service. We thank all of our singers for sharing their gifts to make our worship beautiful and fitting for God. May God grant you Many Years!