

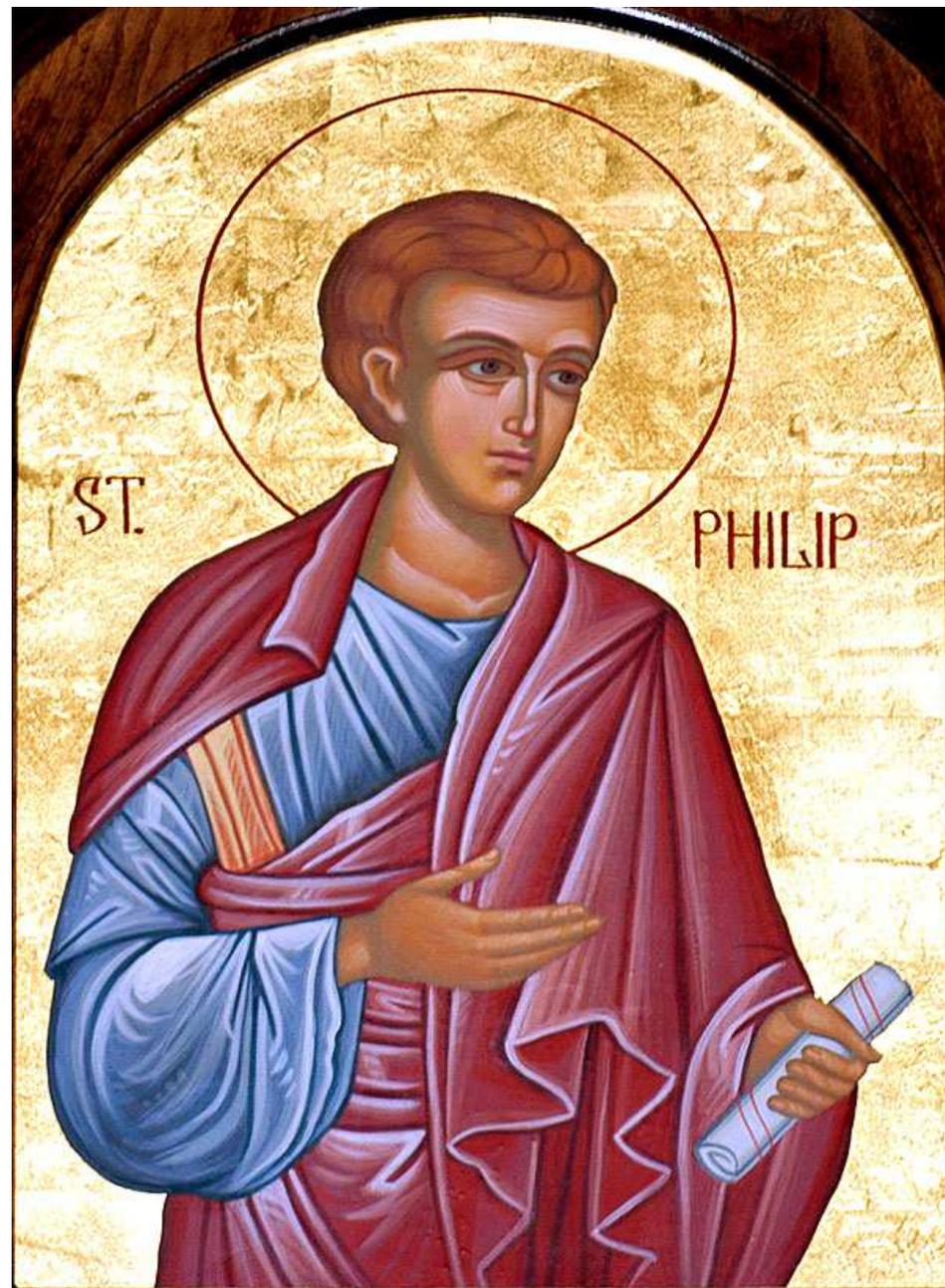
***APOSTLE PHILIP OF THE SEVENTY,  
ONE OF THE SEVEN DEACONS***

Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy is not to be confused with Saint Philip, one of the Twelve Apostles. 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. He met an official of the empress of Ethiopia, whom he also 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.

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OCTOBER 11, 2020

## ***EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council***

***Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons;***

***Martyrs Zenaïs and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia;***

***St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicæa;***

***Ven. Theophanes, Faster of the Kiev Caves; Ven Leonid of Optina;***

***Synaxis of the Optina Elders***

“Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them You have guided us to the true Faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!”

Troparion, Tone VIII

“Filled with divine grace, you served God the Word as a deacon of the Church, O Apostle Philip. By the working of miracles and by signs from God, you enlightened the multitudes of Samaria. O blessed one, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.”

Kontakion, Tone III

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 9:6-11  
HEBREWS 13:7-16

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 7:11-16  
JOHN 17:1-13

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, October 17      5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

|                       |                          |              |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Monday, October 12    | Philippians 1:1-7        | Luke 7:36-50 |
| Tuesday, October 13   | Philippians 1:8-14       | Luke 8:1-3   |
| Wednesday, October 14 | Philippians 1:12-20      | Luke 8:22-25 |
| Thursday, October 15  | Philippians 1:20-27      | Luke 9:7-11  |
| Friday, October 16    | Philippians 1:27-2:4     | Luke 9:12-18 |
| Saturday, October 17  | I Corinthians 15:58-16:3 | Luke 6:1-10  |

**COMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER:**

12, Monday

12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

25, Sunday

Parish Council meeting

YouTube presentation of Eastern Churches Seminar

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

A Special Presentation by Fr. Alexander, "The Eucharist in Art and Life," will be available Sunday, Oct. 25, on the Internet as the 36th Annual Eastern Churches Seminar. See the flyer below for information.

**WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE:**

Are you an Orthodox woman age 18-55 willing to share your opinions about women's healthcare needs in America? Participants who interview will be paid \$20. Please see further details in the Fellowship Hall; or contact Kimberly at 440-708-8434; email Kimberly.babichspeck@otterbein.edu

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD:**

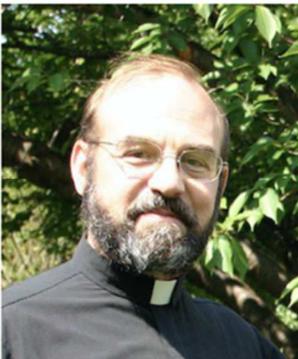
If you are interested in joining the EOWG, please talk with Joanne Stoyka or Dianna Kall. (Please note correction in representatives' names!) See below for another opportunity to support this organization.

**BAPTISM:**

Salvador Kouvana will be baptized on Sunday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by the Stoyka Family in celebration of Frank's birthday.



Very Reverend Alexander Garklavs

In the Christian traditions of East and West, Eucharist and art hold much in common. Both have sensory and spiritual dimensions. Both bring people together. Both transform minds and hearts. Both feed the soul's hunger for personal meaning and interpersonal communion. Both express praise and thanks to God. And both the Eucharist and the arts are about living *life* to the full.

The Eucharist has inspired countless masterpieces of visual, musical, and literary art. In turn, the arts have added beauty and joy to the celebration of Eucharist. The interplay of Eucharist, art, and life is the focus of Father Alexander Garklavs' presentation for this year's Eastern Churches Seminar.

Father Garklavs is currently pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Parma, Ohio. He formerly served as chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America.

As the first virtual presentation in its 36-year history, this year's seminar will debut on YouTube on **October 25, 2020**, at [YouTube.com/NotreDameCollege](https://www.youtube.com/NotreDameCollege) or [NotreDameCollege.edu/EasternChurchesSeminar](https://www.NotreDameCollege.edu/EasternChurchesSeminar)

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD**

The EOWG has annually held a Pasta Dinner and Social, which raises funds for charitable, educational, and ministerial programs within the Orthodox Church. Examples are the IOCC, St. Herman's House, ZOE for Life, St. Mary of Egypt mission, campus ministry organizations, seminaries and monasteries.

This year, the Dinner cannot be held due to COVID concerns; so the Guild has organized a Virtual Fund-raiser. Donations of any amount are appreciated! Checks should be made to "EOWG" and mailed by October 30 to: Helen Beverly; 10200 Ridgewood Dr; #408; Parma Hts., OH 44130.

Each multiple of a \$15 donation will enter you into a drawing. Four names will be randomly selected at the EOWG meeting on November 14. Winners will receive a \$25 gift card of choice (or cash), along with a package of pasta and Bolognese sauce for a family of 4.

HTOC representatives for the Guild are Joanne Stoyka and Dianna Kall. Please see either woman if you

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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### ON LOVING THE POOR

*Fall is the season of harvest, during which we recognize the blessings that we receive from God. That is why this time of year is associated with “thanksgiving.” As we come to feel grateful, we are compelled to consider the poor and needy. St. Gregory gave a sermon about the importance for Christians to be especially mindful of being charitable. Here is an excerpt from that sermon.*

As we are all “poor in spirit,” let us heed the need to be especially kind to those who lack material needs and comforts, and give ear to my sermon on loving the poor. Do so not grudgingly but generously, that you may become rich in the kingdom; and join us in praying that this, our gift to you, shall be rich in turn as we nourish your souls with our words and break spiritual bread for the hungry, whether by causing food to rain down from heaven and providing the *bread of the angels*, as Moses did of old, or by actually feeding thousands to the full with a few loaves in the desert, as Jesus later did. It is not at all an easy task to discover the one virtue that surpasses all others and to give it the scepter and palm, just as it is not easy in a meadow fragrant with many blossoms to find the most fragrant and beautiful. At any rate, to the best of my ability, I propose to examine these matters as follows.

There are many virtues worthy of commendation: Faith, hope, love, are all fine things; Hospitality is a fine thing; Brotherly love is a fine thing; Love of mankind is a fine thing; Long-suffering is a fine thing; Meekness is a fine thing; Zeal is a fine thing; Mortification of the body is a fine thing; Prayer vigils are a fine thing; Purity and virginity are a fine thing; Self-restraint is a fine thing; Solitude and quiet are a fine thing; Simplicity is a fine thing; Humility is a fine thing; Poverty and contempt for worldly goods are a fine thing.

Each of these are roads to salvation, which have as its destination the blessed and everlasting abode; for just as there is a wide variety of goals in life, so in God’s house also there are *many rooms*, assigned and distributed on the basis of individual merit. However, if following Paul and Christ Himself, we regard charity as the first and greatest of the commandments, it is best expressed in love of the poor. Of all things, nothing so serves God as mercy, because no other thing is more proper to God, whose *mercy and truth* go before, and to Whom we must demonstrate our capacity for mercy. Furthermore, it is by showing compassion to our fellow needy and poor brothers and sisters that we receive compassionate treatment in turn from the hands of Our Lord, who weighs mercy in His scale and balance and gives just recompense.

We must, then, open our hearts to all the poor and to all those who are victims of disasters from whatever cause, for the commandment enjoins us to *rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep*. Kindness is the gift we must be willing to share with our fellow humans whatever the cause of their plight: widowhood, orphanhood, exile from homeland, savagery of tyrants, callousness of magistrates, ruthlessness of tax-collectors, brutality of bandits. All alike deserve our pity and look to our hands just as we look to the hands of God whenever we are in need of something. If I suppress the obligation to be charitable, I lose the help from God that I need to achieve my noble aims, knowing as I do why I was created and that it is through my actions that I am to ascend to God.

*From the writings of St. Gregory the Theologian*