October 11, 2026

Sunday of Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council & Fourth Sunday of Luke

Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons; Venerable Theophanes the branded

As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 2
When Thou didst descend unto death, O Thou Deathless and Immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power; and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ Thou Giver of Life, glory to Thee!

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers in Tone 8
Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8
Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Ordinary Kontakion – Tone 2
O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O mediatrix, unrejected by the creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

THE SYNAXARION

On October 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons; and Venerable Theophanes the branded.

On this day, we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

Verses
Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of all Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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THE EPISTLE
(For the Holy Fathers)
Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.
The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

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THE GOSPEL
(For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

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OCTOBER IS TEEN SOYO RECOGNITION MONTH

The Inquirer's Class – will meet this Sunday following the Divine Liturgy. Next Inquirer's class is Sunday, October 18th following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

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Welcome to Visitors.

Orthodox parishes do not practice open communion. Holy Communion is reserved for Baptized, Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession. All other visitors are warmly invited to receive the blessed bread (antidoron) at the end of the service

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St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Metropolitan of New York and North America

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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Attendance 10-04-2026: 225

Operating Fund Offering Received 10/04/2026: $8672.35

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: $7,443.00

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Church Calendar

Sat. Oct 10	6:00 pm Great Vespers; Teen SOYO Officer Meeting & Youth Month Training
Sun. Oct 11	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS, Inquirer's Class, JOY CLUB
Tues. Oct 13	8:30 Pray & Play
Wed. Oct 14	8:30 am Pre-Communion 9:00am Divine Liturgy; 6:00 pm Vespers
Sat. Oct 17	6:00 pm Great Vespers .
Sun. Oct 18	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, SCS, Inquirer's Class, Parish Council, **Teen SOYO Special Olympics Sunday & Collection**

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Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call, I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health &wellbeing

Metropolitan SABA
Bishop Thomas
Denise Zakula
Subdeacon Bartholomew and Olena Bassarab
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce "Kasaine" Williams
Michael Acierno
Vera Timko
Beverly Kushner
Michelle Prince
Richard "Stephen" Vangel
Joshua "John" Ranck
Ronna "Sophia" Castle
Marko Bourne
Christine Bogosh
Sasha Florenz
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett
Angela Burke
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson
Georgette Habib Soliman
Joseph Danyo
Leavitt "George" Keener
Reader Nicholas and Mary Jane Glagola
Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm
Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck
Michael Bogosh
Christos Tsakiris
Harry and Grace Dorion
Marianne Rupp and Mary Bincarowsky
Gene "Paul" Strayer
Katherine Monsour
George and Darla Feeser
Cindi "Monica" Bennett
Mary Kopey
Martha Allen
Mary Lou Grove
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika
James Fetter
Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury
Thomas Lehman
Barry "John" Hart
Angela Pandelidis
Kathryn Velen
Ray Jauncito
Jayme Miller
Theodore Federoff
Vincent McKee

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Helen Diamond