

SAINT PELAGIA THE PENITENT

A remarkable story that comes to us from the spiritual treasury of the saints is that of Pelagia the Penitent. She was a woman of striking beauty who led a life of debauchery in the city of Antioch. The world was her home: she was an actress and dancer, dressed in the finest silk, covered with jewels, scented with the most fragrant of perfumes - and not a thought about sin, soul or salvation.

But one day her entourage passed by the Church of the Martyr Julian, where there was a man of great sanctity and zeal for Christ, Bishop Nonnos. He happened to be preaching outside the doors, and Pelagia heard him. She was stricken in heart at the message of the Gospel, and could not contain her tears as she sobbed at his feet. The Bishop soon exorcised her, baptized her, fed her the Bread of Life, and rejoiced at the rebirth of this penitent soul.

News of her transformation spread quickly throughout the city, and a crowd gathered at the church. They complained to the Bishop and beseeched Pelagia to return to her former way of life. But she persevered in faith. Then she took her fancy clothes, jewelry and gold and gave it all to the Church for distribution to the poor. She freed her servants, bidding them to escape from the bondage of this sinful world.

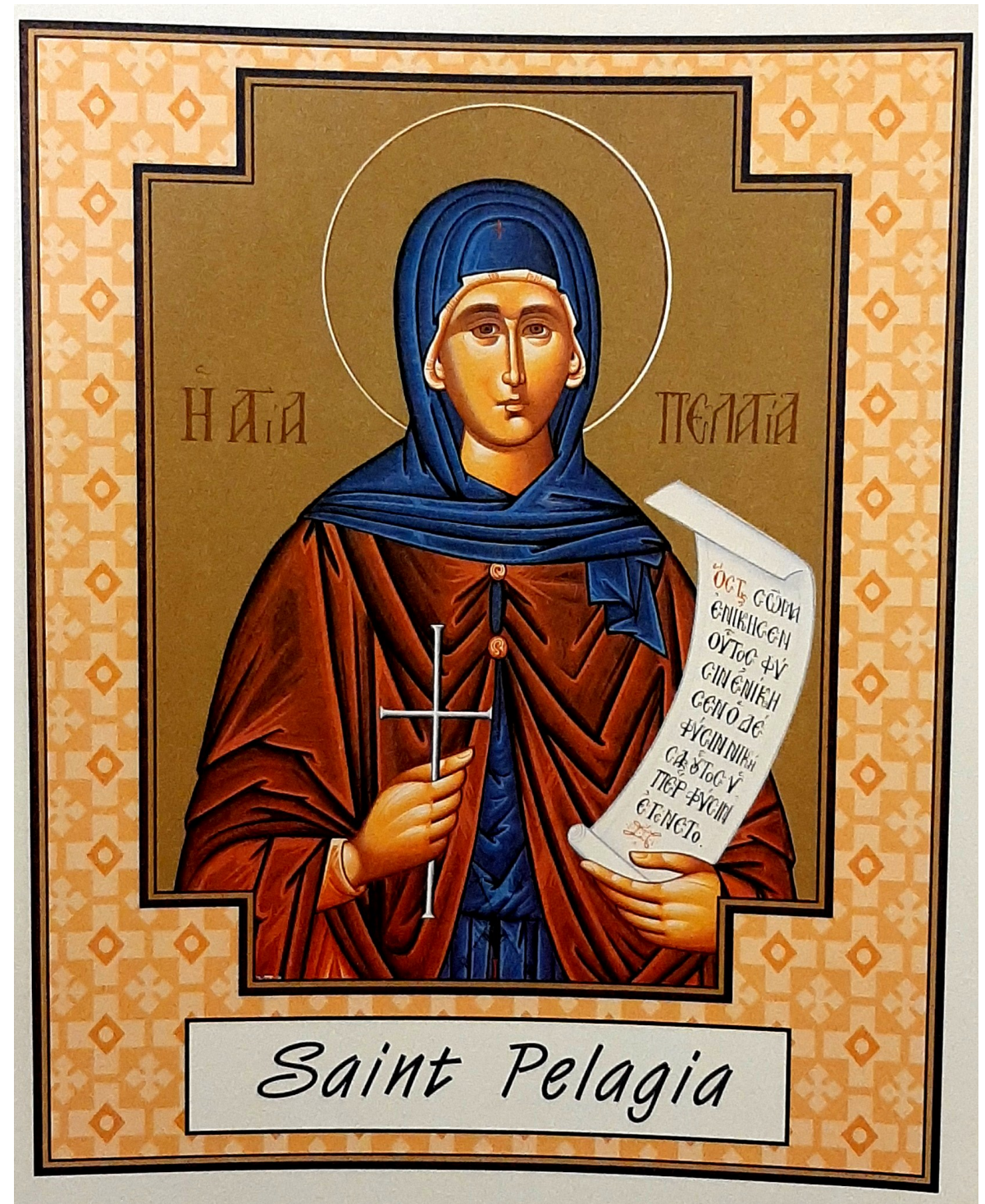
On the eighth day after baptism, when she laid aside her white Baptism robe, Pelagia dressed herself in a simple garment of repentance and made her way to the Holy Land. There, near the Garden of Gethsemane, she dwelt in a solitary cell and was never seen again in Antioch. She was found one day by an ascetic of the desert, asleep in Christ, and then was buried by the faithful. People came from near and far to praise God for this sinner who became a saint.

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ABOUT COMMUNION

We are happy that you have joined us today. Indeed, we pray for the "unity of the Faith" for the day when all of Christianity are united as ONE and can share a common Chalice. However, this is not the case as yet. Please note that Holy Communion, the actual Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is only for Members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession, & arrived before the Gospel reading. However, everyone is welcome to partake of the blessed bread and receive a blessing from the pastor at the dismissal. If you are interested, you may inquire with the pastor how you can become a member.

If you are a guest or otherwise not a regular communicant, please give your baptismal name when receiving.





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WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S

Where people from around the world come together to serve God and our community. We are glad you are worshipping with us today! This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church of Antioch belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition which expresses the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

St. Anthony Church is a Pan-Orthodox community, under the omophorion of His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X within the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the guest form located on the literature table. We want you to feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your names to the ushers and introduce yourself to Fr. Elia at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.

Following services, please join us for sharing of fellowship, coffee, and food.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2023 TONE 1 / EOTHINON 7; EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

RIGHTEOUS MOTHER PELAGIA THE PENITENT OF ANTIOCH

MARYTR PELAGIA THE VIRGIN OF ANTIOCH; VENERABLE THAÏS OF EGYPT

~ During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PELAGIA THE RIGHTEOUS IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Pelagia; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways. Becoming a dweller in the wilderness, and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer O Father Anthony. Wherefore intercede thou with Christ our God to save our souls.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who

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**Canned Food Drive
& Assistance**
October-December

**Most Requested
Items To Donate:**



**It's
Easy
to
Help !**



- Water, Hand Sanitizer, Masks
- Canned Soups (include a can opener)
- Pasta Meals & Canned Sauce
- Canned Meat & Fish
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- Fresh Produce & Fruit
- Allergy Friendly Food Options
 - Gluten Free, Nut Free, Dairy Free
- Flour, Cornmeal, Rice, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Crackers
- Shelf Stable Milk, Cereals, Cooking Oils
- Pancake & Muffin Mix that Only Require Water, Instant Foods, Boxed Meals
- Baby Food, Juice Boxes, Apples Sauce & Granola Bars
- Baby Diapers & Wipes
- Blankets, Underwear, Shoes and Socks (Socks #1 requested item)
- Household Cleaning Supplies & Paper Products
- Hand Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss, Body Wipes, Mouthwash, Gloves, Razors, Shaving Cream, Feminine Hygiene Products, Combs & Brushes
- First Aid Kits

in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

~ *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.*

ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Divine Liturgy expresses the entire Christian faith in a continuous song of praise and prayer addressed to God. It is focused on God, not on us. There is nothing just for amusement or entertainment. Since much of the service is the same every week, worshippers know it and can participate personally, either by singing along or just by prayerful attention. Worshippers are surrounded by icons (pictures of Christ and the saints), which remind us that we are participating, while on earth, in the worship of all the angels and saints in heaven. The entire service (except for the sermon) is sung. The words are all from Scripture or ancient Christian texts. Please follow the service in the books available in the pews. Weekly changes will appear below and marked with a corresponding letter in the service book.

COME BACK

We hope to see you next week. Each Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with our morning Matins service at 8:45am followed by the main Sunday service, Divine Liturgy at 10am. Sunday School for the Children Follows Communion. Fr. Elia would love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Please fill out our Guest Form (CONNECTION CARD). There's also a place where you can let us know any specific needs or concerns and we will lift them up in prayer. We welcome everyone who would like to learn more about the Orthodox Christian Faith. Please contact Fr. Elia either by E-Mail (elia_shalhoub@yahoo.com) or on his cell phone (305) 812-4940

Announcements



**October 8th
October 15th
October 22nd
October 29th**

Epistle Readers
Adrian Magelitz
Brooklyn Dick
Leonidas Beeny

Coffee Hour Buddy Up

Come One, Come All! Become a part of our Coffee Hour Buddy Up Program!

If you are interested in sponsoring coffee hour, but do not want to do it alone. Join the Buddy Up Program!!

How It Works:

- Sign Up to join the Coffee Hour Buddy Up (see Yuliya or bulletin board)
- We will pair you with another individual signed up
- We will create a rotating schedule with the teams
- We will inform you what Sundays you are assigned over the next 4 months (don't worry, we can swap dates if you are out of town, etc.)
- Our goal is to have enough people signed up that you will hopefully only have to bring a meal every 6-8 weeks!

Why Join the Buddy Up Program:

- Supports the Fellowship time after Divine Liturgy
- The more people who sign up the more spread out the schedule will be!!
- Spilt the cost of food!
- Speedier clean up time

For those not familiar with sponsoring coffee hour, what does sponsoring coffee hour entail?

- Making coffee and heating water for tea (there will be instructions)
- Bringing food to aid in our fellowship hour (can be a simple snack or a meal—it is all up to your team!)
- Cleaning up food (please bring unused food home or give it to another person to take home)
- Clean up utensils used, wiping tables and taking out the trash

Interested in Signing Up or have Questions?

Contact Yuliya @ 321-960-9564 or see the sign up on the bulletin board.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Halloween is almost here. Our Trunk or Treat is open to public. We would really appreciate if you can donate some treats, candy. We also are looking for trunks.

If you need help decorating, contact Yuliya (321) 960-9564

We ask you to stay the whole length of the event from 1pm-3pm.

So far we have 3 people volunteer for candy and 2 trunks

Thank you all so much.



Please pray for the healing of Michealle and Tyrone Carey, Beverly Delida, Alix Hall, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Alex & Soula.

JESUS RAISES THE WIDOW'S SON

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why does Jesus raise the young man from the dead? Who does He do it for?
2. Who is a widow?
3. Do you know anyone who is a widow? Does that person need help from other people to get things done? Who helps her?
4. If the people who normally help the widow you know were no longer there to help her what would she do? How do you think she would feel?
5. After the dead man in the gospel sits up and speaks what does Jesus do? Why do you think He did that?
6. If the young man in the gospel is given life so he can help his mother why do you think Jesus gives us life?
7. Who can you help this week, as a way to thank Jesus for giving you life? What can you do to help that person?

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Sunday, October 29

at 1:00pm-3:00pm

Cookie
Decorating



Games,
Hayrides



Mummy Contest
at 2pm



Beloved in Christ,
November is Stewardship Month

The 2024 Pledge Form will be available soon as the Stewardship Committee is preparing for another fruitful year. Please fill one when it becomes available. We need your continuous support

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is Youth Month. We are very blessed to have many of our teens already helping in our Parish--serving during Divine Liturgy and reading the epistles. However, this month we will highlight their participation more. Teens will read the epistle each Sunday, the Teen Soyo president will read a message on October 22nd, we will have a fundraiser for the Special Olympics and try to give out bookmarks as a thank you for the parishioners helping them in this ministry.

-Special Olympics Teen Soyo Luncheon October 22nd. In the month of October, our entire archdiocese raises money to donate to the Special Olympics. We have chosen to have a lunch meal after Divine Liturgy as our fundraiser. We are very proud of our TEENS, this past June, they participated in the Diocesan Bible Bowl at the PLC for the 1st time and they did very well, we also sent four campers to St. Thekla Camp. We have established "The Metropolitan Philip Saliba Scholarship Fund" to be able to encourage our children to do all the work they have to do and to be able to participate in the Diocese activities. We ask our parishioners to support this Scholarship Fund by donating and soliciting donations from outside the parish, don't be afraid to ask, the Lord said "Ask and you should be given".

Our Goal is to raise a minimum of \$10,000.00 for this year, we already have raised close to \$5,000.00. "God Loves A Cheerful Giver".

We need to make sure that our children are taken care of to be able to keep them in the church.

In Christ,
Fr. Elia Shalhoub
Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor

Metropolitan Phillip Scholarship Fund

Our Goal is to raise a minimum of \$10,000.00 for this year.

Thank you for the Following Parishioners and Friends who already contributed.

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TOTAL DONATIONS \$7,261.00

TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

PELAGIA THE RIGHTEOUS

This Saint was a prominent actress of the city of Antioch, and a pagan, who lived a life of unrestrained prodigality and led many to perdition. Instructed and baptized by a certain bishop named Nonnus (Saint Nonnus is commemorated Nov. 10), she departed for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, where she lived as a recluse, feigning to be a eunuch called Pelagia. She lived in such holiness and repentance that within three or four years she was deemed worthy to repose in an odour of sanctity, in the middle of the fifth century. Her tomb on the Mount of Olives has been a place of pilgrimage ever since.

THOMAS THE APOSTLE OF THE 12

The name Thomas means, "twin." He was one of the Twelve, a Galilean by birth. Sophroneus (not the famous Patriarch of Jerusalem [7th Century, celebrated March 11], but a friend of Jerome's), quoted also by Jerome, says that Saint Thomas preached to the Parthians, Persians, Medes, Hyrcanians, Bactrians, and neighbouring nations. According to Heracleon, the Apostle died a natural death; according to other accounts, he was martyred at Meliapur His tomb was known by Saint John Chrysostom to be at Edessa in Syria, to which city his holy relics may have been translated from India



Disciples & Apostles

Most of us are quite familiar with the twelve disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. But in addition to the original twelve, Christ selected Seventy Disciples and Apostles sent forth with the task of preaching. The Gospel of Luke (Luke 10: 1-16) describes the calling and the sending forth of the Seventy Apostles. With the passage of time, others were added to their number by the Holy Apostles, who, with the accompaniment and assistance of the Seventy, went about preaching the Gospel in various lands. Although their number eventually exceeded seventy, they were all nonetheless referred to as "of the Seventy" out of reverence for the number of Apostles which the Lord chose.

Most of us don't think of ourselves as "Apostles". Many of us probably consider ourselves rather ordinary when it comes to faith, and certainly not extraordinary. The Lord, however, doesn't call us to be ordinary. He calls us each to be extraordinary. He calls us not only to be servants but to be leaders. And He doesn't call us just to be Disciples, but to be Apostles.

Not everyone will be able to cast our demons or heal the sick. But the Lord gave each of us something of power and influence. There are many people whose "power" is in their humility, or honesty, or work ethic. There are people who speak with powerful conviction about the faith. And there are still others who give a powerful witness of their faith with their patience, perseverance and how they live their lives. God has given each of us the ability to learn about the things of faith, to be a Disciple. And He has given each of us a way to lead others to Christ, giving each of us then the foundation to be good Apostles.

Be a Disciple today! Be an Apostle today!

In Closing some words from Saint John Chrysostom.

"Nothing is more frigid than a Christian who is indifferent to the salvation of others. Indeed, I wonder if such a person can be a true Christian. To become a disciple of Christ is to obey his law of love; and obedience to the law brings joy beyond measure and description. Love means to want the best for others, sharing with them the joy of love."