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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 4

Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of  
Sinopé

Prophet Jonah

## PROPHET JONAH

The Holy Prophet Jonah lived in the eighth century before the birth of Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. The Book of the Prophet Jonah contains prophecies about the judgments on the Israelite nation, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and the end of the world. Besides the prophecies, the Book of Jonah relates how he was sent to the Ninevites to preach repentance (Jon. 3: 3-10).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, addressing the Scribes and the Pharisees who demanded a sign from Him, said that no sign would be given except for the sign of the Prophet Jonah, “As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so also shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights” (Mt. 12: 40). From these words the Lord shows clearly the symbolic meaning of the Book of the Prophet Jonah in relation to Christ’s death on the Cross, descent into Hell, and the Resurrection.

Reproaching the lack of penitence and recalcitrance of the Jews, the Lord said, “The Ninevites shall rise in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and one greater than Jonah is here” (Mt. 12: 41).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Matushka Cindy, the McCarthy family, Jerry, Davide

DEPARTED: Igumen Leonty

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Marijana Barr

ANNIVERSARIES: John & Missy Mykyta

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION: Adult Education will resume every Wednesday night at 7:00p via Zoom starting on September 18. We will be reading and discussing St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. All parishioners are welcome. If you want to invite other guests, please let Fr. Alessandro know ahead of time. The Zoom link will be shared via email.

PARISH RETREAT: On Saturday afternoon, December 7, our parish will host a retreat with Dr. Sarah Byrne-Martelli, author of "Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians." The retreat is open to everyone and more information will be shared as we get closer. You can find out more about Sarah at [byrnemartelli.com](http://byrnemartelli.com). Please mark your calendar!

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Sep 22, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Sep 25, Wed 7:00 PM	Adult Education
Sep 28, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Sep 29, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy
Oct 1, Tue 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

## MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>Sep 29</b>
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Hughes	Mittlefehldt
<i>Reader:</i>	Barr	Hughes

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after  
Vespers or by appointment