

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
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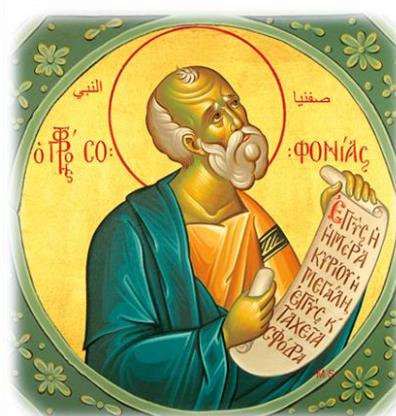
Glory Forever!  
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### 3 DECEMBER 2023 / 7532 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Prophet Zephaniah of the tribe of Simeon.*



#### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Dec. 02 17:00 VIGIL: 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages for +Gregory Harhai – The Fullman Family. +Edmund Davis – 1 year Memorial Service*
- Sun. Dec. 03 10:30 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages pro populo*
- Tues. Dec. 05 18:30 ST. NICHOLAS, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA – WONDERWORKER *Suffrages for the +Hieromonk Cyprian Constantine, OSB – Marge Hulyk*
- Fri. Dec. 08 18:30 THE MATERNITY OF HOLY ANNA *Suffrages for the +Hieromonk Cyprian Constantine, OSB – Marge Hulyk*
- Sat. Dec. 09 17:00 VIGIL: 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages pro populo*
- Sun. Dec. 10 10:30 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages for +Martin Osif – Dorothy & Tina Osif.*

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11 / 26 / 2023	Adults: \$1082	Candles: \$96	Holy Days: \$1130		
COLLECTION	Christmas: \$100	Fuel: \$145	TOTAL: \$2553		
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The holy prophet Zephaniah (known as *Sophonias* in Greek, as seen in the spelling in the icon above) was from the tribe of Simeon. His name in Hebrew means «*God is hidden.*» It appears that he was of royal blood, tracing his ancestry back to King Hezekiah (715 – 686 BC), and he was

a resident of Jerusalem. He prophesied about the year 630 BC shortly before the religious reform of King Josiah who ruled in Judah from 640 – 609 BC. Zephaniah was a contemporary of the prophets Jeremiah, Nahum, and Habakkuk. The major theme of his writings is **judgment** and **consolation: judgment** for Judah's idolatry which brings about the *Day of the Lord* – the '*dies iræ, dies illa*', from which the famous Latin hymn seems to have drawn its imagery, and then **consolation**: the people will be restored, but chastened and humble. King Josiah's religious reform was too short-lived to affect the results of Zephaniah's prophecies – the Babylonian Exile and the subsequent return followed within the century.



Jesus, Deliverance of our first parents, Joy of the Patriarchs,  
Fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets:

*Come and save those who hope in You.*

Jesus, Salvation prepared in the sight of every nation,  
Light of revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel:

*Come and save those who hope in You.*

Jesus, long-awaited hope of the nations,  
You make them children of Abraham and heirs according to the promise:

*Come and save those who hope in You.*

Jesus, ever living Word, Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world,  
Who came after the Forerunner yet are before him:

*Come and save those who hope in You.*

Jesus, Messiah, Son of the Blessed One, O blessed and only mighty One, the  
Lord, to Whom be honor, praise, and glory:

*Come and save those who hope in You.*

May Christ our true God, Who for our salvation chose to fulfill the sign foretold of Emmanuel, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, prophet, precursor, and Baptist John; of the holy prophet and herald of the Savior, Isaiah; of the holy fathers, prophets, and just ones who lived under the Law and awaited the Messiah's coming; and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all. Amen.



## ~ Announcements ~

- The **DECEMBER BINGO** will be held on **FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER**. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; games begin at 6:30. **THERE WILL BE NO BINGO IN JANUARY 2024.** The first bingo of the new year will be Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Building / Maintenance Committee is selling a **\$500 STRIP TICKET**, the last one for 2023. The number will be taken from the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 drawing on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- The **Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir** invites one and all to experience the joy and splendor of the Nativity Season on **Sunday December 17** as they present '**Neath the Star of Bethlehem: Hymns and Songs of the Nativity**'. The program begins at 2:00 pm at **St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church**, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road in Munhall, Pa. Admission is free, and there is also plenty of free, level parking. For those who cannot attend in person, the **program will be live-streamed** from St. Elias Church online at <https://steliasmunhallpa.weebly.com>