

# October 11

## *Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, One of the Seven Deacons*



One of the 70 Apostles, he was one of the seven deacons chosen by the Apostles and worked together with Archdeacon Stephen. He was born in Caesarea, Palestine. When persecution was raised against the Church in Jerusalem, Philip was not frightened by the "lawless fury", departed to Samaria and preached Christ to them and here converted many to Christ. Among others he baptized Simon Magus and the nobleman eunuch of Candace the Queen of Ethiopia (Acts 8:5-13, 26-39). As a bishop Saint Philip preached Christ in Tralles, Lydia where he destroyed many "temples of idols". He died at a very old age. His four virgin daughters were granted the gift of prophecy (Acts 21:8-9). One of them, Hermione (see September 4), accepted the martyr's death and is numbered among the saints. This holy apostle should be distinguished from the Apostle Philip, who is commemorated on November 14.

### *Kontakion, tone 4*

**Today Philip, forechosen from among the apostles,  
Grants a wealth of healing to the world.  
He is the most wondrous fisher of nations,  
A converser with the disciples of Christ.  
He protects those who praise Him from all evil.  
Therefore we cry out to him: //  
Apostle, save us all by your prayers.**

*(Text tr.: Holy Myrrh-bearing Women Monastery)*

**Epistle:** Acts 8:26-39, sel. 20. **Gospel:** See January 21.

### *Our Venerable Father Theophanes the Confessor and Author of Canons, Bishop of Nicaea*

Born in Arabia, together with his brother St. Theodore (see December 27), he was a zealous advocate of iconolatriy during the reigns of the Emperors Leo the Armenian, Michael the Stammerer and Theophilus. His suffering for the holy icons

continued for 25 years. During the reign of the Emperor Theophilus they after cruel torture cut an inscription into his skin with needles. He died about the year 847. He composed about 145 church Canons. According to the words of the Church, "with ascetic labors" and "with the fervor of abstention " he withered "the sweet passions", and by his speech "of systematic words" washed away "the heretical darkness" and lightened up "the heretical haze".

*Troparion, tone 8*

**Preceptor of Orthodoxy, Teacher of piety and purity,  
Lamp of the universe, Catalyst of the divine spirituality of bishops,  
O most wise Theophanes, you have enlightened all through your teaching. //  
Spiritual flute: pray to Christ our God to save our souls.**

*Kontakion, tone 2*

**Having thundered the divine incarnation of Christ,  
You completely exposed the fleshless enemies, O wondrous Theophanes.  
Therefore, all faithfully and piously cry out to you: //  
Pray unceasingly for us all.**

*The Commemoration of the 365 Holy Fathers who gathered at the Seventh Ecumenical Council, the second one in Nicaea, in order to cast out and eradicate atheist teachings, the haters of Christ and blasphemers of Christianity iconoclasts: Copronymus and those condemned sophist bishops, and unholy priests, and all that atheist and corrupted assembly with them.*

**Troparion,** see July 16.

*Kontakion, tone 6*

**The Son who shone ineffably from the Father,  
Was born twofold in nature from a woman;  
Knowing Him we do not deny the representation of his form;  
But depicting it devoutly, we honor it faithfully;  
And so, holding to the true faith,  
The Church greets the image of Christ's incarnation.**

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**Paramoedas, Epistle and Gospel,** see July 16.

**Note: That, after the 11th of this month on the coming Sunday, we commemorate the memory of the Holy Fathers. If the 11th actually falls on**

the Sunday, we sing the service for the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council on that day. If it falls on Wednesday, we sing their service on the previous Sunday; if it falls on Thursday, we sing their service on the coming Sunday. The order for the saint is dropped, and is sung when the ecclesiarch decides.

*Sister Martyrs Zinaida and Philonilla*

They were born in the city of Tarsus (in Cilicia) and were disciples of and related to the Holy Apostle Paul. Near the city of Demetriada they without pay nursed patients who came to them and preached Christ to them. The pagans stoned both of the holy sisters for confessing Christ.

*The Venerable Theophanes, Faster of the Kievan Caves*, was tonsured in the Kievan Monasteries of the Caves in the Twelfth Century. His relics openly repose in the St. Anthony Cave.

*Commemoration of the wonders from an icon of our Lord Jesus Christ*

This wonder was performed in the Phoenician city of Beirut. One Jew bought a house from a Christian living in this city, and did not notice the icon of the Savior left in it. When his neighbor, a Jew, saw it and talked about it to the other members of his race, the latter then came into that house, took the icon and did to it all that their forebears never did to the Lord Jesus Himself at the crucifixion. When, finally, one of them struck a spear into the side of the Savior represented on the icon suddenly blood and water poured out from the wound. All the sick anointed with this blood were immediately healed. After such a wonder all the Jews in the city of Beirut believed in Christ and were baptized.

*The Commemoration of the Holy Patriarchs of Constantinople Nectarius, Arsacius and Sisinius*

St. Nectarius was patriarch from 381 to 397. St. Arsacius was patriarch after St. John Chrysostom from 404 to 405. St. Sisinius was patriarch from 426 to 427.

*Icon of the Mother of God Vododatelnitsi (the Giver of water)*

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) pp 372-3.  
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