

November 13th

Saint PHILIP the Apostle

Feast

Born in Bethsaida, north of Lake Tiberias, just like Peter and Andrew, Philip was one of the first disciples of the Lord. He may well have been a member of a community of Hellenistic Jews, as suggested by his Greek name and his relationships with pagans (John 12: 20-30). In the episodes reported by the Gospel of John, we see Philip share the aspirations of the Jewish people: he eagerly awaits the coming of the Messiah and he asks to "see the Father," just as Moses asked God to "show His glory" (John 1: 45, 6: 5-7, 14: 8).

According to some traditions, Philip died in Hierapolis (Tanbouk Kalessi), Turkey, at an advanced age.

Philip expresses the deepest aspiration of man: "Lord, show us the Father" and Jesus, by his answer, reveals to his apostles the meaning of their experiences with him. Seeing Jesus and hearing him speak, the disciples came to know God the Father.

May the glory of God that shone on the face of Christ illuminate our lives and transform us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON                      John 1: 45-46

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth. Come and see."

COLLECT

O Lord, You give us each year the joy of commemorating Your apostle Saint Philip. By his prayers, grant us the grace of contemplating You in the face of your beloved Son, and of being led by Him to the eternal vision of Your face.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

FIRST READING

A reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians                      4: 1-7, 11-13

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ,  
The Word of the Lord.

or ELSE:

A reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians                      2: 19-22

Brethren, you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM                      Ps 19, 2-3. 4-5 (R. 5b)

R. Their message to the utmost bounds of the world.

1. The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.  
Day unto day conveys the message,  
and night unto night imparts the knowledge.

2. No speech, no word, whose voice goes unheeded;  
their sound goes forth through all the earth,  
their message to the utmost bounds of the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION                      John 14: 6a. 9c

R. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. Philip, whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John                      14: 6-14

Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, be pleased to accept these gifts which we offer You on the feast of Your apostle Saint Philip, and turn away from us all the evils which our sins deserve.  
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON                      John 14: 8-9

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." "Philip, whoever has seen me has seen the Father".

or else:                    John 14: 9

"Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father".

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, nourished by this Eucharist we implore your grace: by the intercession of Saint Philip, may we serve you faithfully in our brothers and sisters and merit with them to come one day to eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.