

Prophet Zephania

The Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah and the Prophetess Oldama. He was from the tribe of Simeon, and was the ninth of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. The prophet lived at the royal court, where he preached repentance and helped King Josiah eliminate idol-worship.

He prophesied about the calamities that were to come for the people of Judea and the surrounding regions: Gaza, Ascalon, Crete, and against the Moabites, the Ammonites and the Ninevites.

Reminder: His Eminence, **Archbishop Benjamin** will be joining us for Vigil on **Tuesday, December 12th**, and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, December 13th**. Please come join us on this festive occasion.

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Readings

Epistle

Ephesians 5: 9-19

Gospel

Luke 18: 18-27

Tone 1 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!"

Tone 2 Troparion (*Prophet Zephaniah*)

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Zephaniah, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee: "Save our souls!"

Tone 1 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Prophet Zephaniah*)

Thou hast been revealed by the Spirit of God to be brilliant, O Prophet Zephaniah, for thou didst proclaim the coming of God: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Proclaim Him, O Jerusalem! // Behold, your King is coming to save mankind!"



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, December 3rd - *Prophet Zephaniah* *Fish Wine & Oil*

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Class with Macrina after coffee hour

Tuesday, December 5th - *St. Sabbas* *Fish Wine & Oil*

- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Wednesday, December 6th - *St. Nicholas* *Fish Wine & Oil*

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and books

Thursday, December 7th - *St. Ambrose of Milan* *Wine & Oil*

- 6:00 PM - New Testament Greek Class

Saturday, December 9th - *Conception of the Theotokos* *Fish Wine & Oil*

- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Church Cleaning
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers