

February 21st, 2021
Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Kontakion of the Pharisee and Publican – Tone 4

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

SYNAXARION

On February 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Timothy of Symbola; Eustathios, archbishop of Antioch; Zachariah, patriarch of Jerusalem; and George, bishop of Amastris.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist. In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and to prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights. Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

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St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America, Primate

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet virtually today, February 21st, at 12:45 pm. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

Fr. Peter will be on vacation this week. If a pastoral emergency or concern arises, please call one of the Deacons: Dn. John 717-817-8586, Dn. David 218-576-8324, Dn. Jerome 717-683-8541.

Little Compline & Book Discussion - Wednesdays @ 6pm Join Dn. David Hyatt on Wednesday evenings to pray Little Compline. Following Little Compline, Dn. David will lead a discussion of **Way of**

the Ascetics by Tito Colliander. Copies are available in the church bookstore or online. We will be reading and discussing one chapter each week. Little Compline will be livestreamed on the church YouTube channel. If you are interested in participating in the book discussion portion via Zoom, please contact Dn. David to make arrangements at jhyatt.duluth@gmail.com.

Pre-Lent Virtual Retreat: Becoming a Living Sacrifice – Beginning next Sunday at 1:00 pm, and continuing March 7 at 1:00 pm and March 14 at 1:30 pm, Dr. Justin Gohl will offer a three-part study of Sacrifice in Holy Scripture and the Church Fathers. Dr. Gohl will demonstrate the continuity and “logic” of Sacrifice from the Old Covenant into the New and the differences between the Orthodox Christian understanding of Sacrifice and that found in certain Western Christian teaching.
<https://zoom.us/j/98507983847?pwd=Tzdiby9VL2V6b0VLMnFSQ05MczFmQT09>

Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Last Week: 82

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$2,867.00

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$5,770.00

Church Calendar

February 21 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (live streamed). Virtual Inquirer’s Class.
February 23 NO Typika and Distribution of Holy Communion. 6:30 pm Lancaster Vespers.
February 24 NO Little Compline. 7:00 pm Book Discussion.
February 27 NO Vespers.
February 28 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (live streamed). Virtual Inquirer’s Class.

Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health and healing

Metropolitan Joseph
Bishop Thomas
Olena Bassarab
Jamey Miller
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce “Kassiane” Williams
Kathryn Velen
Wayne “Stephen” Coleson
Michael Acierno
Ray Jauncito
Ian Snyder
Nicolas El Atieh
Marjorie “Marion” Barrett
Jerry “David” Desautels
Renee McChutan

Mary Jane Glagola
Norm “Nourhan” Kailian
Eva “Marie” Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm
Donnell Gregory Beck
Michael Bogosh
Christos Tsakiris
Grace Dorian
Marianne Rupp
Mary Bincarowsky
Gene “Paul” Strayer
Katherine Monsour
George and Darla Feeser
Cindi “Monica” Bennett
Mary Kopey
Martha Allen
Mary Lou Grove
Melinda “Magdalena” Stika
James Fetter
Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Leavitt “George” Keener

Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic

Steven Smith

Edward Boner

Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury

Thomas Lehman

Barry "John" Hart

Mary "Rebecca" Beck

Angela Pandelidis