

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**  
**Sunday Before Theophany of Christ**

*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 5**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Apolytikion of the Forefeast of Theophany – Tone 4**

Be thou ready, Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now to clothe you in the first robe again. Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.

**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 Forefeast of Theophany – Tone 4**

In the running waters of the Jordan River, on this day the Lord of all crieth to John: Be not afraid and hesitate not to baptize Me, for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

**SYNAXARION**

On January 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, the second day of the Forefeast of the Theophany of Christ, we commemorate the holy Prophet Malachi. He was chronologically the last of the prophets, born after the return of the Jews from exile in Babylon in 538 B.C. He was unusually fair of face. According to tradition, he was nicknamed “the angel” perhaps because of his outward fairness, or because of his purity of spirit, or because of his companionship with an angel, with whom he often spoke face to face. At these times, others also heard its voice but were not worthy to look on its face. The young prophet spoke forth that which the angel revealed to him. Malachi cried out against the ingratitude of Israel and the sins of the priests. Five hundred years before Christ, he clearly foretold the coming and work of John the Baptist (Mal. 3:1). Malachi was chiefly the prophet of the Day of Judgment (Mal. 3:19-21). Malachi went to God young in years, and after him there was no prophet in Israel until John the Baptist, the last of all prophets.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Gordios of Cappadocia; Venerable Thomais the wonderworker of Lesbos; and Venerable Genevieve of Paris. By their holy intercessions, O 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, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**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](mailto:jhyatt.duluth@gmail.com).

**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: 80

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$12,750.00

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

### Church Calendar

**January 3** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. (live streamed). Virtual Inquirer's Class.  
**January 5** 9:00 am Royal Hours. 5:00 pm Festal Orthros. 6:00 pm Festal Divine Liturgy.  
**January 6** 6:00 pm Little Compline and Book Discussion.  
**January 9** 6:00 pm Vespers.  
**January 10** 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  
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

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

#### **The Departed – Memory Eternal!**

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun  
Priest Boniface Black  
Leavitt "George" Keener  
Mary Jane Glagola  
Norm "Nourhan" Kailian  
Eva "Marie" Kailian  
Nicholas Raptapolus  
Walter and Mary Damm  
Donnell Gregory Beck

Julie Acierno  
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic  
Ryan Bender  
Steven Smith  
Edward Boner  
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury  
Thomas Lehman  
Barry "John" Hart  
Mary "Rebecca" Beck