January 24th, 2021
31st Sunday after Pentecost – 14th Sunday of St. Luke

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 8
From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolystikon of St. Xenia of St. Petersburg – Tone 8
In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

Apolystikon 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 Presentation of Christ – Tone 1
Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

SYNAXARION
On January 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Mother, Blessed Xenia, the Fool for Christ’s sake and Wonderworker of Saint Petersburg. Xenia was married to a Colonel named Andrew; when she was 26 years old, her husband died suddenly. Left a childless widow, Xenia gave away all that she had, and vanished from St. Petersburg for eight years to live in a hermitage, learning the spiritual life. When she returned to St. Petersburg, she wore her husband’s military clothing, and would answer only to the name of her late husband Andrew. She took up the life of a homeless wanderer, and was abused by many as insane. She bore this with great patience, crucifying the carnal mind through the mockery she endured, and praying for her husband’s soul. She was given great gifts of prayer and prophecy, and often foretold things to come. In 1796 she foretold the death of Empress Catherine II. Xenia reposed in peace at age 71 in about the year 1800. Her grave became such a source of miracles, and so many came to take soil from it as a blessing that it was often necessary to replace the soil. When a stone slab was placed over her grave, this too disappeared over time, piece by piece. Saint Xenia is especially invoked for help in finding employment, lodging, or a spouse.

On this day, we also commemorate our Righteous Mother Xenia the merciful of Rome; Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily; and Venerable Philotheos, founder of Philotheou monastery on Athos. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

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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 24th, 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.

**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:** 108
**Operating Fund Offering Received:** $15,882.53
**Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget:** $5,770.00

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**Church Calendar**

- **January 24** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Virtual Inquirer’s Class.
- **January 26** 9:00 am Typika and Distribution of Holy Communion.
- **January 27** 6:00 pm Little Compline and Book Discussion.
- **January 30** 6:00 pm Vespers (live streamed).
- **January 31** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (live streamed). Virtual Inquirer’s Class.

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**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

**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**

**V. Reese**

**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

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