

December 4, 2022

Great Martyr Barbara of Syria – 10th 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 threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Barbara – Tone 8

Let us honor Saint Barbara, for she hath broken the snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maiden, was delivered out of them by the help and weapon of the Cross.

Apolytikion of St. John of Damascus – Tone 3

O ye faithful come, let us on this day laud with praise the sweet-sounding nightingale that adorned and captivated the Church of Christ with his sweet songs and tuneful, heav'nly hymns, he is the all-wise and eloquent John Damascene, the utmost chief of hymnographers, and a man of God who was filled with every earthly and divine wisdom.

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 Preparation for Christ's Nativity – Tone 3

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

SYNAXARION

On December 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the contest of the holy Greatmartyr Barbara of Heliopolis in Syria, and her fellow Martyr Juliana. The pagan Dioscorus locked up his only daughter Barbara in a high tower. Once, while her father was away, she came down from the tower and met some Christian women who revealed the true Faith of Christ to her. Learning of his daughter's faith, Dioscorus beat her severely. However, the Lord Himself appeared to her with His angels and healed her. A certain woman, Juliana, upon seeing this, desired martyrdom for herself. They were ultimately led to the place of execution, where Dioscorus himself slaughtered his daughter, and Juliana was killed by the soldiers in the year 306. That same day, lightning struck the house of Dioscorus, killing him.

On this day, we also commemorate our Righteous Father John of Damascus, Monk and Presbyter of Mar Sabbas Monastery. Because of his ardent defense of the veneration of icons during the reign of the iconoclastic Emperor Leo, John was maligned by the emperor to the Caliph, who cut off his right hand. John prayed before the icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, and his hand was rejoined and miraculously healed. John withdrew to St. Sabbas Monastery, where he was a model to the monks in humility, obedience and asceticism. John composed the Funeral Hymns and compiled the Octoechos, the Irmologion, the Menologion, a Christmas canon, the Paschal Canon and many theological works. John died peacefully in about the year 776 at the age of 104.

On this day, we also commemorate the New-hieromartyr Seraphim, bishop of Phanarion in Greece. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**

His Eminence Metropolitan Antonios, Patriarchal Vicar to North America

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

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

The Rev. David Hyatt, Assistant Pastor

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet today, Sunday December 4th following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

On November 15, we began the forty-day Nativity Fast in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25. The Nativity Fast is divided into two periods. The first period is November 15 through December 19 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is December 20 through 24 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday

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 Sunday 120

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$6,855.00

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: **\$7,280.00**

Church Calendar

Dec. 4 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Inquirer's Class.
Dec. 5 6:00 pm Nativity Paraklesis. Book Study following.
Dec. 6 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.
Dec. 7 6:00 pm Daily Vespers. 7:00 pm AOW Blanket Making.
Dec. 10 10:00 am Teen Pageant Rehearsal and Confessions. 2:00 pm Caroling. 6:00 pm Vespers.
Dec. 11 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Annual Christmas Pageant.

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 & wellbeing

Metropolitan Antonios
Bishop Thomas
Denise Zakula
Olena Bassarab
Jayme Miller
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce "Kassiane" Williams
Michael Acierno
Ian Snyder
Jerry "David" Desautels
Vincent McKee
Christopher Reese
Rachel and Emmanuella Deneffe

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Angela Burke
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson
Georgette Habib Soliman

Leavitt "George" Keener
Mary Jane Glagola
Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm
Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck
Michael Bogosh
Christos Tsakiris
Harry and Grace Dorion
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
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury
Thomas Lehman
Barry "John" Hart
Angela Pandelidis
Kathryn Velen
Renee McCutchen