

October 22nd, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost – 6th 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 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Averkios – Tone 4

Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Averkios. Wherefore, by humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, with Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion of the Seven Ephesian Youths – Tone 4

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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!

Ordinary Kontakion – Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

SYNAXARION

On October 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Averkios the wonderworker, equal-to-the-Apostles and bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia. During a boisterous festival, Averkios became inflamed with God's zeal and entered an idolatrous temple, smashing all the idols. When the enraged pagans sought to kill him, three young madmen, foaming at the mouth and howling, fell down before this man of God who drove the demons from them. This turned the pagans' anger into amazement at the wonderworker of Christ, and 500 of them immediately desired baptism. Once, holy Averkios journeyed to Rome with a man named Trophimos. Averkios had a wineskin that contained wine, vinegar and oil. When Averkios asked, it would pour forth each liquid unmingled with the other. But when Trophimos tried to steal from the wineskin, it would give him a liquid for which he did not ask. In great old age, Averkios presented himself to his beloved Lord in the second century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Seven Holy Youths ("Seven Sleepers") martyred in Ephesus. The emperor Decius in the third century came to Ephesus and arranged idol worship and a terrible slaughter of Christians. Seven young men, soldiers, refrained from this and earnestly prayed to God to save the Christians. They were the sons of the most influential elders of Ephesus and their names were Maximilian, Jamblichus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian, and Antoninus. They retreated to a hill outside Ephesus called Celion and hid in a cave. When the emperor learned of this, he commanded that the cave be sealed off. More than 200 years then passed, when there was a great dispute about the Resurrection. Emperor Theodosius prayed to God that He would reveal the truth to men. The youths then awakened from their sleep, young and healthy, and Theodosios conversed with them. After a week, they again fell into the sleep of death to await the universal resurrection.

On this day, we also commemorate the Bishop Eulalios. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Metropolitan of New York and North America

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 next Sunday, October 29th 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.

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 168

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$6,876.00

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$7,443.00

Church Calendar

October 22 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Annual Parish Meeting.

October 24 9:00 am 3rd Hour and Play and Pray. 6:00 pm AOW Lady's Night Out.

October 25 6:00 pm Daily Vespers.

October 26 6:00 pm Lancaster Vespers.

October 28 6:00 pm Great Vespers.

October 29 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Inquirer's Class. Saint's Festival

Remember In Your Prayers

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

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