

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**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 of 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 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Prophet Zephaniah. A native of Mount Sarabatha, from the tribe of Simeon, Zephaniah lived and prophesied in the seventh century before Christ, at the time of Josiah the pious king of Judah. Zephaniah was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah. Having great humility and a pure mind raised to God, he was found worthy of discerning the future. He prophesied the day of the wrath of God and the punishment of Gaza, Ashkalon, Ashdod, Ekron, Nineveh, Jerusalem and Egypt. He saw Jerusalem as a "filthy and polluted... oppressing city. Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; her prophets are light and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary; they have done violence to the Law (Zeph. 3:1-4). Foreseeing the advent of the Messiah, he enthusiastically exclaimed: Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem (Zeph. 3:14). This seer of mysteries entered into rest at his birthplace to await the General Resurrection and his reward from God.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Agapios, Seleukos and Mamas; Venerable Theodoulos, Eparch of Constantinople; and Venerable Theodoulos of Cyprus. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon 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 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 on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> following the Annual Christmas Pageant. 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 171**

**Operating Fund Offering Received: \$6,246.00**

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

### **Church Calendar**

- Dec. 3** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Parish Council Meeting.  
**Dec. 4** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Bible Study on Romans.  
**Dec. 5** 9:00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour followed by Play and Pray. 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy. St. Nicholas.  
**Dec. 6** 6:00 pm Daily Vespers followed by Choir Practice.  
**Dec. 9** 9:00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour followed by Retreat with Fr. Jeremy Davis: Sacrifice in the Bible and Daily Life. 6:00 pm Great Vespers.  
**Dec. 10** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS.

### **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 SABA  
Bishop Thomas  
Denise Zakula  
Olena Bassarab  
Jayme Miller  
Matthew Miller  
Officer Jamie Miller  
Joyce “Kassiane” Williams  
Michael Acierno  
Jerry “David” Desautels  
Christopher Reese  
Beverly Kushner  
Michelle Prince  
Richard “Stephen” Vangel  
Joshua “John” Ranck  
Ronna “Sophia” Castle

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

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

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun  
Priest Boniface Black  
Helen Diamond  
Angela Burke  
Wayne “Stephen” Coleson  
Georgette Habib Soliman  
Joseph Danyo  
Leavitt “George” Keener  
Mary Jane Glagola  
Norm “Nourhan” and Eva “Marie” Kailian  
Nicholas Raptapolus

Julie Acierno  
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic  
Steven Smith  
Edward Boner  
Cheryl “Alexandra” Bury  
Thomas Lehman  
Barry “John” Hart  
Angela Pandelidis  
Kathryn Velen  
Karl and Nancy Usner