

December 10th, 2023

27th Sunday after Pentecost – 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 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of Sts. Means, Eugephos & Hermogenes – Tone 8

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick and work wonders both while living and after death. Strange indeed is the miracle: that these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God.

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 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the contest of the holy Martyrs of Christ: Menas the Most Eloquent, Eugephos and Hermogenes, who suffered martyrdom in Alexandria. Menas was known for his great learning and eloquence of speech. When a dispute flared up between the Christians and the pagans in Alexandria, Emperor Maximian dispatched Menas to root out the Christians from the city. Menas went and restored peace, but he declared himself a Christian and converted many pagans to the true Faith by his many miracles. Hearing of this, the emperor sent Eparch Hermogenes of Byzantium to punish Menas and to smother Christianity. Hermogenes brought Menas to trial, cut off his feet and tongue, gouged out his eyes, and then cast him into prison. There, the Lord Jesus Himself appeared and healed Menas. Seeing this, Hermogenes was baptized. He began to preach the Christian Faith and was consecrated as Bishop of Alexandria. Then the enraged Maximian went to Alexandria himself and subjected Menas and Hermogenes to cruel tortures. Beholding the bravery of these soldiers of Christ and the miracles of God upon them, Eugephos, secretary and friend of Menas, cried out to the emperor's face: "I too am a Christian!" All three men were beheaded. Their holy relics, thrown into the sea, miraculously floated to Constantinople, where the bishop, to whom this was revealed in a dream, solemnly met them and honorably buried them in the early fourth century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Thomas Dephourkinos of Bithynia. 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 Sunday, December 17th 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 182

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$6,595.00

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

Church Calendar

Dec. 10 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS.
Dec. 11 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Bible Study on Romans.
Dec. 12 9:00 am 3rd Hour followed by Play and Pray.
Dec. 13 6:00 pm Daily Vespers.
Dec. 14 6:00 pm Bridge of Hope.
Dec. 16 9:00 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal and Confessions. 6:00 pm Great Vespers.
Dec. 17 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Christmas Pageant. 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 & 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

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

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

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Helen Diamond
Angela Burke
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Georgette Habib Soliman
Joseph Danyo
Leavitt "George" Keener
Mary Jane Glagola

Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
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Edward Boner
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury
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Angela Pandelidis
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