

January 14th, 2024

Leave-taking of, and Sunday after, the Theophany

*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 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of the Theophany – Tone 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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 the Theophany – Tone 4

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

SYNAXARION

On January 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the Feast of Theophany, and we commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain on Mount Sinai in the reign of Diocletian, and those slain in the days of Neilos the Wise. In the fourth century, Ammonios, an Egyptian monk, witnessed the first martyrdom. He tells of how the Saracens attacked his monastery and would have killed all the monks, if God had not intervened. A fire appeared on the summit of the peak, and the whole mountain smoked. The barbarians were terrified, and fled, while the surviving monks thanked God for sparing them. The second massacre occurred nearly one hundred years later, and was also recorded by an eyewitness, St. Neilos the Wise, who miraculously escaped. The attackers permitted some of the monks run for their lives. They also thanked God for sparing them and glorified God for glorifying their departed brethren.

On this day, we commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain at Raithu. On the same day of the first attack at Sinai, the Blemmyes martyred forty Fathers at Raithu on the shores of the Red Sea. Igumen Paul exhorted his monks to endure their suffering with courage and pure hearts. On this day, we also commemorate the holy Martyr Agnes. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ our God, have mercy on 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 today, Sunday, January 14th 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 170

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$4,965.00

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

Church Calendar

January 14 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer's Class. SCS.

January 16 9:00 am Third Hour and Play and Pray. 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy, St. Anthony.

January 17 6:00 pm Great Vespers.

January 18 6:00 pm Men's Fellowship @ Cartel, 920 Landis Avenue, Lancaster.

January 20 6:00 pm Great Vespers

January 21 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Parish Council Meeting.

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

Jayne 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

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

Karl and Nancy Usner

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

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Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian