# $\begin{array}{c} {\rm January~21^{st},~2024} \\ {\rm 29^{th}~Sunday~after~Pentecost-12^{th}~Sunday~of~St.~Luke} \end{array}$

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. Maximos the Confessor -Tone 8

Thou hast shown thyself, O God-inspired Maximos, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity; O star of the universe and companion of the bishops, O wise one. Through thy light thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the spirit. Therefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

# 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 Presentation of Christ - Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

#### **SYNAXARION**

On January 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Maximos the Confessor. Maximos was born in Constantinople. First, he was a high-ranking courtier for Emperor Heraclius and, after that, a monk and abbot of a monastery not too far from the capitol. He was the greatest defender of Orthodoxy against the so-called Monothelite heresy which proceeded from the heresy of Eutyches. He claimed that there is only one nature in Christ (Monophysitism), so the Monothelites claimed that there is only one will in Christ (Monothelitism). Maximos opposed that claim and found himself as an opponent of the emperor and the patriarch. Maximos did not frighten easily but endured to the end in proving that there were two wills as well as two natures in Christ. Because of his efforts, a council was held in Carthage and another in Rome. Both councils anathematized the teachings of the Monothelites. Maximos suffered greatly for Orthodoxy: he was tortured by princes, deceived by prelates, spat upon by the masses of the people, beaten by soldiers, exiled, imprisoned, until finally, with a severed tongue and hand, he was condemned to exile for life in the land of Skhemaris (near Batum on the Black Sea) where he spent three years in prison and gave up his soul to God in the mid-seventh century. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Neophytos of Nicaea; and Venerable Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse in Sicily. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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 190 Operating Fund Offering Received: \$10,145.00 Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$7,443.00

# **Church Calendar**

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

January 23 9:00 am Third Hour and Play and Pray.

January 24 6:00 pm Great Vespers.

January 25 6:30 pm Lancaster Fellowship Vespers.

January 27 NO Great Vespers

January 28 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Inquirer's Class. JOY Club.

#### 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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