

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

31<sup>st</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. Ephraim the Syrian – Tone 3**

Out of Paradise, a river floweth, \* flooding all the earth with joy unending, \* cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: \* Ephraim, the wine bowl of gladness inspired of God, \* from all eternity chosen to light the Church \* with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, \* whereby he filleth faithful souls with godliness.

**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 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian. Ephraim was born in Syria of poor parents in about 306. He spent his youth rather tempestuously, but suddenly a change took place in his soul, and he began to burn with love for the Lord Jesus. Ephraim was a disciple of St. James, bishop of Nisibis. Due to the great grace of God, wisdom flowed from Ephraim's tongue like a stream of honey, and ceaseless tears flowed from his eyes. Industrious as a bee, Ephraim continually wrote books, orally taught the monks in the monastery and the people of Edessa, and dedicated himself to prayer and contemplation. Numerous are his books and beautiful are his prayers, the most famous of which is his prayer recited during Great Lent: "O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, meddling, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to me, Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother; for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen." When the people wanted to appoint him a bishop by force, he pretended to be insane, racing through the city, dragging his garment behind him. Seeing this, the people left him in peace. Ephraim was a contemporary and friend of St. Basil the Great. Ephraim is considered the apostle of repentance. Even today, his works soften many hearts hardened by sin, returning them to Christ. Ephraim reposed in 378. On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Palladios of Antioch; and Venerable Theodosios of Totma. By their intercessions, O Christ 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 today, 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 196**

**Operating Fund Offering Received: \$15,852.00**

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

**Church Calendar**

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

**January 29** 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy. Feast of The Three Great Hierarchs.

**January 30** 9:00 am Third Hour and Play and Pray.

**January 31** 6:00 pm Daily Vespers.

**February 1** 5:00 pm Orthros. 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy. Feast of the Presentation (Meeting).

**February 2** 6:00 Paint Night.

**February 3** Teen SOYO. 6:00 pm Great Vespers.

**February 4** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Inquirer's Class. Godparent Sunday

**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

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Priest Boniface Black

Helen Diamond

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Georgette Habib Soliman

Joseph Danyo

Leavitt "George" Keener

Mary Jane Glagola

Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian