

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - 10<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 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 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 for 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 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Patapios of Thebes in Egypt. Patapios abhorred the vanity of this world and withdrew into the wilderness of Egypt. There he devoted himself to a life of asceticism, cleansing his heart of all earthly desires and thoughts for the sake of God's love. However, when his virtues became known among the people, they came to him for solace in their sufferings. Fearing the praise of men, which darkens the minds of men and separates them from God, Patapios fled this wilderness to Constantinople, thinking he could hide himself more easily in a big city; but a light cannot be hidden. A child, blind from birth, was led by God's providence to Patapios. He besought the saint to pray to God that he be given his sight to look upon God's creation and praise Him all the more. Patapios, having compassion on the suffering child, prayed to God, and the child's sight was restored. This miracle revealed God's chosen one, and people rushed to him for healing, comfort and instruction. Patapios performed many other miracles, all through prayer in the name of Christ and by the sign of the Cross. In great old age, he peacefully entered the Heavenly Kingdom in the seventh century.

On this day, we also commemorate the forefeast of the conception of the Theotokos; and Sophronios, bishop of Cyprus. By the intercessions of Thy saints, 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 next Sunday, December 15<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 go to the church office after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

**Attendance: 201**

**Operating Fund Offering Received: \$7,686.25**

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

### **Church Calendar**

**Dec. 8** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Christmas Pageant.  
**Dec. 9** 6:00 pm Vespers and Nativity Bible Study.  
**Dec. 10** 9:00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour and Pray and Play. 7:30 pm School Meeting  
**Dec. 11** 6:00 pm Vespers  
**Dec. 14** 6:00 pm Great Vespers.  
**Dec. 15** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Inquirer's Class. Caroling.

### **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  
Kera McBurnett  
Arlene "Eirene" Maisch  
Christine Bogosh  
Sasha Florenz  
Nicholas Glagola  
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

Leavitt "George" Keener  
Mary Jane Glagola  
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 and 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

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

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun  
Priest Boniface Black  
Helen Diamond  
Angela Burke  
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson  
Georgette Habib Soliman  
Joseph Danyo

Edward Boner  
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury  
Thomas Lehman  
Barry "John" Hart  
Angela Pandelidis  
Kathryn Velen  
Karl and Nancy Usner