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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

December 1, 2013

The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 1 ~ Ps. 109:8



Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (December 1)

Prophet Nahum; Venerable Philaretos the merciful of Amnia; Martyr Ananias the Persian; Theoklitos, archbishop of Lakediamonias.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic powers shown above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers, who were to keep guard, became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin, and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Prophet Nahum – Tone 2: Verily, we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet, Nahum. Through him we implore Thee, O Lord, save our souls.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion Preparatory for the Nativity of Christ – Tone 3: Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the pre-eternal Word. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds Him Who shall appear by His Own will as a new Child, the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.
(Chapter 2:4-10)

BRETHREN, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 22:2-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.”’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treating them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it he was angry and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.”

“But when the king came in to look at the guests he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 5th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (St. Nicholas)

Saturday, Dec. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Dec. 24th – Orthros, 7:00 P.M.; Divine Liturgy, 8:00 P.M. (Nativity of Christ)

Saturday, Dec. 28th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The holy bread is sponsored today by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** for the health of **Rabih, Lebnan, Yasmine, Argeh, Dolly, Ghantous, Assad, Marlene** and their families, and **Najla, Jamal, Cesar, Leila, Elia, Stephanie**, and **Milad** (many years); and for the repose of **Milad, Ramzi, Elia, Vagar, Peter** and **Boulos** (memory eternal).

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj** for the repose of Leila's father, **Milad**. May his memory be eternal.

The coffee hour is brought to you today by **Cesar** and **Leila El-Hajj**. Thank you.

The **Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting today, December 1, after Divine Liturgy. All Youth Group members are invited to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, December 8, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Our **church bookstore** is a convenient place for Christmas shopping! It currently has a Christmas sale on many items. All orders must be made by December 8 and checks should be made payable to "St. John the Divine Bookstore." The proceeds from the bookstore are used to fund parish and diocesan activities. For more information, please see **Larry Jones**.

Donations for **poinsettias** will be accepted from Nov. 24 – Dec. 8. If you would like to make a donation, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Poinsettias." Donations are \$10.00 per plant. Thank you.

Church Clean-up days are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Tuesday's work will focus on the Church Hall while Saturday's work will include working in the Church Hall and the Church temple. Many hands make light work; please do join us.

Our annual **Cookies with St. Nicholas Party** is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, from 2:30-4:00 P.M. Youngsters of all ages are welcome. Please see **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent** for more details.

God willing, On December 15, 2013, **His Grace Bishop JOHN** shall visit our parish. **Deacon Mark McNary** shall be ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace at that time. Please join us for the occasion as we welcome His Grace and congratulate Deacon Mark and his family.

Our annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 22nd. Parents who are interested in having their children participate in the pageant should see **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Advent Fast** begins Friday, November 15th, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

WOMEN'S SHELTER donations will continue to be gathered. PLEASE provide ONLY the items on the WISHLIST (Walmart gift cards, bottled water, postage stamps, baby wipes, size 3 diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, bus tokens).

As of November 24, 2013, 44 pledges have been received totaling \$75,760.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$151,080.00. Approximately \$2,906/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for November 24, 2013, totaled \$4,683 for a year-to-date total of \$109,373 (~\$2,327/week). We are approximately \$27,213 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2

