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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 8, 2013

The 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Grave Tone ~ Eothinon 2 ~ 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 8)

Venerable Patapios of Thebes; Sophronios, bishop of Cyprus; Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Crispos, Caesar and Epaphroditos of the Seventy; Martyr Parthenios

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Grave Tone: 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. Patapios – Plagal Tone 4: Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Father Patapios, for thou didst carry the cross and followed Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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: The Lord will give strength to His people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

(Chapter 2:14-22)

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

(Chapter 13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her and immediately she was made straight and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed and not the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As Jesus said this all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

Tuesday, Dec. 31st – Vespersal Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Circumcision of Christ & St. Basil the Great)

Saturday, Jan. 4th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 5th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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**.

The coffee hour is brought to you today by **Bronwen Fitzpatrick**. Thank you.

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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.

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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**.

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 December 1, 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 December 1, 2013, totaled \$2,015 for a year-to-date total of \$111,388 (~\$2,320/week). We are approximately \$28,128 short of where we need to be at this time.

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