

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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**SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN**

## Preparing to Worship the Thrice-Holy God

### *Upon Entering the Church*

I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy;  
and in thy fear I will worship toward thy holy temple. (*Ps. 5:7*)

### *A Prayer before Holy Communion*

O Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ, our God,  
who alone hast authority to forgive men their sins:  
overlook in thy goodness and love for mankind all my offences  
whether committed with knowledge or in ignorance;  
and make me worthy to receive without condemnation  
thy divine, glorious, spotless, and life-giving Mysteries,  
not for punishment, nor for an increase of sins, but for purification and sanctification and as a  
pledge of the life and the kingdom to come,  
as a protection and help, and for the destruction of enemies,  
and for the blotting out of my many transgressions.  
For thou art a God of mercy and compassion and love for mankind, and to thee we send up  
glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(*St. John of Damascus*)

## NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to all those worshipping with us at Holy Trinity! Please join us for coffee after the service; we look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity or in joining our parish, please contact Fr. Joseph at [trinityorthodox@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trinityorthodox@sbcglobal.net). Our parish website is [orthodoxarkansas.com](http://orthodoxarkansas.com).

### *About receiving Holy Communion:*

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist to be – among other things – the paramount expression of Christian unity. Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a formal unity with all the dogma, practice, and discipline of the Orthodox Church, **non-Orthodox** guests do not receive Holy Communion; and **Orthodox** communicants are reminded that we approach the Chalice with due preparation including recent Confession, keeping the appointed fasts of the Church, and appropriate prayers of *preparation* for the reception of Holy Communion and *thanksgiving* after.

# DIVINE LITURGY of ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*Variable Hymns and Readings*



## FIRST ANTIPHON

*Verse: It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name,  
O Most High.*

**Refrain:** Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

*Verse: To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.*

*Verse: Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

*Glory to the . . . Now and Ever . . .*

## SECOND ANTIPHON

*Verse: The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty;*

*the Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girt Himself.*

**Refrain:** O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee.  
Alleluia.

*Verse: For He established the world which shall not be shaken.*

*Verse: Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.*

*Glory to the . . . Now and ever . . . Only begotten Son ...*

### THIRD ANTIPHON

**The Beatitudes:** In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,  
when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you  
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake;  
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

### AFTER LITTLE ENTRANCE

#### **Troparion for Resurrection (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.

#### **Patronal Troparion of Holy Trinity (Pentecost - Tone 8)**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fisherman as most wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion for Presentation of Christ (Tone 1)<sup>1</sup>**

By Your Nativity, You sanctified the Virgin's womb, and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God! Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

### **EPISTLE: Second Timothy 3:10-15** *(Sun. of Publican & Pharisee)*

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **GOSPEL: St. Luke 18:10-14** *(Sun. of Publican & Pharisee)*

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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<sup>1</sup> Sung in anticipation of the upcoming feast (Feb. 2)

**W continue temporarily without the carpets that usually serve to stabilize the chairs in the nave. Please do your best to avoid knocking the rows of chairs out-of-place; your neighbor's knees will thank you.**

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## **Orthodox Wisdom**

“However great the afflictions we suffer, what are they compared with the promised future reward, or with the grace of the Holy Spirit that visits souls even in this present life, or with the deliverance that we have received from the obscurity of evil passions, or with the enormous debts we owe because of our sins? As St. Paul says: 'The sufferings of this present life are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us' (Rom. 8:18). Hence we must patiently endure everything for the Lord's sake, like brave soldiers dying for our King.”

*~ St. Makarios of Egypt (+391)*

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## **Baby Shower Next Sunday**

Ladies: During Coffee Hour next Sunday, please come upstairs to the library for a shower for Jennifer Glasgow (baby girl) Whitney Campbell (don't know) and Clairá Shows (baby boy) during coffee hour.

## ***Blessing of Candles on Feast of Presentation of Christ***

At the end of the Divine Liturgy of Presentation of Christ, we will bless candles for use in our liturgical services. We will also bless the candles used at home by the faithful, so please **bring candles** with you (*it is a good idea to tie colorful ribbons around them in order to identify the ones you brought*) to be blessed for use in your icons corner, to impart a reminder of Christian fellowship at the family table, or for emergency use when the power goes out.

The blessing of candles on the Feast of the Presentation is closely related to the Gospel narrative, introducing Jesus as the “*light to enlighten the Gentiles*” (Lk. 2:32) The burning candle symbolizes the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the midst of the Christian community as He had promised: “*Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst.*” (Mt. 18:20) For this reason, the tradition of the Church prescribes that at least two candles be lit on the altar at all liturgical services, and the greater the solemnity, the greater the number of candles used.

The gentle, flickering light of candles creates a prayerful atmosphere in our churches as they express our desire for hearts continually burning with love of God, the Thrice-Holy God who turns the light of His own countenance upon us as the Lover of mankind. In this manner, candles contribute to the fervor of our prayers as we gather together in liturgical assembly.

But we also light candles in our homes as we constantly seek to rekindle the light of Christ within at all times. Seeking to pray always and everywhere, especially in our homes, we light candles or oil lamps for the time of our personal and family prayers. This is an affirmation and an intercession: affirmation of the enduring light of Christ with us in the midst of our ‘domestic church,’ and intercession that the light of Christ will never be extinguished through negligence.

# THIS WEEK

## *Fast Free Week*

- Monday, Jan. 29 Translation of the relics of Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch; New-martyr Demetrios of Chios
- Tuesday, Jan. 30 Three great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; Hieromartyr Hippolytos, pope of Rome; Virgin-martyr Chrissa of Rome; New-martyr Theodore of Mitylene
- Wednesday, Jan. 31 Unmercenaries Cyros and John; Martyrs Athanasia of Egypt and her daughters Theodota, Theoktiste and Eudoxia; Martyr Papias of Corinth
- 6:00 pm Vespers**
- Thursday, Feb. 1 Martyr Tryphon of Syria; Martyr Perpetua of Carthage and her four companions; Basil the Confessor, archbishop of Thessalonika; Venerable David and Simeon; Venerable Bridget of Ireland
- 9:30 am Home School Co-op Natural Science Day**  
*(see Jennifer Glasgow with questions)*
- 6:00 pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy w/ Blessing of Candles**
- Friday, Feb. 2 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD, God and Saviour Jesus Christ to the Temple. Martyr Agathodoros of Cappadocia; New-martyrs Jordan of Trebizond and Gabriel of Constantinople
- Saturday, Feb. 3 Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess; New-martyrs Nicholas, Stamatios and John of Spetson; Anschar, enlightener of Denmark and Sweden; Nicholas, equal to the Apostles, bishop and evangelizer of Japan
- 6:00 pm Great Vespers**
- 6:45 pm Confessions**
- Sunday, Feb. 4 LORD'S DAY – PRODIGAL SON; Venerable Isidore of Pelusium; Venerable Nicholas the Confessor of Studion; New-martyr Joseph of Aleppo; George, prince of Vladimir; Venerable Cyril, wonder-worker of Novoezersk
- 9:00 am Orthros**
- 9:00 am Church School**
- 10:00 am Divine Liturgy**
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour**
- Baby Shower** (*Whitney Campbell, Jennifer Glasgow, Clair Shows*)