

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

~ a Pan-Orthodox parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese ~

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and Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Miami
Archpriest Joseph Bittle, Pastor



TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
VENERABLE EUTHYMIOS THE GREAT
JANUARY 20, 2019

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)

A Word for Newcomers

A warm welcome to all those worshipping with us at Holy Trinity! If you are from a non-Orthodox background you may see many new and unfamiliar things. Rest assured that everything has a solid biblical foundation and a long history among Christian people. Please join us for coffee after the service. And feel free to ask Fr. Joseph any questions you may have.

About receiving Holy Communion: The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be – among other things – the paramount expression of Christian unity. Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a formal unity with all the dogma and practice and discipline of the Orthodox Church, **non-Orthodox** guests do not receive Holy Communion. **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.

Troparion for St. Euthymios (Tone 4)

Be glad, O barren one that hast not given birth; be of good cheer, thou that hast not travailed; for a man of desires hath multiplied thy children of the Spirit, having planted in them piety and reared them in continence to the perfection of the virtues. By his prayers, O Christ God, make our lives peaceful.

Troparion for Pentecost, patronal feast of the parish (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)¹

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 Corinthians 4:6-15 (For St. Euthymios)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹ Sung in anticipation of the upcoming feast (Feb. 2)

GOSPEL: St. Luke 17:12-19 *(12th Sun. of Luke)*

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”



Requesting and Using Holy Water

At Theophany we bless holy water. By the operation of the Holy Spirit the blessed water partakes of the sanctifying power of Christ’s descent into the Jordan River – driving out the powers of chaotic darkness and reclaiming water as a true sign and vehicle of God’s love and mercy. The faithful may use clean, suitable containers to take holy water for use at home.

Some common uses are to drink at times of illness, to sprinkle on various objects as a sign of claiming/re-claiming that object for the Kingdom of God, for fathers of families (mothers in dad’s absence) to pray a blessing on children (usually making the sign of the cross with the holy water on the child’s forehead) at the beginning of the day or just before bed, etc. If you run out of holy water during the year, simply ask Fr. Joseph or one of the adult altar servers for more.

“The grace of the Holy Spirit which is given mystically to every Christian when he is baptized acts and is manifested in proportion to our obedience to the commandments of the Lord. That is, if a Christian obeys the commandments of the Lord more, grace acts with him more, while if he obeys them less, grace acts within him less.”

~ *St. Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain (+1809)*

March for Life 2019

TODAY 41st Annual March for Life.

Where: The march begins at West Capitol Avenue and Wolfe Street and ends at the eastern steps of the Arkansas State Capitol Building.

Gathering/Staging: Between Battery Street and Wolfe Street on West Capitol Avenue (a few blocks behind /west of the Capitol Building). To walk as a Holy Trinity group, look for Father Joseph on hill at north-west corner of Wolfe & Capitol.

Directions: For most Holy Trinity parishioners, the easiest way to the staging area will be to take Mississippi Ave south to 630, then take 630 East toward downtown Little Rock. Take Exit 2B toward Marshall Street, turning left onto Marshall Street at end of the exit ramp. After crossing over the interstate, turning left on W 7th Street will put you near parking.

Parking: Reserved parking for Seniors, Disabled, and Families with small children is available on Wolfe Street. All others please park in open lots from Marshall to Summit or in front of the Capitol.

Weather: Forecast calls for sunny, 0% precipitation, with temp of 38° at time of the march.

**Stewardship Update
General Fund Contributions Through December 2018**

December			2018 Year-to-Date		
December Actual	December Budget	October Over (Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Over (Under) Budget
\$ 19,916	\$ 12,167	\$ 7,749	\$ 146,014	\$ 144,500	\$ 1,514

THIS WEEK

Usual Wednesday and Friday fast. ~ Church Office Closed All Week

Monday, Jan. 21	Venerable Maximos the Confessor, Zosimos and Neophytos; Virgin-martyr Agnes of Rome; Venerable Maxim the Greek
Tuesday, Jan. 22	Apostle Timothy; Venerable-martyr Anastasios the Persian; Venerable Joseph the Sanctified of Crete
Wednesday, Jan. 23	Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra; Martyr Agathangelos; Paulinos, bishop of Nola
6:00 pm	Vespers (Reader Service)
Thursday, Jan. 24	Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily; Venerable Xenia the merciful of Rome; Venerable Philonos, bishop of Karpason; Venerable Neophytos the recluse of Cyprus; Venerable Dionysios of Olympos, abbot of Philotheou monastery on Athos; Venerable Philotheos, founder of Philotheou monastery on Athos; Hieromartyr Felician, bishop of Foligno in Umbria, Italy; Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, fool-for-Christ
9:30 am	Homeschool Co-op
Friday, Jan. 25	Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable Demetrios; New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople
Saturday, Jan. 26	Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John, of Constantinople; translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite
6:00 pm	Great Vespers (Reader Service) ** No Confessions -- <i>Fr. Joseph will still be on road returning from diocesan meetings in Atlanta. Please pray for his safe travels.</i>
Sunday, Jan. 27	THE LORD'S DAY - Translation of the relics of John Chrysostom; Marciana the empress; New-martyr Demetrios of Constantinople; Venerable Clement
9:00 am	Church School
9:00 am	Orthros
10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
11:30 am	Coffee Hour
12:30 pm	Inquirers & Catechumens

Theophany House Blessings

Please contact Fr. Joseph by e-mail (trinityorthodox@sbcglobal.net) to request a house blessing.