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PASTOR: REVEREND FATHER STEVEN SHAHEEN

REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests praying with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Steven***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread. Please see Father Steven after Divine Liturgy.

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 28, 2024

Tone 1 / Eothinon 1

**Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke,
Our Righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian Venerable Palladios of Antioch;
Venerable Theodosios of Totma**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN IN TONE THREE

(Thy confession**) Out of Paradise, a river floweth, * flooding all the earth with joy unending, * cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: * Ephraim, the wine bowl of gladness inspired of God, * from all eternity chosen to light the Church * with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, * whereby he filleth faithful souls with godliness.**

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THE EPISTLE

(For the Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

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**Services This Friday, Feb. 2nd at 10 AM for
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR IN THE TEMPLE**

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St.
Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Debbie, Jim (Health), Jeffery, Ann, Aiden, Shannon, Justin, William (Cancer), Donald, Harriett (Health), Jan (Health) Fr. Andrew (Health), Rhonda, Karen, Cindy, Kim and Vonnie.

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of Patriarch Ignatius IV, Metropolitan Philip, Bishop Antoun, Archbishop Peter, Archbishop Michael, Igumen George, Archpriest Peter, Archpriest Theodore, Dn. Larry, Sh. Peggy, Priest Basil, Priest Solobadon, and Archpriest John, Mary, Infant Clyde Eddy, Child Mica, Mother Nektaria,, Janis, Mary, ND AP Moses, ND Pat, ND Raymond, Eleanor and Dn Innocent.

These will be updated monthly.

See Fr. Steven to add names

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Are you rich? Display much bountifulness! Have you become poor? Show much endurance and patience! For neither is wealth an evil, nor poverty in itself; but these things, either of them, become so according to the free choice of those who make use of them." -- St. John Chrysostom

HEROES OF THE EARLY CHURCH

In the Orthodox calendar, our Holy Church honors the memory of 3 of her greatest saints together: **BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.** These Holy Hierarchs are rightly referred to as “giants” of faith, courage, holiness and learning. They were well-known in the early Church as teachers, preachers, liturgists & administrators.

There is an interesting story behind why the Church elected to honor these 4th century saints on the same day. Up until the 11th century, a dispute existed among the faithful as to who was the greatest of these three Church Fathers. All three had unique qualities, and no one could agree on who deserved primacy of honor. By God’s divine providence,

however, the issue was finally resolved in a dream that Bishop John of Galatia had one evening in 1081 A.D. While deep in sleep, the bishop had a vision of Basil, Gregory and John together in all of their glory. In unison, they greeted Bishop John with these words: **“WE ARE ONE IN GOD, AND THERE IS NO DISPUTE AMONG US . . . NEITHER IS THERE A FIRST OR SECOND AMONG US.”**

Awaking from sleep, Bishop John viewed this as a sign that these three saints should be honored equally with one common feast. Thus ended centuries of controversy. From that day forth, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom were commemorated together, with all of their many accomplishments noted by the Church.

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