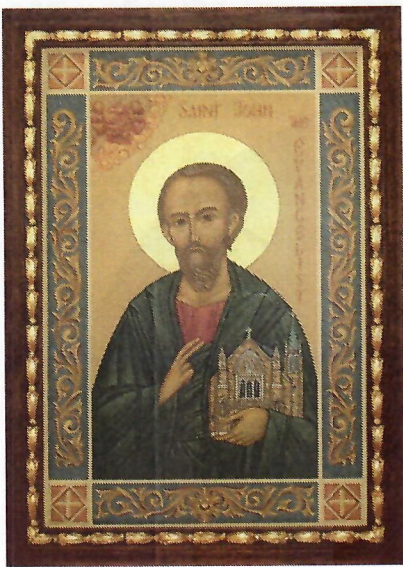




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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23 )  
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

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***We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.***

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

***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.***

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## **DIVINE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

### **TONE 5 / EOTHINON 8; TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**VENERABLE MAKARIOS THE GREAT OF EGYPT, THE ANCHORITE**

VENERABLE MAKARIOS OF ALEXANDRIA; ARSENIOS, BISHOP OF KERKYRA;

VENERABLE MARK EUGENIKOS, METROPOLITAN OF EPHEBUS, PILLAR OF ORTHODOXY

#### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT IN TONE ONE**

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, Will not reject you pleas on our behalf. Beseech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and great mercy./

#### **KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

***Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.***

***Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.***

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)**

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke—"Ten Lepers")

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)**

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."



## **THE SYNAXARION**

On January 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite; and our righteous Father Makarios of Alexandria.

### ***Verses***

The pair of divine Makarii now dying, they partake of a life exceedingly blessed.

On the nineteenth, the Makarii obtained the land of the blessed.

Both men were the contemporaries of Anthony the Great. Makarios the Great withdrew into the wilderness where he spent 60 years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for the Kingdom of Heaven. So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind and heart of evil that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working; he even raised the dead. Makarios often told his disciple Paphnutius: "Do not judge anyone and you will be saved." Nine days before his death, St. Anthony, St. Pachomius and a cherub revealed to him that he would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Makarios lived to be 97 years old and died in the year 390. The younger Makarios also entered the monastic life to fight demonic temptations. Once, a brother saw him fill a basket with sand, carry it uphill and empty it. Astonished, the brother asked him, "What are you doing?" Makarios answered, "I am tormenting my tormentor," that is, the devil. He died in the year 393, well past the age of 100.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra; Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesus, pillar of Orthodoxy; and Martyr Antony of Damascus.

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**THERE WILL BE A TRISAGION FOR 2 DEPARTED SOULS TODAY.**

**Leonard Bennett's**

**Mother—Edna**

**Joann Rossman's**

**Godmother—Mary**

## **JANUARY / FEBRUARY SERVICES**

**January 18th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM**

**January 19th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**\*\* January 22nd Wednesday — Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.**

**January 25th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM**

**January 26th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**PLEASE COME JOIN US IN THE HALL TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE THE MUSIC APPRECIATION DAY FOR OUR CHOIR!**

**\*\* January 29th Wednesday — Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session —GREAT LENT.**

**February 1st Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM**

**February 2nd Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

**\*\* February 5th Wednesday—Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.**

**February 9th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM**

**February 10th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10 AM**

**COUNCIL MEETING AT 12 NOON**

**\*\* February 12th Wednesday—Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.**

**February 16th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM**

**February 17th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**



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

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Debbie, Shannon, Aiden, Justin, Sassic Family, Harriet, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Trish, Cindy, Joann, Marlene, George, Julianna, Ray, Lori, Dionisia and Labrini.

Catechumens Breana, Jessica, Nicholas

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

Prayers are offered in memory of Infant Micah, Eleanor.

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***THOUGHT FOR THE DAY***

**SEE LUKE 17:15 “THIS ONE (LEPER) WJP WENT BACK GIVING GLORY TO GOD IS A FIGURE OF THE PNE CHURCH, IN DEVOUT HUMILITY BEFORE CHRIST” (ST. BEDE)**

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**New Classes—GREAT LENT**

**This coming Wednesday, January 22nd is the first class for the study of GREAT LENT. DAILY VESPERS @ 6PM followed by fasting meal and Study of the Great Lent. Brochures are available on table in narthex. Print pages off website one time and use for 6 weeks prior to Lent.**

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**“DIRECTORY UPDATE”**

**I need to update our Phone List. Please provide me with any changes in your name, address, phone or email. I will have the 2024 Directory out on the table in Narthrex.**

**Thank You, Joann**

## **"DO NOT BE AFRAID . . ."**

**D**uring his inaugural address, President Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to calm and comfort a troubled nation by assuring them that ". . . THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF." Be that as it may, most of us would readily admit to being afraid of something. It may be as simple as having a phobia for insects, or as complicated as being haunted by a fear of growing old or dying. Fear may be defined as being an emotional response to perceived threats, and we certainly understand that emotions are sometimes difficult to keep in check. If controlled, fear can be an invaluable tool in building a strong character. The real danger to our well-being, however, lies in worries and anxieties that are allowed to consume us.

We must make every effort to REPLACE OUR FEARS WITH FAITH, and not permit despair to overcome us. How many times in the Gospels do we find our Lord instructing His followers not to be afraid? How often does He tell them not to worry: that their Father in heaven will take care of them? How can we ever forget His admonition: "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?" (Matthew 6:27)

Our faith can be of tremendous help in eliminating undue fear. In the Psalms, we are repeatedly told to "TRUST IN THE LORD." Throughout both Testaments, we find numerous examples of people who blindly placed their lives in God's hands, and were ultimately blessed for doing so. Those who are able to "commend their lives to Christ", as we are asked to do at every Divine Liturgy, will find themselves free from the tensions that can do irreparable damage to our souls.

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