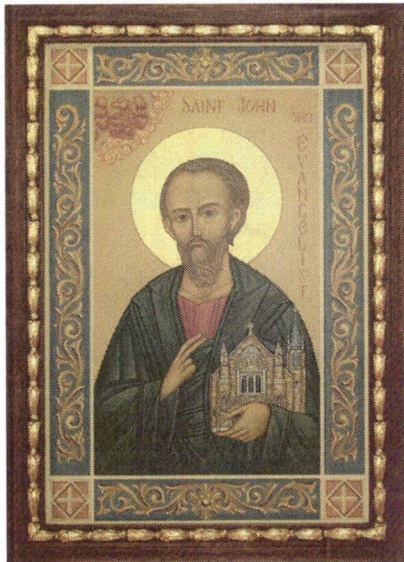




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*Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where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

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshiping 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 worshiping 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.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

TONE 6 / EOTHINON 9; THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST & FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE ("ZACCHAEUS")

VENERABLE XENOPHON, HIS WIFE, MARY, AND THEIR TWO SONS, ARKADIOS AND JOHN, OF CONSTANTINOPLE; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE THEODORE THE STUDITE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to 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.

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

THE EPISTLE

(For the Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—"Zacchaeus")

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

THE SYNAXARION

On January 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Xenophon of Constantinople, along with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John.

Verses

I offer up a dainty banquet of discourse to Xenophon and his family,
though from earth departed.

On the twenty-sixth died Xenophon with children and wife.

Prominent and wealthy citizens of the fifth century, Xenophon and Mary lived a God-pleasing life and dedicated all their attention to the Christian upbringing of their sons. When their sons reached adulthood, they were sent to study in Beirut; but it so happened that a storm capsized their boat. John and Arkadios were tossed ashore by the waves but in two different places so that each thought the other was drowned. Out of grief for each other, they both became monks in two different monasteries. After two years, their grieving parents came to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to pay homage before the holy shrines. There, with the help of a spiritual father, first the brothers met and, after that, the parents with their sons. Out of gratitude to God, Xenophon and Mary distributed their entire estate to the poor and both of them were tonsured. Thus the Lord wonderfully guides the destiny of those who believe in Him. He permits pain and sorrow upon them that they may, later on, be strengthened in faith, in order to lead them into still greater joy.

On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite.

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**BESY WISHES TO THE CHOIR MEMBERS FOR A
YEAR FULL OF GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD FORTUNE.
GOD BLESS ALL!**

JANUARY / FEBRUARY SERVICES

January 25th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

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

*****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 8th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

February 9th 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 15th Saturday — Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30am

Great Vespers 5PM

February 16th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BEGIN AFTER LITURGY

*****February 19th Wednesday—Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.***

February 22nd Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

February 23rd 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

“He who lately was a tax collector, or rather chief of the tax collectors, gives up covetousness. He becomes merciful and devoted to charity. He promises that he will distribute his wealth to those who are in need, that he will make restoration to those who have been defrauded.

(St. Cyril on Luke 19: 1-10)

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GREAT LENT CLASSES

Come join us on Wednesday, January 29th. Second week and second class for the study of GREAT LENT. DAILY VESPERS is at 6PM followed by fasting meal and Study of the Great Lent. Book titled “GREAT LENT” by Fr. is also available.

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“DIRECTORY UPDATE”

Please review our Phone List. Update any changes to your address, phone or email. I will have the 2024 Directory out on the table in Narthrex.

Thank You, Joann

THE RULER OF THE UNIVERSE

The awesome sight of the PANTOCRATOR ICON graces the interior of many churches in our land. This is a particular type of icon of Christ the Ruler of All, usually done in monumental style. It depicts the divine majesty of the Saviour and Judge of man, and governor of the universe. The Lord is shown in all His majesty, usually clutching the Bible. There is a unique combination of sternness and loving kindness in the facial features of the Lord, presiding over the destinies of all humanity.

Seeing such an icon, we pray piously before it. One may recall the words of St. Cyprian, the great Bishop and Martyr of the Early Church: *"This is a cheerful world as I see it from my garden . . . But if I were to ascend some high mountain and look out over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see: thieves on the highways, pirates on the sea, armies fighting, cities burning . . . selfishness, cruelty, misery and despair under all roofs."*

"It is an incredibly evil world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They have found a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people are CHRISTIANS and I am one of them!"

Let the Pantocrator icon remind us that the Lord rules this world. Our Saviour loves His people and one day He shall judge His creation.

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