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**JANUARY 18, 2026**



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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 ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026**

**TONE 7 / EOTHINON 10**

**ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL, PATRIARCHS OF ALEXANDRIA  
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**Martyr Theodoula of Anazarbus and her companions; Maximos, Serbian ruler**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF SS. ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL IN TONE THREE**

*(\*\*Thy confession\*\*)*

Shining forth with works of Orthodoxy, \* ye quenched every false belief and teaching \* and became trophy-bearers and conquerors. \* And since ye made all things rich with true piety, \* greatly adorning the Church with magnificence, \* Athanasios and wise Cyril, ye justly found Christ God, \* Who through your prayers doth grant Great Mercy unto all.

**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 your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of 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 Ss. Athanasius and Cyril)

***Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.  
For Thou are justified in all that Thou hast done for us.***

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)**

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke)

### **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 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Fathers among the Saints Athanasius and Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria.**

### **Verses**

***Athanasius hath died, yet I call him living, for the righteous live, though by death they be taken.***

***Today the memorial of the exile of Cyril, but not his ever-memorable death, creation keepeth.***

***On the eighteenth buried they Athanasius' dead body.***

These wise teachers of truth and defenders of Christ's Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings which affirm the truth of the Orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics. Athanasius took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone there in his zeal to uphold the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (homoousios) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed. This radiant beacon of Orthodoxy spent most of his life in exile from his See, because of the plotting of his enemies. He returned to his flock as he was approaching the end of his life. Like an evening star, he illumined the Orthodox faithful with his words for a little while, and then reposed in 373. Cyril was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded to his uncle's position in 412, but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics. He later resumed his See, however. Cyril presided at the Third Ecumenical Council in 431, which censured the Nestorian blasphemy against the Most Holy Theotokos. His wise words demonstrated the error of their false doctrine. Cyril departed to the Lord in 444.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Theodoula of Anazarbus and her companions; and Maximos, the Serbian ruler.

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### **"THOUGHT FOR THE DAY"**

**Some may ask how can one who is thankless be made clean? This also can happen in the society of the Church when one may know her true and pure doctrine, and may interpret all in accord with the rule of faith. He may distinguish between creature and Creator, and by this show that he is free as it were from leprosy, from the spots of lies, and nevertheless be ungrateful to the God and Lord who made him clean, because, being uplifted in pride, he has not thrown himself down in loving humility to give thanks, as the apostle said: 'Because having know God, they glorified Him not as God, nor were thankful.... (Rom 1:21).'**

**St. Bebe**

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY SERVICES**

**JAN. 17TH SATURDAY—GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**JAN. 18TH SUNDAY—MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**JAN. 24TH SATURDAY—GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**JAN. 25TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS  
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**JAN. 31ST SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**FEB. 1ST SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE  
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**FEB. 2ND MONDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 6PM  
MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

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**FEB. 7TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**FEB. 8TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON  
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**FEB. 14TH SATURDAY— GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**FEB. 15TH SUNDAY — JUDGMENT SUNDAY  
MATINS 9AM/ DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**



**PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:**

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Holden, Justin, Levon and Kayla.

**FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF  
THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:**

**Prayers are offered in memory of .....**

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**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN** have three events coming up to offer spiritual enrichment:

**1) February 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm on Zoom**

**“Orthodox Action: An Exploration of the Church’s ministry to the poor in the 21st Century.”**

**Guest Speakers Rev. Fr. Paul & Kh. Kristina Abernathy**

**2) February 18, 2026 NAB Zoom Event**

**AW Book Club election — *The Art of Myrrh Bearing*,  
Elissa Bjeletich Davis.**

**3) March 27-29, 2026, AWE LENTEN SPRING RETREAT AT THE ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE, entitled, “Lifting Up Your Hearts in Psalms and Praises”**

**Guest Speaker Rev. Fr. John El Massih**

**\*\*Flyers available on table in the Narthrex**

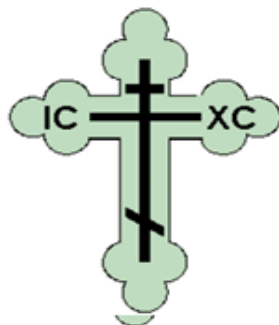
## SHARING THE SAME SPIRITUAL QUALITIES

In January, our Holy Orthodox Church honors two monastic saints who lived in different centuries and in different parts of the world. It is fitting to remember them together on the same day, since they both lived remarkably similar ascetic lives. **PAUL OF THEBES** was born in Egypt during the reign of the Emperor Decius. He and his sister each inherited half of their parents property when they died. Paul's pagan brother-in-law threatened to reveal to the local authorities that he was a Christian if he did not give him his share of the family inheritance. Paul did so willingly—not out of fear—but rather out of conviction for following the monastic way of life. He went out to the desert and spent the rest of his life living as a hermit. Even the renowned monastic St. Anthony the Great visited him in the desert and reported back to his fellow monks at the monastery the spiritual heights that had been reached by Paul. Paul of Thebes died in 341 AD, having lived over 100 years.

**JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER** was born into a wealthy family in Constantinople in the early 5th century. Unimpressed with the riches of the world, he fled from home at an early age and settled in a monastery, where he stayed for 6 years. Tempted by the devil to return home and live a life of luxury, John left the monastery. Indeed, he went back to his parent's house, but returned dressed as a beggar. Not recognizing their son, John's parents gave the "beggar" permission to live in a hut on their property. For 3 years, he spent his time praying for his parents. When he ultimately became gravely ill, John revealed his identity to them by showing them a precious Gospel they had given him as a child—his only earthly possession. This humble saint passed into eternity in 450 AD.

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