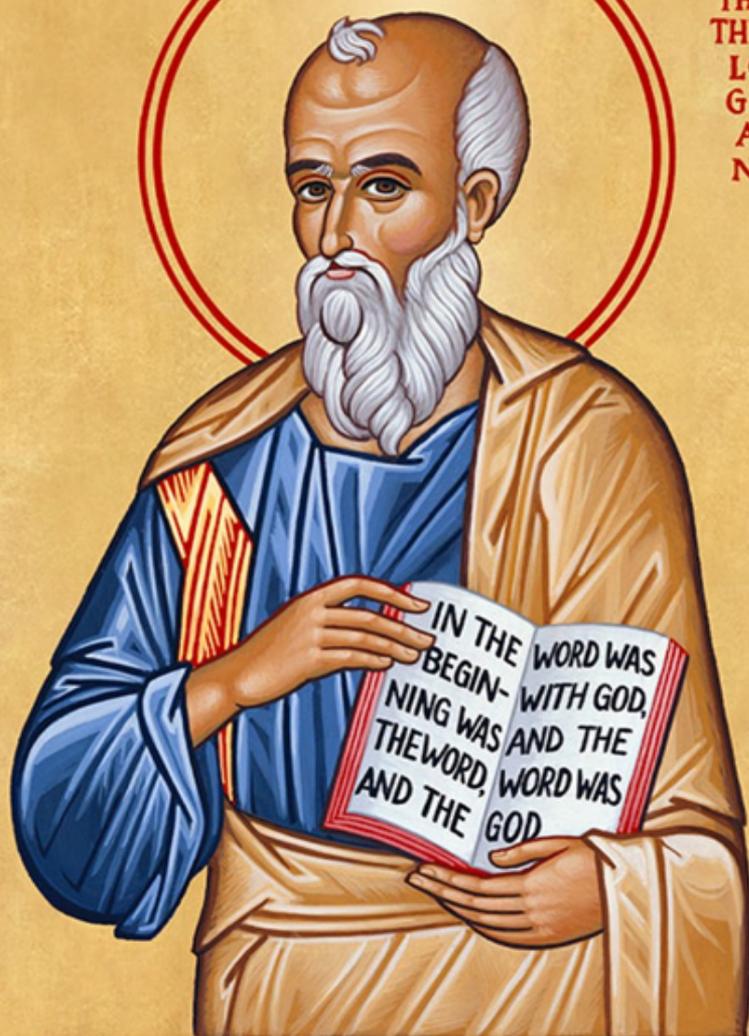


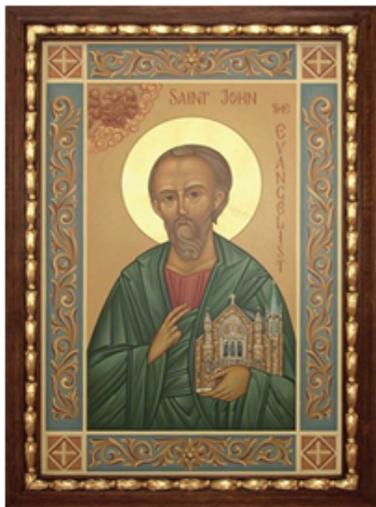
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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is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

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests 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.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 11

**Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople
& FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE (ZACCHAEUS)**

Venerable Demetrios the sacristan; New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN IN TONE ONE

The shepherd's pipe of thy theology conquered the trumpets of the philosophers; for since thou didst search out the depths of the Spirit, beauty of speech was added to thee. But intercede with Christ God, O Father Gregory, that our souls be saved.

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 it 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 Gregory the Theologian)

***My mouth shall speak of wisdom;
and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
Hear this, all ye people.***

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

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

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 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Father among the Saints Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Verses

***To acknowledge God's essence in Orthodox manner:
Such is this Gregory's legacy unto Christians.
On the twenty-fifth Gregory of divine speech died.***

He was born in Nazianzus and studied in Athens with Basil the Great and Julian the Apostate. Gregory correctly prophesied that Julian would become an apostate and a persecutor of the Church. When he completed his studies, Gregory was baptized. Basil consecrated him as bishop of Sasima, and Emperor Theodosius the Great summoned him to fill the vacant archepiscopal throne of Constantinople. Gregory wrote numerous works, of which his most famous are those concerning theology. Especially known because of its depth is his work *Homilies on the Holy Trinity*. Gregory wrote against the heretic Macedonius who erroneously taught that the Holy Spirit is a creation of God, and against Appolinarius who erroneously taught that Christ did not have a human soul but that His divinity was in lieu of His soul. Gregory died in 390 at age 80.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Demetrios the Sacristan; and New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople. .

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"THOUGHT FOR THE DAY"

"Only the good deeds done for Christ's sake bring us the fruits of the Holy Spirit. All that is not done for Christ's sake, even though it be good, brings neither reward in the future life, nor the grace of God in this life."

(St. Seraphim of Serov)

JANUARY/FEBRUARY SERVICES

SERVICES CANCELED - BAD WEATHER.

JAN. 24TH SATURDAY—GREAT VESPERS 5PM Canceled

JAN. 25TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM Canceled

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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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

IN SANCUARY

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING TO FOLLOW

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.” at 6:30 on Zoom*

*Link to zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/living-faith-02-01-26>

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

THE RULER OF THE UNIVERSE

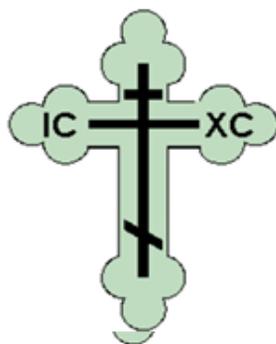
The awesome sight of the PANTOCRATOR ICON graces the interior of many churches in our land. This is a particular type of icon of Christ the Ruler of All, usually done in monumental style. It depicts the divine majesty of the Saviour and Judge of man, and governor of the universe. The Lord is shown in 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 the world. Our Saviour loves His people and one day He shall judge His creation.

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