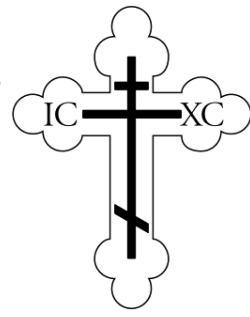
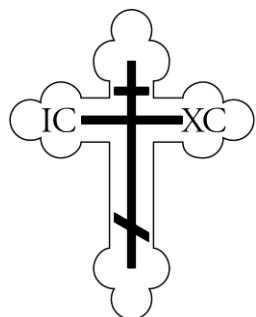


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**Welcome visitors!**  
**Please join us in the**  
**parish hall after Divine**  
**Liturgy for coffee hour.**

## November 13, 2022

## St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople († 407 A.D.)

Saint John Chrysostom was born at Antioch in about the year 347 into the family of a military commander. His father, Secundus, died soon after his birth. His mother, Anthusa, widowed at twenty years of age, did not seek to remarry but rather devoted all her efforts to the raising of her son in Christian piety. St Meletius, Bishop of Antioch, loved John like a son, guided him in the Faith, and in the year 367 baptized him. After three years John was tonsured as a Reader. When John's mother died, he embraced monasticism, which he called the "true philosophy."

Soon John was being considered as a candidate for bishop, and he withdrew into the wilderness to avoid this. For two years, the saint lived in a cave in complete silence, but was obliged to return to Antioch to recover his health. St Meletius ordained him deacon in

the year 381, and in 386 he was made a priest. St John was a splendid preacher, and his inspired words earned him the name "Golden-Mouthed" ("Chrysostom"). For twelve years the saint preached in church, usually twice a week, but sometimes daily, deeply stirring the hearts of his listeners.

The fame of the holy preacher grew, and in the year 397 St John was summoned from Antioch to be elected Archbishop of Constantinople. At the capital, the holy archpastor was responsible for the upkeep of several hospices for the sick and two hostels for pilgrims. The saint's zeal in spreading the Christian Faith extended not only to the inhabitants of Constantinople. St John sent off missionaries to Phoenicia, to Persia, and to the Scythians, to convert pagans to Christ. The saint exerted much effort in enhancing the splendor of the church services: he compiled a Liturgy, he introduced antiphonal singing for the all-night Vigil, and he wrote several prayers for the rite of anointing the sick with oil.

The saintly hierarch denounced the dissolute morals of people in the capital irrespective of person. When the empress Eudoxia connived to confiscate the property of the widow and children of a disgraced dignitary, the saint rose to their defense. Eudoxia's hatred of the saint blazed forth anew when malefactors told her that the saint apparently had her in mind during a sermon on vain women. A court composed of hierarchs who had been justly condemned by St John declared him deposed, and the emperor ordered him into exile. That very night, there was an earthquake at Constantinople. The terrified Eudoxia urgently requested the emperor to bring the saint back, and promptly sent a letter to the banished pastor, beseeching him to return. But after only two months a new denunciation provoked the wrath of Eudoxia. In March 404, another unjust council decreed the exile of St John. Upon his removal from the capital the second time, a fire reduced the church of Hagia Sophia and also the Senate building to ashes.

In Armenia, the saint strove all the more to encourage his spiritual children. In numerous letters (245 are preserved) to bishops in Asia, Africa, Europe and particularly to his friends in Constantinople, St John consoled the suffering, guiding and giving support to his followers. In the winter of 406 St John was ordered to be transferred to desolate Pityus on the Black Sea. Worn out by sickness, the saint began his final journey under military escort, traveling for three months in the rain and frost. He never arrived at his place of exile, for his strength failed him at Comana. His last words were, "Glory to God for all things!"

# HYMNS OF THE DAY

## Tone 5 – Resurrectional Troparion

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

## Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,  
illumined by your coming, O Mother of God.  
Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:  
Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.  
Deliver us from every form of evil  
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//  
that He may save our souls.

## Tone 8 – Troparion for St John

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and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

## Tone 5 – Resurrectional Kontakion

You descended into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.

You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//  
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

## Tone 6 – Kontakion for St. John

You descended into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.

You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//  
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

## Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,  
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.  
Angels and bishops worship.  
Apostles and prophets rejoice together,/  
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Tone 5 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 11)

You, O Lord, shall protect us  
and preserve us from this generation forever!

### Tone 1 – Prokeimenon for St John (Psalm 48)

My mouth shall speak wisdom;  
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding!

### Epistle: Galatians 6.11-18

Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

### Hebrews 7.26 – 8.2

Brethren: Such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

## Gospel: Luke 10.25-37

At that time, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So, he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

"So, he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## John 10.9-16 (St John)

The Lord said to the Jews who came to Him: "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good

shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Ev.Mem.** Mary Borisenko ('14)

Stephen Belkow ('75)

Cyril Horbovetz ('22)

Marie Kravcenko ('80)

Dimitri Golik ('22)

### Health & Salv.

Archpr. Peter

Djuro

Erika

Mat. Cynthia

Dominic

Luke

Archpr. John

Declan

Jo

Mat. Anne

Hudson

Stephanie

Dn. Nicholas

Ayden

Mary Ann

Kevin

Hyland

Robb

Jon

Jason

Desiree

Tanya

Ted

Hanna

Jovan

James

Jaroslava

Tom

Pamela

Andrew

Jennifer

Alexander

Andrew

Larry

Ronald

Vadim

Rollie

William

Hanna

Joseph

Wanda

Alex

Nadia

Ivanka

Carl

Mark

Aaron

Laura

Jerry

Karen

Chrisan

Joseph

Sandra

Janice

Linda

Linda

Gerald

Claudia

Jim

Olga

Carol

John

Janie

Snezana

Martha

David

Ryan

Mark

Sharon

Nathan

Michelle

Tanya

Kara

Irene

Renee

Michelle

Carissa

Ashton	Klaudia	Janet
Doris	Nicodemus	Tom
Laura	Nada	Wilma
Duane	Mark	Jerry
Elizabeth	Catherine	Penelope
Karen	Aaron	Cora
Alexa	Ebony	Brandi
Miriana	Peggy	Joyce
Olga	Sue	
Richard	Victoria	

\*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

## Special Petitions at the Augmented Litany:

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We also pray You, O Lord our God, to remember and have mercy on our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Russia and Ukraine, who are involved in violent conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Bible Study tomorrow night, read Ecclesiastes 9-12.

Thank you very much to Nick Revak and his team for serving at Feed the Flock yesterday.

**Thanksgiving Bake Sale order forms are available in the Narthex and are due this Wednesday**, with pick-up during coffee hour next Sunday, Nov 20. Consider donating supplies (flour, butter, eggs, sugar...) or helping out on bake days this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. See Elizabeth Pederson for more details.

The **Women's Book Club** will start its next book in January of 2023. Sign-up begins now, however, to give plenty of time to order copies of the book. A Sign-up sheet is in Narthex, which includes more information including dates, time, and the title of the book.

The Advent season of preparation for our Lord's birth begins this **Tuesday November 15**. During this time, we rededicate ourselves to **prayer**, especially by making a **confession**, we keep the **fast**, and we find opportunities to **give to those in need**. Over the next several weeks, a number of opportunities will be made available at our parish. Our annual **Angel Tree** is already up in the Narthex. Please consider fulfilling a card for a local child in poverty. We will also take special collections each of the next three weeks. Next Sunday is the annual collection for **International Orthodox Christian Charities** (see the Encyclical in last week's bulletin). The following two Sundays (Nov 27 & Dec 4) we will collect towards our Church School effort to buy and wrap presents for two local families as part of its **St. Nicholas celebration** on December 10.

For Angel Tree and other holiday shopping, you can help support our parish by **ordering gift cards** through the **Scrip** program (find Lara Richards' table during coffee hour). And if you do any shopping through Amazon, if you begin at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select "Protection of the Virgin Mary Church" as your charity of choice, a small percentage of every purchase also comes back to PTVM.

### **Mark your calendars:**

**Nov 14: Bible Study @ 7pm**

**Nov 15: Beginning of Advent  
Faith Enrichment @ 10am**

**Nov 20: Festal Vespers for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple @ 1pm**

**Nov 21: Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple @ 10am**

**Nov 24: Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy @ 9am**

**Dec 4: Church Decorating after Coffee Hour**

**Dec 5: Festal Vespers for the feast of St. Nicholas @ 6pm**

**Dec 6: Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Nicholas @ 10am**

**Dec 10: Church School St. Nicholas Celebration @ 9am**

**Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$4,155**

**Glory to God for all things!**