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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

February 11, 2024
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of February 11 - 18, 2024
Celebrating our 97th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, February 11 – 36th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3 – Scout Sunday – Installation of Officers

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM -- Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Marie Kulp (17 Yrs.); +Staphania Hnatow (12 Yrs.); +John Hnatow (9 Yrs); +Dorothy Tyrawski (40 Yrs); +Robert Hnatow (3 Yrs) & Joe (11 Yrs.) Celeste Heiser (1 Yr)– Linda Hnatow and Michael Tilson

Coffee Hour

Monday, February 12 – Three Holy Hierarchs

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting

Thursday, February 15 – Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple – Bless Candles

9:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners

Saturday, February 17

10:00 Am – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

Sunday, February 18 – 37th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

36th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Matthew 15:21-28; **Great Vespers:** Deuteronomy 1:8-11; 15-17; Deuteronomy 10: 14-21; Wisdom. (3:1-9)

Monday - Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs – Matins: John 10:9-16; Liturgy: Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19; Day: James 2:14-16; Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday – James 3:1-10; Mark 11:11-23

Wednesday – James 3:11-4:6; Mark 11:23-26; Great Vespers: 1st Reading-Exodus 12:51-13:3; 10-12; 14-16; 22-29; Numbers 8:16-17; Leviticus 12:1-4; 6-8; Numbers 8:16-17. 2nd Reading – Isaiah 6:1-12; 3rd Reading Isaiah 19:1-5; 12, 16, 19-21.

Thursday– Presentation of Our Lord - Matins: Luke 2:25-32; Liturgy: Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40; Day: James 4:7-5:9; Mark 11:27-33

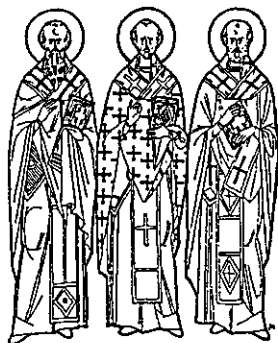
Friday – 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10; Mark 12:1-12

Saturday – 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23; Luke 17:3-10

37th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

THREE HIERARCHS



On January 30 (February 12) we celebrate the memory of three great and very outstanding bishops, teachers, preachers and Fathers of the Eastern Church: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom. Among our people this feast is known as the feast of the "Three Saints." These three hierarchs-bishops were giants of faith, courage, holiness and learning. They handed down to us the pure faith of the Council of Nicea; they expounded the dogmas of the Holy Trinity, Christ's divinity and the Holy Eucharist. Because of their great merits, in her liturgy our Eastern Church calls them peers of the Apostles, instruments of the Holy Spirit, pillars of the Church and universal teachers of the whole world. All three lived in the fourth century-the golden age of the Christian faith. St. Basil and St. Gregory were sons of Cappadocia in Asia Minor, intimate friends of approximately the same age. St. John Chrysostom, an Antiochian, was younger than the other two by twenty years. Apostolic zeal for the holy faith and salvation of souls united them. .

The feast of the Three Hierarchs is one of the very recent feasts of the Greek Church. A great dispute in the second half of the eleventh century gave rise to the institution of this feast. This controversy arose among Christians over which of these three Saints contributed the most to the Church. Some thought St. Basil to be the greatest, others, St.

Gregory the Theologian, still others, St. John Chrysostom. Those who were advocates of St. Basil were called Basilians, those of St. Gregory- Gregorians, and those of St. John Chrysostom-Joanites. This dispute was settled by the three bishops themselves. Each one separately, and later all three together, appeared to John, Bishop of the city of Echaita (a suburb of Constantinople), who was known for his wisdom, learning and virtue, and said: "We, as you can see, are one before God and there is nothing between us that is contrary or controversial; each one of us, differently inspired by the Holy Spirit, taught that which was necessary for the salvation of man. Therefore, there is no first or second among us, but as you call one so shall the others be called. Arise, then, and command those who are arguing over us, not to divide themselves, for as during life, so too after death, our goal is to bring peoples from all comers of the earth to peace and unity. Institute, therefore, the celebration of our memory on the same day, as all three of us are of the same rank before God, and we shall help those to achieve salvation, who shall celebrate our memory."

In 1076, Bishop John did as the three bishops commanded him. However, because holy Church already celebrated the memory of each one separately, he designated the 30th of January as the day for their common feast. In addition to this, he had a sermon in their honor, and composed troparions, canons and sticheras. Our chronicles at the end of 1076 mention the institution of this feast in Greece.

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

The Gospel of St. Luke speaks of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple as follows: "When the days were completed for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord', and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate of the Law of the Lord" (Luke 2:22-24).

According to the Law (Exodus 3:2) every first-born male of human or animal was sacred to God. When a woman gave birth to a son, she was considered ritually unclean for forty days; if a girl, for eight days. She could not enter the Temple or share in any religious ceremonies (Leviticus 12). At the end of that time she had to bring to the Temple a lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon as a sin offering. Since this was rather expensive for the poor, it was adjusted so that the two pigeons were acceptable. It was this "offering of the poor" that Mary brought.

The Gospel continues with Simeon. "This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he should see the Messiah of the Lord. He came

in the Spirit into the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the Law in regard to him, he took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying: 'Now Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in sight of all the people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING – What a great meeting! We have scheduled a Special Meeting and you can find that in the next announcement. At this Annual Meeting, the following Officers were elected and will be installed today for 2024:

President:	Very Rev. Stephen Hutnick
Vice Pres.:	Alex Czernik
Secretary:	Nancy Hlywiak
Corresponding Sec.:	Jean Roeth
Treasurer:	Mark Andreas
Financial Secretary:	Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
Assistant Fin. Sec.:	Sonya Patronik
Auditors:	Kathy Duncan
	Thomas Schultz
	Thomas Sulpizi
Trustees:	Lorraine Neff (5 Yr.)
	John Plachuta (4 Yr.)
	Linda Hnatow (3 Yr.)
	Matthew Andreas (2 Yr.)
	Victor Kaliakin (1 Yr.)

Congratualtions and God's Blessings!

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – will be held on Sunday, March 3 after the Divine Liturgy with the sole purpose of discussing the issue of the Liturgical Calendar – the Julian Calendar (Old Calendar) or the Revised Julian Calendar. This will be the only issue discussed and voted on at this meeting. Please plan to attend.

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas or Lorraine Neff for details.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

February 11 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

February 18 – Lorraine Neff and John Plachuta

February 25 - Lorraine Neff and John Plachuta

March 3 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

March 10 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

March 17 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Tuesday, February 13 @ 6:30 PM

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 12 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of February 19 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of February 26 – Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of March 4 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of March 11 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of March 18 - Nancy Hlwiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 11 - Jean Roeth

February 18 - Andrew Duncan

February 25 - John Plachuta

March 3 – Thomas Sulpizi

March 10 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

March 17 - Linda Hnatow

BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2 – making pyrohy

Thursday, March 7 – making Orange Cranberry bread

Saturday, March 16 – making pyrohy

Tuesday, March 19 – 10AM – Frying cabbage

Thursday, March 21 – 9AM – cutting the veggies for the soup

Friday, March 22 – 8AM Making soups

12 Noon set up

12 Noon – 5 PM – Bake table drop off

Saturday, March 23 – S P R I N G B A Z A A R

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 11 - David and Eve Lazaration

February 18 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

February 25 - Sandy Cramer

March 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR – Some of the things needed are Coke products, cases of water, and dishwashing detergent.

CALLING ALL BAKERS – we always rely on your tasty treats that you donate to the Bake Table. Again, we ask for your sweet donations.

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 11 -- Scout Sunday – Installation of Officers

Wednesday, February 28 – Community Lenten Service (here)

Sunday, March 10 – Eagle Court of Honor

Monday, March 18 – 1st Day of the Great Fast

Saturday, March 23 – Spring Bazaar

Friday, May 3 – Good and Holy Friday

Sunday, May 5 – Pascha

Saturday, May 11 – Visit Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day Dinner

Saturday, June 8 – Hall Rented

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Monday, July 1 – Apostles' Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Atonement Methodist

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Gerald Ozlanski, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, , Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Henry, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Marie, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Jonathan Angelo, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Kathy Chalfont, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, William Dewhurst, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Ron Lazaration, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry, Bernice & Ryan Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Rom an, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Sy nczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Michael Tilson, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.



Saint Xenophon

(Commemorated on January 26/ February 8)

Saint Xenophon, his wife Maria, and their sons Arcadius and John, were noted citizens of Constantinople and lived in the fifth century. Despite their riches and position, they distinguished themselves by their simplicity of soul and goodness of heart. Wishing to give their sons John and Arcadius a more complete education, they sent them off to the Phoenician city of Beirut.

By divine Providence the ship on which both brothers sailed was wrecked. The waves tossed the brothers ashore at different places. Grieved at being separated, the brothers dedicated themselves to God and became monks. For a long time the parents had no news of their children and presumed them to be dead.

Xenophon, however, already quite old, maintained a firm hope in the Lord and consoled his wife Maria, telling her not to be sad, but to believe that the Lord watched over their children. After several years the couple made a pilgrimage to the holy places, and at Jerusalem they met their sons, living in asceticism at different monasteries. The joyful parents gave thanks to the Lord for reuniting the family.

Sts Xenophon and Maria went to separate monasteries and dedicated themselves to God. The monks Arcadius and John, having taken leave of their parents, went out into the wilderness, where after long ascetic toil they were glorified by gifts of wonderworking and discernment. Sts Xenophon and Maria, laboring in silence and strict fasting, also received from God the gift of wonderworking.

Troparion - Tone 4

O God of our Fathers, * always act with kindness towards us; * take not Your mercy from us, * but guide our lives in peace * through the prayers of Venerable Xenophon and his family.

Kontakion - Tone 4

You kept vigil in the courts of the Lord with your wife and two children, blessed Xenophon, * and you gladly lavished your wealth on the poor. * Therefore, you have inherited divine joy.

Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

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THREE HIERARCHS



ANTIOCH - St. John Chrysostom was born in Antioch, Syria in 344; **BASIL** - He is called St. Basil the Great because of his full dedication to the Church. His Divine Liturgy is celebrated 10 days in the year. **BISHOPS** - St. John, St. Gregory and St. Basil were great Bishops. **CONSTANTINOPLE** - St. John Chrysostom became Patriarch of Constantinople. **CHRYSOSTOM** - By the time St. John became Patriarch, he was given this name which means "golden mouthed" because he was an eloquent preacher. **FEBRUARY** - This holy day fall on February 12th. **GOLDEN** - see Chrysostom. **GREGORY** - St. Gregory is called the "Theologian" because of the eloquent way he defended the great doctrines of the Church. **HIERARCHS** - Another name for Bishops. **HOSPITAL** - St. Basil founded the first hospital. **JOHN** - The greatest preacher of the Church; his Divine Liturgy is celebrate almost every Sunday and weekday. **LITURGY** - The divine service celebrated every Sunday. Liturgy means "Public service" **LUMINARIES** - The Three Hierarchs are called this meaning "lights". **MONASTIC** - St. Basil founded the rules and laws for being part of monastery. **NAZIANZEN** - Native city of St. Gregory. **PATRIARCH** - The lead Bishop of the Orthodox, Christian Church. **SAINTS** - Holy men and women who lived lives of love for Christ. **THEOLOGIAN** - see "Gregory"; scholar knowing theology.

HEROES OF THE EARLY CHURCH

In the Orthodox calendar, our Holy Church honors the memory of 3 of her greatest saints together: **BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.** These Holy Hierarchs are rightly referred to as “giants” of faith, courage, holiness and learning. They were well-known in the early Church as teachers, preachers, liturgists & administrators.

There is an interesting story behind why the Church elected to honor these 4th century saints on the same day. Up until the 11th century, a dispute existed among the faithful as to who was the greatest of these three Church Fathers. All three had unique qualities, and no one could agree on who deserved primacy of honor. By God’s divine providence,

however, the issue was finally resolved in a dream that Bishop John of Galatia had one evening in 1081 A.D. While deep in sleep, the bishop had a vision of Basil, Gregory and John together in all of their glory. In unison, they greeted Bishop John with these words: **“WE ARE ONE IN GOD, AND THERE IS NO DISPUTE AMONG US . . . NEITHER IS THERE A FIRST OR SECOND AMONG US.”**

Awaking from sleep, Bishop John viewed this as a sign that these three saints should be honored equally with one common feast. Thus ended centuries of controversy. From that day forth, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom were commemorated together, with all of their many accomplishments noted by the Church.