

Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church

Sunday, February 2, 2020

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Sunday - 33rd Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 8: The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple; Sunday of Zacchaeus; Synaxis of St. Gregory the Theologian, St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom, St. Efreem the Syrian, St. Hypolatos of Rome, St. Ignatios of Antioch, St. Brigid of Ireland, Unmercenary Healers Cyrus and John.



The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

Welcome:

Welcome to all visitors to our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today! We are glad you are here. Though Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, all are invited to receive blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Please also join us for coffee and fellowship downstairs afterwards!

This Morning:

9:30 AM - Church School

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy & 40 Day Memorial for Adelia Derbak

Troparia and Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion - Tone 8: Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion - Meeting of the Lord: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, / thou didst accept in thine arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,// Who grants us the Resurrection!

Troparion - Three Hierarchs: Let us who love their words gather together / and honor with hymns the three great torch-bearers of the triune Godhead: / Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. / These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. / They are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom / filling all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge.// Ceaselessly they intercede for us before the Holy Trinity!

Resurrection Kontakion - Tone 8: By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,// and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion - Meeting of the Lord: By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb / and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. / Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,// O only Lover of Man!

Kontakion - Three Hierarchs: O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest / and to the enjoyment of Your blessings / the divinely-inspired heralds, the greatest of Your teachers, / for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice,// for You alone are glorified in Your saints!

Prokeimenon

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (Lk 1:46-47)

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)

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Epistle

1 Timothy 4:9-15

⁹This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. ¹⁰For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. ¹¹These things command and teach. ¹²Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. ¹³Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. ¹⁵Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Hebrews 7:7-17

⁷Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. ⁸Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he *receives them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. ⁹Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, ¹⁰for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. ¹¹Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need *was there* that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? ¹²For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. ¹³For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. ¹⁴For *it is* evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest ¹⁶who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. ¹⁷For He testifies: “You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Alleluia - Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v : Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v : Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

v : Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word! (Lk 2:29)

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40 (NKJV)

Jesus Presented in the Temple

²²Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: ²⁹“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³²a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.” ³³And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; ³⁷and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. ³⁸And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. ³⁹So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House

¹ Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. ² Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶ So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." ⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Upcoming Services

Sunday, February 16, 2020 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

**Liturgy at 10:00 A.M., as scheduled. Other Sundays will be a Reader Service.*

Important Announcements

The Protection of the Virgin Church had its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 19, and adopted a budget for the operation of the Church in 2020. Of importance is everyone paying their membership dues and contributing through the envelope system in effect. Donations are also necessary and appreciated at any time of the year to help the Church grow and also meet its budget.

We are responsible to the Diocese for our Fair Share, which we pay for every parishioner. Please help the Church so they do not have to take away from the operating budget to meet this expense.

Also, His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago, will be visiting and celebrating with us on the weekend of April 4 and 5. We hope all of you can participate in this joyous and loving time in the Church.