

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (438). New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.

Colossians 3:12-16

Mathew 25:14-30

John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, and his ascetic sensibilities. The epithet “Chrysostomos”, (anglicized as Chrysostom) means "golden-mouthed" in Greek and denotes his celebrated eloquence. Chrysostom was among the most prolific authors in the early Christian Church.

John was born in Antioch in 349 to Greek parents from Syria. Different scholars describe his mother Anthusa as a pagan or as a Christian, and his father was a high-ranking military officer. John's father died soon after his birth and he was raised by his mother. He was baptised in 368 or 373 and tonsured as a reader. John began his education under the pagan teacher Libanius from whom John acquired the skills for a career in rhetoric, as well as a love of the Greek language and literature.

John lived in extreme asceticism and became a hermit in about 375; he spent the next two years continually standing, scarcely sleeping, and committing the Bible to memory. As a consequence of these practices, he damaged his health and was forced to return to Antioch.

In Antioch, John was ordained to the priesthood. John gained popularity because of the eloquence of his public speaking at the Golden Church, Antioch's cathedral, especially his insightful expositions of Bible passages and moral teaching. The most valuable of his works from this period are his Homilies on various books of the Bible. He emphasized charitable giving and was concerned with the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor. He spoke against abuse of wealth and personal property.

He made exhaustive commentaries on the divine Scriptures and was the author of more works than any other Church Father, leaving us complete commentaries on the Book of Genesis, the Gospels of Saints Matthew and John, the Acts, and all the Epistles of Saint Paul. His extant works are 1,447 sermons and 240 epistles.

In the autumn of 397, John was appointed Archbishop of Constantinople. He made an enemy of Amelia Eudoxia, wife of Emperor Arcadius, who assumed that John's denunciations of extravagance in feminine dress were aimed at her. Eudoxia, Theophilus and other of his enemies held a synod in 403 (the Synod of the Oak) to charge John. It resulted in his deposition and banishment. He died at Comana Pontica on 14 September 407. His last words are said to have been “Glory be to God for all things.” -- *Excerpted from wikipedia.org*

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan.27.....9:30am Third Hour
9:45am General Confession
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Home Blessings to follow
Care Committee Meeting

Friday, Feb.1.....7:00pm Great Vespers with Litiya
Eve Meeting of Christ in Temple

Saturday, Feb.2.....9:00am Divine Liturgy
Meeting of Christ in the Temple

Sunday, Feb.3.....9:30am Third Hour
9:45am St. Xenia prayers
10:00am Divine Liturgy

Welcome to all our visitors.

Please join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy.

HOME BLESSINGS- The following homes will be blessed today from 1-5pm: Krause, Ryerson, Fictner, Rimerenkos, Bohensky, Lysak, Smith, Cullinan, Weger.

CARE COMMITTEE-will be meeting in Founders Hall *today* after Divine Liturgy. Please plan on attending.

COFFEE HOUR – The purpose of coffee hour is to break the fast and to socialize with fellow parishioners. Keeping it simple allows for more time to socialize, less cleanup and lower costs. Families doing it as a memorial may offer a more elaborate affair but that is not necessary nor needed every Sunday. Please consider this service to the church and contact Sandi Masklee at sjmasklee@gmail.com or any member of the Care Committee to volunteer for future socials or to ask questions. *Also, please remember the free will offering at coffee hour. This donation goes to the hosts in appreciation for their time and costs.*

PILGRIMAGE to Taylor, PA- St. Andrew's Church has invited our parish to join them on a trip to see the myrrh-streaming icon of Panaghia on Wed. Jan.30. A bus will leave from St. Andrew at 4pm to arrive at St. George in Taylor for an Akathist at 6pm. Anyone interested should contact John Moskonas at johnmoskonas@outlook.com or call or text him at 973-271-7684.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Gyro sale next Sunday-Feb.3

PRAYER LIST- This section of the church website is 'password-protected' in order for us to share specific information in our requests for support from Holy Trinity worshippers without violating privacy. If you feel comfortable doing so, please share enough detail to identify the people and their needs when contacting Matushka Kerri at matkerri@gmail.com with prayer requests. Keep checking the church website as it is frequently updated www.holytrinityrandolph.com. Please ask a Council Member for the password.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May. Please see the bulletin board in Founders' Hall for information regarding an Orthodox Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, organized by Fr Ilya Gotlinsky. See www.OrthodoxTours.com, or talk to John Babiak for more information.

PIEROGIES – The Pierogi Store is open every Sunday. Contact Jeanne Connerat at momjpc@comcast.net for any special requests.

AMAZON SITE- please use the Amazon Associates link when shopping online: www.amazon.com/?tag=holytrinorthc-20

“Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill-clad. He who said: "This is my body" is the same who said: "You saw me hungry and you gave me no food", and "Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me"... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices when your brother is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying his hunger and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well.” +St. John Chrysostom

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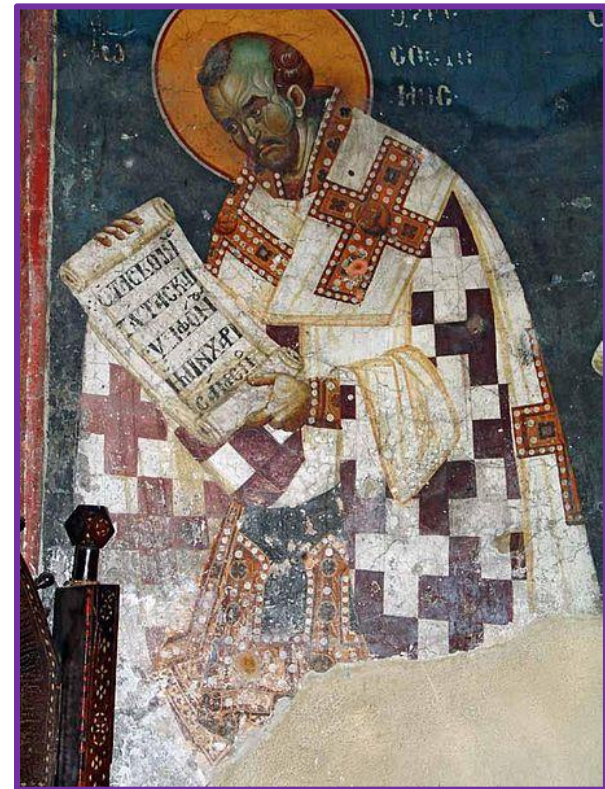
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St. John Chrysostom (translation of his relics commemorated on January 27)

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