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Holy Great-Martyr Plato of Ancyra in Galatia



On November 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Plato of Ancyra in Galatia.

Plato is the brother of the holy Martyr Antiochus the Physician (July 16). While still a youth, he left home and went through the cities, preaching the Word of God to pagans, amazing his audience with the persuasiveness and beauty of his speech, and his profound knowledge of Greek learning. For this, Plato was arrested and brought for trial to the temple of Zeus before the governor Agrippinus. At first, the judge attempted to persuade the saint to turn away from Christ by flattery. He assured the youth that he might be on a par of intellect with the greatest of the philosophers Plato, if only he worshipped also the pagan gods. To this, Saint Plato answered that the wisdom of the philosopher, although great, was but ephemeral and limited; whereas the true, eternal and unbounded wisdom comprised the Gospel teachings. Agrippinus ordered the holy Martyr Plato to be beheaded, and he entered the Heavenly Kingdom in 266.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Romanos of Antioch; Martyrs Zacchaeus the deacon and Alphaeos the reader of Caesarea in Palestine. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE - *Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL - The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

"Do not fear the conflict, and do not flee from it: where there is no struggle, there is no virtue; where there are no temptations for faithfulness and love, it is uncertain whether there is really any faithfulness and love for the Lord. Our faith, trust, and love are proved and revealed in adversities, that is, in difficult and grievous outward and inward circumstances, during sickness, sorrow, and privations."

—*St. John of Kronstadt (1829-1909)*

"Watch yourselves - your passions especially - in your home life, where they appear freely, like moles in a safe place." —*St. John of Kronstadt (1829-1909)*

"Just as a calm and sheltered harbour provides great security to the ships moored there, so does the temple of God: when people enter it, it snatches them away from worldly affairs as from a storm, and gives them the capacity to stand and listen to God's words in calm and security. This place is the bedrock of virtue and the school of spiritual life... You need only set foot on the threshold of a church and at once you are liberated from the cares of daily life. Go on into the church, and a spiritual dew will envelop your soul. The stillness there moves you to awe, and teaches you how to live spiritually. It elevates your thoughts and prevents you from remembering things or matters belonging to the present life. It transports you from earth to heaven. And if there is such great gain from simply being in church when no service is going on, then how much benefit will people derive from being present... when the holy Apostles proclaim the Gospel, Christ stands in our midst, God the Father receives the Mysteries that are performed and the Holy Spirit gives His own joy." - *St. John Chrysostom*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Wanted Serving Thanksgiving Dinner at the Women's Shelter - Beloved in Christ, Jeane Wood is looking for help serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Coeur d'Alene Women's Shelter on Wednesday, November 21 from 4PM to 6PM. She is in need of 5 more people for her team. Please contact Jeane directly to participate in this great opportunity to show your faith through good works. She can be reached at plastinowood@gmail.com or (208) 660-3046.

Bardwell Memorial Invitation - Beloved in Christ, Simon (Otis) Bardwell would like to extend an invitation to the entire St. John family to his father's memorial service. The service will be held on Saturday, November 24 @ 1PM at Shiloh Hills Fellowship, 207 E. Lincoln Rd., Spokane, WA 99208
Yours in our Risen Lord, Fr. Mark

Antiochian Women Update

Dear Sisters in Christ.

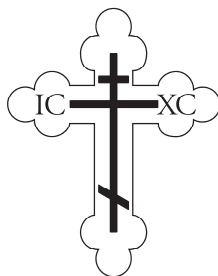
Here is a reminder of our upcoming fellowship gatherings:

- Wednesday Nov. 21st at noon is our Monthly Fellowship Lunch at Pilgrims.
- Tuesday Dec. 4th at 6:00 pm for our monthly fellowship evening at Teri Izzi's.
- Our Quarterly Women's Meeting is coming up in December. Please let Barb, Susan, Lisa or myself know if you would like to add to our agenda.

With humility and Christ's love,

Chartina (Jenny Dancy)

2019 Winter Retreat – Registration is Open! - Registration is now open and typically fills up quickly. The theme this year is "*Surviving and Thriving! How To Be A Christian Teen In 2019*". All youth 7th grade to 12th grade are invited to attend!! ***Saturday, Jan 19, 2019 - Monday, Jan 21, 2019; Cedar Springs, Lake Stevens, WA*** What better way to start off the new year than a retreat about surviving and thriving as a Christian in 2019?! Fr Michael Gillis is partnering with one of his parishioners, Chris Hawthorne, to present a dynamic and interactive weekend. The price for the camp is \$130 per camper, a rate we haven't seen this low for over 5 years! Registration begins on October 20th and ends on December 12th. Go to: www.tinyurl.com/orthodoxretreat to sign up!



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Saturday, Nov 17: Great Vespers 6:00pm

Sunday, Nov 18: Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am, Sunday School and Lunch following.

Monday, Nov 19: Youth Swing 7:00pm

Tuesday, Nov 20: Just for Kix 5:00pm; Great Vespers with Litia and Artoklasia for the Feast 7:00pm

Wednesday, Nov 21: Entrance of the Theotokos – Festal Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:00am; Vespers 6:00pm

Thursday, Nov 22: Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, Nov 23: Spiritual Circle 9:30am

Saturday, Nov 24: Great Vespers 6:00pm

Sunday, Nov 25: Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am, Sunday School and Lunch following.

EPISTLE READERS

Nov 18 Joy Corey

Dec 2 Josh Gallatin

Nov 25 Gregory Schaefer

Dec 9 Tabitha Townsend

LUNCH TEAM

Nov 18: Team 3: Joy Corey, Tecca family, Roth family, Gencerella family & Knoles family

Nov 25: Team 4: Mannion family, Nicky Nolan and Jack, Photios & Walden family

Dec 2: Team 1: Schaefer family, Gallatin family & Phillips family

Dec 9: Team 2: Purviance family, Bardwell family, Jenny Dancy & Sandford family

CLEANING ROTATION (nave, narthex, hallway and upstairs restrooms)

Week of 11/18 St. Theophan Coop

Week of 12/2 Mary Jo Neyman

Week of 11/25 Jeanne Rickert

Week of 12/9 Dn. Joseph & Susan Mannion

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING: Steve Wood, Barbara Garbinski, Nicky Nolan, Kh. Joanna Townsend, Shirley Myers, Kaitlin Weisman, Helen Odell, Metropolitan Paul Yazigi and Metropolitan Youhanna Ibrahim (hostages in Syria), Suffering Christians throughout the Middle East.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Kathy (mother of Brandon Crislip), Larry (Otis/Simon Bardwell's father), Carol Fritz (Joseph Molloy's Grandmother), Kandy (Macrina) Gibson, Marina Plastino, Alice Roth, Victims of Abortion, Departed Christians throughout the world who have died for their Faith.



A Note Regarding Holy Communion

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. (We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.) Please see the pastor for inquiries on how to become a member.