

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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THE THREE GREAT HIERARCHS AND ECUMENICAL TEACHERS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

On January 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Fathers among the Saints and Ecumenical Teachers Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom.

*The Three Morning Stars it is fitting to reverence,
Who welled up triply-shining light in their lifetime.
The gold triple sun shone with one light on the thirtieth.*

This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus. The common feast ended a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil (calling themselves Basilians), while others preferred Gregory (Gregorians), and yet others preferred John Chrysostom (Johannites), quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. To end the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita in Asia Minor. They revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Hippolytos, pope of Rome; Virgin-martyr Chrissa of Rome; New-martyr Theodore of Mitylene; and Julian, priest of Aegina.

By the intercession of the Three Hierarchs, O Christ God, and of all the Saints, cast down the uprisings of the heresies and preserve us in oneness of mind and a peaceful condition, and deem us worthy of Thy heavenly Kingdom; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THREE HIERARCHS IN TONE ONE

The three most great luminaries of the Three Sun Divinity * have illumined all of the world with the rays of doctrines divine and true; * they are the sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom, * who with godly knowledge * have watered all creation in clear and mighty streams: * The great and sacred Basil, and the Theologian, wise Gregory, * together with the renowned John, * the famed Chrysostom of golden speech. * Let us all who love their divinely-wise words * come together, honoring them with hymns; * for ceaselessly they offer entreaty for us to the Trinity.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

WISDOM

"As thou takest thy seat at table, pray. As thou liftest the loaf, offer thanks to the Giver. When thou sustainest thy bodily weakness with wine, remember Him Who supplies thee with this gift, to make thy heart glad and to comfort thy infirmity. Has thy need for taking food passed away? Let not the thought of thy Benefactor pass away too. As thou art putting on thy tunic, thank the Giver of it. As thou wrappest thy cloak about thee, feel yet greater love to God, Who alike in summer and in winter has given us coverings convenient for us, at once to preserve our life, and to cover what is unseemly. Is the day done? Give thanks to Him Who has given us the sun for our daily work, and has provided for us a fire to light up the night, and to serve the rest of the needs of life. Let night give the other occasion of prayer. When thou lookest up to heaven and gazest at the beauty of the stars, pray to the Lord of the visible world; pray to God the Arch-artificer of the universe, Who in wisdom hath made them all. When thou seest all nature sunk in sleep, then again worship Him Who gives us even against our wills release from the continuous strain of toil, and by a short refreshment restores us once again to the vigour of our strength. Let not night herself be all, as it were, the special and peculiar property of sleep. Let not half thy life be useless through the senselessness of slumber. Divide the time of night between sleep and prayer. Nay, let thy slumbers be themselves experiences in piety; for it is only natural that our sleeping dreams should be for the most part echoes of the anxieties of the day. As have been our conduct and pursuits, so will inevitably be our dreams. Thus wilt thou pray without ceasing; if thou prayest not only in words, but unitest thyself to God through all the course of life and so thy life be made one ceaseless and uninterrupted prayer."

+ St. Basil the Great, from Homily V

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Mother's Fellowship: We are pleased to announce a new Mother's Fellowship every first Friday from 10am noon. This will be a regular time for mothers of all ages and stages and their children to connect and build community. We hope you can join us! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring something to share. Our first gathering will be February 4 at the Plew home (112 S. Linden St., Post Falls). For more information contact Sara Plew at: (562) 458-2780

IT IS HOUSE BLESSING SEASON!

Contact Fr. Mark to get on the schedule. Blessings are about a half hour, so Father should be able to do several per day. Remember: "Please do not feed the priest!"



Honey for the Temple: A supply of local honey harvested from our own property is currently available for sale; 1lb for \$12 and 8oz for \$8. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the new temple fund.

2021 donation receipt and letter for tax purposes have been placed in your family mail slot in the hallway. If you do not have a mail slot the documents have been mailed to you. Call Jenny Tecca with any questions.

Christian Charities Opportunities:

Ecumenical Food Kitchen: St John's is responsible for making and serving meals to the homeless at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Coeur d' Alene on the following evenings: Thursday March 31st, 2022, Thursday May 26th, 2022, Thursday June 30th, 2022

Warming Shelter: On Saturday evenings from Jan 1 to March 26, 2022, individual families are signing up to bring Pizza or Pasta to the warming shelter in Post Falls. Contact Jeane Wood if you would like to be included on the schedule. Jeane is offering to deliver the pizzas if that would help anyone. She will keep everyone informed as to the needs of families in the shelter for us to help and pray for them.

If you are able to help with any of these projects, contact Jeane Wood: text or phone at (208) 660-3046, or email at platinowood@gmail.com

Welcome Baby Albert Theodore Molloy!

Please join Joey and Michelle in welcoming baby Albert Theodore,
born Thursday morning at 3:17am, 7 lbs 13 oz., 19.25 in.
Mom and baby are doing well!

To help the Molloy family while mom is healing and bonding with
baby, and dad is busy with the other five children,
we have set up a Meal Train:

<https://mealtrain.com/d8eekv>

Please share this with others and sign up to lend a hand. If you have
any questions about the Meal Train, contact Kelly Peterson
(kellyw151@yahoo.com).

Facilities Teams: Our Church building and facilities are a reflection of our care and intention. It is a ministry to the church family and visitors when they are well kept. Facilities Director Rob Schannep is assembling teams:

- One team is winter snow removal before regular services and feast days.
 - Another team would take care of projects inside the building once a month.
 - A third team would take care of the outside of the church and the church grounds.
- If you feel called to be on one of these teams, if you have any skills or expertise, or connections that would help, contact Rob: 714-388-4254, rob.schannep@gmail.com.

Altar Server Teams

We will start the new team-schedule Sunday, January 30, beginning with Group A. Group B would serve on Feb. 6, and so forth alternating every other Sunday. The schedule will be posted weekly in the bulletin. Please be sure the boys arrive and get vested before 10am. If there are any issues with this arrangement, please let us know.

Group A: January 30

Anthony Hubbard
Edmund Bardwell
Samuel Baber
Seraphim Schannep
Benedict Schannep

Group B: February 6

Simeon Plew
George Tate
Jeremiah Baber
Gideon Plew
Gideon Baber
Nicolas Servey

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS {*Calendar*}

Saturday, January 29: Special Moses Lake Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am; Pizzas for Warming Shelter (See Jeane Wood); Great Vespers 6pm

Sunday, January 30: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am; Memorial for Paul Truebenbach

Wednesday, February 2: Vespers & Catechism 6pm

Friday, February 4: Spiritual Circle 9:30am

Saturday, February 5: Great Vespers 6pm;
Pizzas for Warming Shelter (See Jeane Wood)

Sunday, February 6: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am

LUNCH TEAMS

5th Sunday, January 30: POTLUCK
1st Sunday February 6: Sarah Plew's team
2nd Sunday February 13: Joy Corey's team
3rd Sunday, February 20: Lisa Gencarella's team
4th Sunday, February 27: Riley Chapman's team

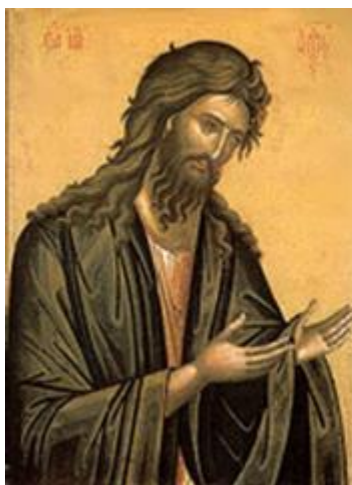
EPISTLE READERS & ALTAR SERVER TEAMS

January 30: Reader Silouan & Group A: Anthony, Edmund, Samuel, Seraphim, Benedict
February 6: Aaron Plew & Group B: Simeon, George, Jeremiah, Gideon, Gideon, Nicholas
February 13: Reader Silouan & Group A: Anthony, Edmund, Samuel, Seraphim, Benedict
February 20: Demetrios Hubbard & Group B: Simeon, George, Jeremiah, Gideon, Gideon, Nicholas

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING: Sampson, Adam & Hannah, Claude & Christina, Ron, Cassian & Lane family, Kh. Malvi and all the Neyman and Townsend families, Mark and Michelle Bruto Da Costa, John/Steven Wood, Fr. Jeremiah Vollman, Thao, Gwenn, Lilly & the children & mothers of the Hogar in Guatemala, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus and those caring for the sick and suffering, victims of injustice and social unrest, Metropolitans Paul and John (hostages in Syria), the suffering Christians throughout the Middle East.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Fr. Nicholas, Victims of abortion, Victims of Covid-19 virus, Victims of injustice and social unrest, the departed Christians throughout the world who have died for the Faith.

CONFESSIONS: Please remember to contact Fr. Mark to schedule confessions, *even* if you intend to confess after the evening services. This ensures that your confession is well prepared, and that everyone can be heard in an orderly fashion. Father is available to meet at the Church Tuesday through Saturday.



Troparion of St. John the Baptist

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is enough for thee, O Forerunner. For thou wast shown to be more wonderful than the prophets since thou wast granted to baptize Him whom thou didst proclaim. Then having endured great suffering for the truth thou didst rejoice to bring even to those in hades the good tidings, that God who hast appeared in the flesh, takes away the sins of the world, and grants us great mercy.