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AFTER-FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST THE MARTYR AND HEALER JULIAN (ILYAN) OF HOMS

On February 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ. On this day, we commemorate the right-victorious Martyr and Healer Julian of Homs.

To Homs hath Julian his youth forsaken,

For the Kingdom of Heaven hath he partaken.

On the sixth, Julian was nailed through head, hands and feet.

Julian (Ilyan) was born to pagan parents in the city of Emesa, modern-day Homs, Syria. He became a skilled physician and surgeon who treated patients free of charge. He also led many others to faith in Christ as well. The Roman governors were ordered to persecute Christians. Julian's father was a high-ranking officer in the city, so he arrested Bishop Silouan, Deacon Luke and Reader Mokios to torture them publicly to terrorize the Christians. Before their martyrdom, Julian sneaked into the prison and tended to their wounds. Julian was arrested in March of 283 and brought to his father who had him tied to a horse and dragged through the streets. He was imprisoned and tortured for months, but he would not renounce the True Faith. Instead, Julian led all of the tormentors to Christ. Finally, his father had blacksmiths drive long spikes into Julian's head, hands and feet. He crawled to a cave outside of the city owned by a potter and yielded his soul into Christ's healing hands on February 6, 284. The potter took Julian's body and buried it in the Church of the Apostles and St. Barbara at the east of the altar.

On this day, we also commemorate Boukolos, bishop of Smyrna; and Photios the Great, patriarch of Constantinople. On the Sunday that falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom).

By their intercessions, 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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. JULIAN OF HOMS IN TONE THREE

O holy passion-bearer and healing physician Julian, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of sins.

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

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 Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

WISDOM

On February 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Meeting (Presentation) of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple, wherein the righteous Simeon received Him into his arms.

The Greek word for the feast is “Hypapante” [ee-pah-pan-DEE] which means “Encounter” or “Meeting.” However, this was not just some chance encounter. This feast, which closes the cycle of the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, reminds us that on the fortieth day after the birth of her first-born Son, Mary carried Him to the Temple in accordance with the Mosaic Law to offer Him to the Lord, and to ransom Him by the sacrifice of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons (Luke 2:22-37). In one of many acts of extreme humility, the divine Word thus lowers Himself and submits to the law in order to fulfill it. This lowering is also Jesus’ first official encounter with His people in the person of Simeon. It is not only an encounter, but also a manifestation.

Simeon bears in his arms the One he knows to be the Salvation of the world, “a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.” His endearing prayer, as found in the Gospel of Luke, endures in the Orthodox Church to this day. The Church considers this celebration as a Feast of the Theotokos in praise of her role in this Presentation, and her connection in the work of her Son. “Adorn thy chamber, O Zion, and receive Christ the King. Welcome Mary the heavenly gate; for she hath appeared as a cherubic throne; she carrieth the King of glory” (Aposticha of Great Vespers). The Virgin today accompanies the Child in His first offering to the Father; she will also accompany Him even to the realization of His sacrifice for humanity.

Unto the very God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen.



-From the Synaxarion on February 2: Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord Jesus Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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.

The documentary, *Man of God* will be in Riverstone Theaters, Coeur d'Alene for one night only: Monday, March 21st, during Great Lent. (We will move Great Compline service forward to 4pm that evening to accommodate this one-time viewing.)

Synopsis of the film: Exiled unjustly, convicted without trial, slandered without cause. Man of God depicts the trials and tribulations of Saint Nektarios of Aegina, as he bears the unjust hatred of his enemies while preaching the Word of God.

The documentary drama stars Mickey Rourke, Alexander Petrov, Tonia Sotiropoulou, Aris Servetalis, Babis Hawk Konstantinou. It is "unrated" but this is not due to questionable content, but rather that it is a documentary.

Group rate tickets may be available; Fr. Mark is inquiring.

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).

Altar Server Teams continue with Group B this Sunday, February 6. Please be sure the boys arrive and get vested before 10am. If there are any issues with this arrangement, please let us know.

Group B: February 6

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

Group A: February 13

Anthony Hubbard
Edmund Bardwell
Samuel Baber
Seraphim Schannep
Benedict Schannep
Joseph Alhayek

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!"

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 plastinowood@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS {Calendar}

Saturday, February 5: Great Vespers 6pm;

Pizzas for Warming Shelter (See Jeane Wood)

Sunday, February 6: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am

Monday—Thursday, February 7—10: Clergy Seminar

(Fr. Mark & Dcn. Michael in CA)

Wednesday, February 9: Readers' Vespers 6pm

Friday, February 11: Spiritual Circle 9:30am

Saturday, February 12: Great Vespers 6pm;

Pizzas for Warming Shelter (See Jeane Wood)

Sunday, February 13: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am,

Cemetery Committee meeting 11:30am

LUNCH TEAMS

February 6: Sarah Plew's team

February 13: Joy Corey's team

February 20: Lisa Gencarella's team

February 27: Riley Chapman's team

EPISTLE READERS {Sign Up}

February 6: Aaron Plew

February 13: Reader Silouan

February 20: Demetrios Hubbard

February 27: TBD

ALTAR SERVER TEAMS

Group B: February 6

Simeon Plew

George Tate

Jeremiah Baber

Gideon Plew

Gideon Baber

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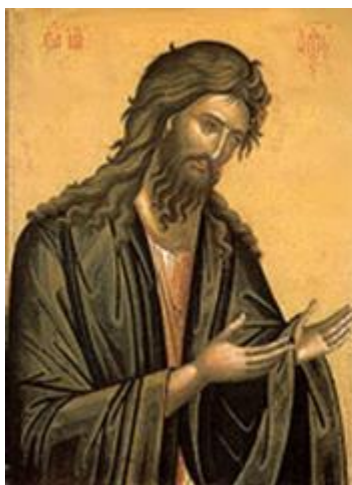
Benedict Schannep

Joseph Alhayek

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: Tom (Allyson's brother), 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.