

ST. JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Saturday Great Vespers @ 4:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



December 1, 2024



Christ healing the blind man of Jericho



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE HOLY PROPHET NAHUM; VENERABLE PHILARET THE
ALMSGIVER OF AMNIA;
MARTYR ANANIAS THE PERSIAN



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 6/EOTHINON 1)

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION TONE 6

(p.99)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES TONE 4 (p.26)

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the Brother of God, thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

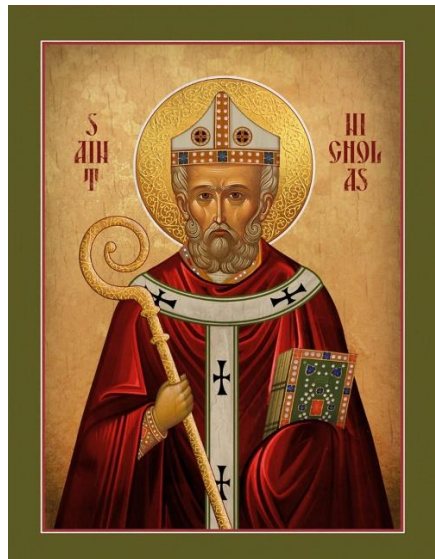
KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY TONE 3

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

As a friendly reminder, only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion.

Confession is available after Divine Liturgy, as well as before or after Vespers on Saturday evenings. You can also Contact Fr. Steven to set up an appointment.

We welcome all our visitors and are eager to share our faith with you! Please join us for coffee hour and take a few moments to fill out the VISITORS INFORMATION CARD that is found in the narthex



THE EPISTLE READING

(For the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL READING

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Wed., Dec. 4 @ 6 PM – Advent Paraklesis

@ 7 PM – Catechumen/Inquirer Class

Thurs., Dec. 5 @ 10:30 AM – St. Maria of Paris Ladies' Prayer Group

Fri., Dec. 6 @ 10 AM – Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas

Your Prayers are Requested:

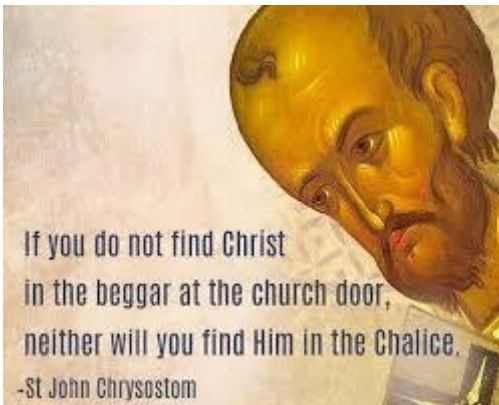
REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Gabriel, Anthony, Gabriel, Elias, Xenia, Joshua, Alexis, Anthusa, Justin, Olga, Kevin, George, Longinus, Xenia, John, Nectarios, Cassiane, Michael; Constantine, Mary, Madeline, Jeannette, Nectarios, Barbara, Mary, Maria, Alex, Sarah, Sara, Theodore, Elizabeth; Newly-departed Katherine, Helen, Adam

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES

The 2025 Wall Calendars are here! Please allow one copy for each family unit. You may find them at the back of the church.



The Christmas Angels are available in the parish hall. Our goal is to get 75 presents this year. All donations go to gifts for the children of the Quinn House in Lawrenceville.



St. James Orthodox Church is a mission of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese under His Eminence SABA, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America. If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like more information about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Steven (frsteven@gmail.com).