

HYMN of the MONTH

Troparion, tone 8

*Grace shining forth from your lips
like a beacon has enlightened the universe;
It has shone to the world
the riches of poverty;
It has revealed to us the heights of humility.
Teaching us by your words,
O Father John Chrysostom,
Intercede before the Word, Christ our God,
to save our souls.*

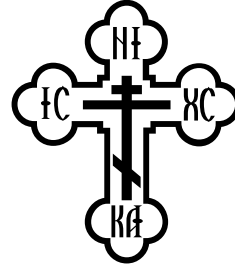
Kontakion, tone 8

*Having received divine grace from heaven,
You teach all men to adore
the one God in three persons.
O all-blessed John Chrysostom,
we rightly praise you,
For you are our teacher,
revealing things divine!*

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Translation of the relics of St John Chrysostom the Archbishop of Constantinople - January 27

This great ecumenical teacher and hierarch died in the city of Comana in the year 407 on his way to a place of exile. He had been condemned by the intrigues of the empress Eudoxia because of his daring denunciation of the vices ruling over Constantinople. The transfer of his venerable relics was made in the year 438, thirty years after the death of the saint during the reign of Eudoxia's son emperor Theodosius II (408-450).

Saint John Chrysostom had the warm love and deep respect of the people, and grief over his untimely death lived on in the hearts of Christians. Saint John's disciple, Saint Proclus, Patriarch of Constantinople (434-447), during services in the Church of Hagia Sophia, preached a sermon praising Saint John. He said, "O John, your life was filled with sorrow, but your death was glorious. Your grave is blessed and reward is great, by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ O graced one, having conquered the bounds of time and place! Love has conquered space, unforgetting memory has annihilated the limits, and place does not hinder the miracles of the saint."

Those who were present in church, deeply touched by the words of Saint Proclus, did not allow him even to finish his sermon. With one accord they began to entreat the Patriarch to intercede with the emperor, so that the relics of Saint John might be brought back to Constantinople.



Translation of the relics --- Cont'd.

The emperor, overwhelmed by Saint Proclus, gave his consent and gave the order to transfer the relics of Saint John. But those he sent were unable to lift the holy relics until the emperor realized that he had sent men to take the saint's relics from Cumana with an edict, instead of with a prayer. He wrote a letter to Saint John, humbly asking him to forgive his audacity, and to return to Constantinople. After the message was read at the grave of Saint John, they easily took up the relics, carried them onto a ship and arrived at Constantinople.

The coffin with the relics was placed in the Church of Holy Peace (Hagia Eirene). When Patriarch Proclus opened the coffin, the body

of Saint John was found to be incorrupt. The emperor approached the coffin with tears, asking forgiveness for his mother, who had banished Saint John. All day and night people did not leave the coffin.

In the morning the coffin was brought to the Church of the Holy Apostles. The people cried out, "Father, take up your throne." Then Patriarch Proclus and the clergy standing by the relics saw Saint John open his mouth and say, "Peace be to all." Many of the sick were healed at his tomb.

The celebration of the transfer of the relics of Saint John Chrysostom was established in the ninth century.

In Our Parish

Holy Resurrection Stewardship 2019

Stewardship forms are available on the Parish House Bulletin Board, in the back of the church, and will be emailed with the Sunday Bulletin through January. Please complete one and drop it into the collection basket, mail it to the PO Box, or hand it to Fr. John or a member of the Parish Council. Thank you for making your 2019 stewardship pledge!

2019 Wall Calendars

The 2019 wall calendars may be found in the northwest corner of the church. We pay about \$5.00 for them, so if you'd like to help us offset the cost, you may put your donation in the candle box, or in the collection drop box on the southwest corner of the church (behind the choir – a good place to drop your tithes and offerings as well!) The calendars are Revised Julian – not Gregorian! Google that! They include significant dates from the Julian calendar, scripture readings, feasts and fasts and the saints for each day. This year the photos are from North American monasteries.

January 4th, 5th & 6th, Theophany Celebration in our Parish

Theophany, which means a manifestation of God, is celebrated on January 6th. This Great

Feast commemorates the Baptism of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by the holy Prophet and Forerunner John in the waters of the Jordan. A true Theophany occurred when our Lord was baptized, for the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove while the voice of the Father bore witness to Him, "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." This Feast is marked by special commemorations on the Sundays before and after the 6th, on Theophany eve and day, and with a Post-feast lasting through the Leave-taking on January 14th.

This year, Theophany falls on a Sunday, and the services are arranged differently than when they occur during the week. Because of this, all Theophany services will be celebrated at Holy Resurrection, Tacoma.

On Friday, January 4th, we will serve the Royal Hours (special psalms, hymns & scripture lessons) at 10:00 a.m. This is a fast-free Friday.

On Saturday, January 5th, we serve Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at 9:30 a.m., followed immediately by Vespers and the indoor Great Blessing of Waters. This is a fast day, vegan meals with wine & oil may be taken after Liturgy.

Later Saturday, at 5:30 p.m., we will serve a Vigil consisting of Compline and Matins.

In Our Parish --- Cont'd

On Sunday, Jan. 6th, Hours will be served at 9:10 a.m. followed by the Festal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. At the conclusion of Liturgy, weather permitting, a Cross Procession will be made to Swan Creek for the Outdoor blessing of Waters. There will be no Sunday School, and a fast-free potluck will follow our liturgical celebration.

Theophany House Blessings

Homes are traditionally blessed with Theophany water EVERY year. A house may be blessed at any time, but the usual season for yearly blessings is from Theophany until the beginning of Lent (March 11th this year). Bring a container to church to fill with Theophany water for your home. When your home is blessed, you should supply a bowl with the water, and a candle. You may place the icon of the Theophany, if you have one, near the bowl. The bowl and icon should be placed on a clean table with a cloth on it, preferably near the family icon corner.



Family Icon Corner

The family should provide the priest with a list of all the people living there, it helps even if he knows everybody's name! In homes with children, one may carry a candle and "lead" the priest from room to room as he sprinkles holy water, another may follow the priest with the holy water bowl. The Theophany troparion is chanted in the first tone throughout the blessing. It is a very

good idea for the family to sing this troparion, and know it by heart:

When Thou, O Lord, was baptized in the Jordan,

The worship of the Trinity was made manifest;

For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee,

And called Thee His beloved Son.

And the Spirit in the form of a dove Confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself And hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Bible Study

January 8th (potluck) and 22nd (no potluck) at 9:30 a.m. Fr. John will present a series of classes examining festal icons derived from events described in the New Testament. They will include sources from the Old Testament, church hymnography and pertinent patristic commentary. The classes will be based on, *The Meaning of Icons*, by Vladimir Lossky and Leonid Ouspensky, St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1982.

Winter Celebration: Grandfather Frost and the Snow Maiden

Following Liturgy on Sunday, January 13th, New Year's Eve on the Old Calendar, our Slavic brothers and sisters will prepare a special meal and a winter celebration that will include a visit from Grandfather Frost (Ded Moroz) and the Snow Maiden (Snegurichka).

Bring your children and join us in brightening this deep winter day with this delightful, fun filled duo!



Ded Moroz & Snegurichka

In Our Parish --- cont'd.

Marian Kvamme's Bridal Shower

It is a particular blessing when young people from the same parish are married. Such is the case with Colton Davis and Marian Kvamme who will be wed this February 10th.

Marian's bridal shower will be held in the Parish House on Saturday, January 19th at 4:00 p.m. All the women and girls of the parish are invited. Marian and Colton are registered at Target, Amazon and IKEA.



Memorial for Fr. John Garvey and Scott Elijah Miller

A Panikhida will be served at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19th for Fr. John Garvey and Scott Elijah Miller.

January 22nd, Sanctity of Life March

Join us in Olympia on Jan. 22nd at the State Capitol. People usually gather near the Winged Victory statue, and march through the capital's courtyard around 11:30 a.m. A program in the sanctity of life will begin at 12:00 noon on the Capitol steps. The local Sanctity of Life website: www.washingtonmarchforlife.org We will form a carpool at the church parking lot, leaving no later than 10:30 a.m. on the 22nd. Our parish is the custodian of the Orthodox banner that we carry in Olympia. You'll find the Orthodox gathered around that banner. We'll see you there!

A Prayer for the Sanctity of Life (Source: Orthodox Church in America)

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who art in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of

Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: Thou wast pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Thine All-Holy Spirit. O Master, Who camest that we might have life more abundantly, we ask Thee to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Thine image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish, and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For Thou art the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Thy divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the life of Thy Truth and glorify Thee, the Giver of Life, together with Thy Father, and Thine All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

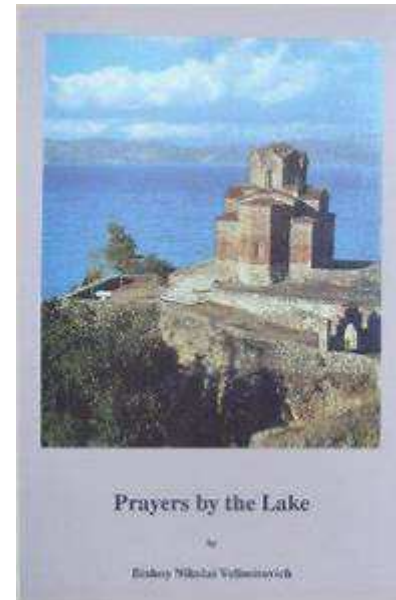
January 27th, Parish Annual Meeting

Following Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 27th, we will hold the Annual Meeting of the entire parish voting membership. In order to be a voting member at the Annual Meeting, you must:

- Have made a stewardship commitment to the parish for 2019.
- Be current in your 2018 stewardship commitment (or have adjusted it to reflect a new financial reality in your life).
- Have been a member for a period of three months prior to the meeting date of January 27th or have officially transferred into the parish from another during that time.
- Be living and struggling for the traditional lifestyle befitting an Orthodox Christian.
- Have been a regular partaker of the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion.

HROC Bookstore --- by Susan Reynolds

St. Nikolai Velimirovich is one of the saints who came to America to minister to his fellow countrymen who had emigrated here. He was from Serbia. He took monastic vows in 1909, and in April 1915 he was sent to England and America to gather volunteers to defend Serbia during World War I. After returning to Serbia, was made a bishop in 1919, and he was made Archbishop of Ochrid in 1920. In 1921 he returned to New York City to raise funds for college tuition for those orphaned during the war. Back in Serbia, in 1941 he was arrested and confined in monasteries, and in 1944 was imprisoned and tortured at Dachau. In 1946 he returned here and taught at St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's Seminaries. He was yet another example of one who had suffered terribly, but who had retained a childlike character of soul. He used to weep over the orphans he helped both here and in Yugoslavia, and (my favorite part) used to hand out candies to the children on the streets of New York. An entrance to his beautiful soul can be gained through Prayers by the Lake, which 'reach into the heart,



mind, and soul of every human being who thirsts for God . . .' It is available in an audio

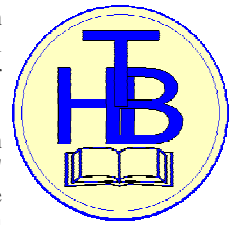
book as well. In what follows, I will let him speak for himself.

" 'Let the children come to me,' whispers the whole of nature, 'and you will understand that I myself am also a child. . . 'Let the children come to Me,' exclaims the Son of the Virgin, and only children come to him. (Cf. Mark 10:13-16) . . . Because I Myself am also a child, for this reason I seek only children. . . .O Resplendent Lord, Eternal Child of the Holy Triad, help me with Your innocence, the greatest strength in all realms, to be born of the Holy Spirit."



"In the evening the stardust begins to sparkle above my head, and I sense the abyss over which my life is dangling. And with trembling soul I stretch out my hands to You and cry out: O Lord, the terrifying world has enveloped me from every direction, as the sandy desert envelops a small tiny oasis. . . .But You are stronger than the world, O Lord my God, and You will lend Your servant a cherubic sword of flame, with which I shall repel the onslaught of the world on my life."

"Your birds awaken me in the morning, and the murmur of the lake lulls me to sleep every evening. But it is not the birds that awaken me, or the lake that lulls me to sleep, but You, O Lord, Master of the voice. You lend Your voice to the birds and the midnight murmur to the lake. You have lent a voice to every throat, and have put a story in every creature."

"My soul runs after truth, O Son of Truth, and there is no end to her running and no term adequate to describe her exhaustion. It would be better to be at peace, my soul, and to attract truth to yourself by means of peace. What would you think of someone who said at midnight: 'I cannot bear to be without light, I must run to the sun to bring back some rays'?. . .Open yourself to light, O soul, and light will come into you."



Please send February Newsletter articles to larryortho@gmail.com by Jan. 25th.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This Year: All Theophany services will be served at Holy Resurrection, Tacoma. Bring your children to the Winter Celebration. Immerse yourselves in the spirit of Slavic culture with a special meal, and a visit from Grandfather Frost and the Snow Maiden.		1 Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <i>Circumcision of the Lord</i> <i>St. Basil the Great</i>	2 Vespers 6:30 pm	3	4 Theophany Royal Hours 10:00 am	5 <i>Theophany Eve</i> Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Indoor Water Blessing Compline & Matins 5:30 pm
THEOPHANY OF THE LORD Hours 9:10 am Liturgy 9:30 am Outdoor Water Blessing 1st Sunday Potluck	7	8  Bible Study potluck 9:30 am	9 Vespers 6:30 pm	10 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sts Gregory of Nyssa & Theophan the Recluse</i>	11	12 Slavonic Liturgy 10:00 am potluck Myrrhbearers 5:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm
13 Matins 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Sunday School Winter Celebration	14	15 Parish Council 6:30 pm	16 Vespers 6:30 pm	17	18	19 Marian Kvamme's Shower 4:00 pm Inquirers 5:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm
20 Matins 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Sunday School Charities Mtg	21	22  Bible Study no potluck 9:30 am	23 Vespers 6:30 pm	24 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Sts Xenia of Rome & Ksenia of St Petersburg</i>	25	26 Inquirers 5:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm
27 Matins 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Sunday School Annual Meeting	28	29	30 Vespers 6:30 pm	31	Feb 1 Vespers 6:30 pm	MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Inquirers 5:00 pm