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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy
Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or by
appointment

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*The Divine Liturgy intention is for the he parish
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Father Vasyl or use the sign up sheet in the vestibule.*

During the reign of the Emperor Alexius Comnenus (1081-1118), a controversy arose in Constantinople among men learned in Faith and zealous for virtue about the three holy Hierarchs and Fathers of the Church, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. Some argued for Saint Basil above the other two because he was able, as none other, to explain the mysteries of the Faith, and rose to angelic rank by his virtues. Organizer of monastic life, leader of the entire Church in the struggle with heresy, austere and demanding shepherd as to Christian morals, in him there was nothing base or of the earth. Hence, said they, he was superior to Saint Chrysostom who was by nature more easily inclined to absolve sinners.

The partisans of Saint Chrysostom retorted that the illustrious Archbishop of Constantinople had been no less zealous than Saint Basil in combating vices, in bringing sinners to repentance and in raising up the whole people to the perfection of the Gospel. The golden-mouthed shepherd of matchless eloquence has watered the Church with a stream of homilies in which he interprets the divine word and shows its application in daily life with more accomplished mastery than the two other holy Doctors.

According to a third group, Saint Gregory the Theologian was to be preferred to the others by reason of the majesty, purity and profundity of his language. Possessing a sovereign mastery of all the wisdom and eloquence of ancient Greece, he had attained, they said to such a pitch in the contemplation of God that no one had been able to express the dogma of the Holy Trinity as perfectly as he.

36th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 3

Menologion

Our venerable father Xenophon and his wife Mary. Xenophon was a Senator in Constantinople, where he led a holy Christian life with his wife Mary and their two sons, Arcadius and John. On their way to Phoenicia to study law, the young men were shipwrecked and barely managed to escape with their lives. The parents set out to find them, and, on discovering them in a monastery in Jerusalem, they too entered the monastic life, equal to one another in the ardor of their souls.
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Fasts & Feasts

JANUARY

30 The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil The Great, Gregory The Theologian And John Chrysostom. 9 am

FEBRUARY

2 Encounter of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ with Simeon and Anna Sunday of Zachaeus 8:30 am

9 Sunday of the Prodigal Son. 8:30 am

22 First All-Souls Saturday 9 am

23 Sunday of the Second Coming of Christ (Meat-Fare) 8:30 am

March

2 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-Fare) 8:30 am

3 Beginning of the Holy Forty Days Fast

8 First Sunday of the Great Fast (Sunday of Orthodoxy) 8:30 am

25 The Annunciation Of The Mother Of God And Ever-Virgin Mary 9 am

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

January 19, 2025

If my heart can pass the chemical stress test, I will be going into the hospital to have surgery on my spine on January 31st. Father will provide cantors and don't forget that Zach is waiting in the wings. I will have a bulletin printed for February 2nd.

The surgeon will stabilize my spine, but as for the rest of it, God only knows. The vision in my left eye is failing. As you may have noticed I don't "look so good." I'm not sure that I can handle the pre-sanctified liturgy (small print and confusing text and musics) and I'm beginning to have problems putting the bulletins together. I am planning of being back for Holy Week

With each faction setting up one of the Fathers against the other two in this way, the whole Christian people were soon caught up in the dispute, which far from promoting devotion to the Saints in the City, resulted in nothing but ill-feeling and endless argument. Then one night the three holy Hierarchs appeared in a dream to Saint John Mauropus, the Metropolitan of Euchaita (5 Oct.), separately at first, then together and, speaking with a single voice, they said: "As you see, the three of us are with God and no discord or rivalry divides us. Each of us, according to the circumstances and according to the inspiration that he received from the Holy Spirit, wrote and taught what befits the salvation of mankind. There is not among us a first, a second or a third, and if you invoke one of us the other two are immediately present with him. Therefore, tell those who are quarrelling not to create divisions in the Church because of us, for when we were on earth we spared no effort to re-establish unity and concord in the world. You can conjoin our three commemorations in one feast and compose a service for it, inserting the hymns dedicated to each of us according to the skill and knowledge that God has given you. Then transmit it to the Christians with the command to celebrate it each year. If they honor us thus as being with and in God, we give them our word that we will intercede for their salvation in our common prayer." At these words, the Saints were taken up into heaven in a boundless light while conversing with one another by name.

Saint John immediately assembled the people and informed them of this revelation. As he was respected by all for his virtue and admired for his powerful eloquence, the three parties made peace and every one urged him to lose no time in composing the service of the joint feast. With fine discernment, he selected 30 January as appropriate to the celebration, for it would set the seal to the month in which each of the three Hierarchs already had a separate commemoration (Saint Basil – January 1; Saint Gregory – January 25; Saint John (translation of relics) – January 27).

The three Hierarchs—an earthly trinity as they are called in some of the wonderful troparia of their service—have taught us in their writings and equally by their lives, to worship and to glorify the Holy Trinity, the One God in three Persons. These three luminaries of the Church have shed the light of the true Faith all over the world, scorning dangers and persecutions, and they have left us, their descendants, this sacred inheritance by which we too can attain to utmost blessedness and everlasting life in the presence of God and of all the Saints.

With the feast of the three Hierarchs at the end of January—the month in which we keep the memory of so many glorious bishops, confessors and ascetics—the Church in a way recapitulates the memory of all the Saints who have witnessed to the Orthodox faith by their writings and by their lives. In this feast we honor the whole ministry of teaching of the holy Church, namely, the illumination of the hearts and minds of the faithful through the commemoration of all the Fathers of the Church, those models of evangelic perfection which the Holy Spirit has raised up from age to age and from place to place to be new Prophets and new Apostles, guides of souls heavenward, comforters of the people and fiery pillars of prayer, supporting the Church and confirming her in the truth.



I have been cantoring here at this parish since 1981, which is forty-four years. I have been involved with cantoring for fifty-two years.

As far as liturgical chant goes, you can be proud of yourselves. I believe you'd be hard put to find a congregation that knows the various chants and tones as well as you know them.

I've tried very hard to preserve our chant heritage as it was handed down to me, as well as our traditions. Much of what I know I learned from Mike Peresta and I have tried to keep it alive in our church. That includes the tradition of Church Slavonic. Alexander Duchnovič said. "My son do not forget God, and always love your own people. This will not make you a rich man, but you certainly will be always happy."

I have always appreciated your prayers for both of us when we were sick and the charity shown for us when we were down on our luck.