

We Welcome You to:  
*St. John Chrysostom*  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors**

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation in our services. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, having prepared themselves through regular CONFESSION, prayer and fasting, are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We earnestly look forward to the day when unity in the faith, life and worship of all Christians will have been achieved. In the meantime, we encourage visitors to join with us in our prayers and hymns. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Feel free to ask questions before or after the services and, if you like, sign our guest book and fill out a request card. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Center after Liturgy. We want our visitors who are not Orthodox to receive the blessed bread after the Liturgy and to venerate the Cross if you wish.

To prepare properly for holy communion, we should fast from food and drink from 12:00 at night until reception of communion. Exceptions are made for those who need food and drink to take medication and for other age related difficulties and infirmities. If you have any specific questions please see Fr. Anthony personally.

CONFESSIONS: Before and after Vespers on Saturday 5:00PM  
(Confession may be available on Sunday morning if needed as well.)

MATINS: 9:00AM on Sundays

DIVINE LITURGY: 10:15AM ON Sundays

Feast Days: Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 6:30PM

**Saint John Chrysostom Orthodox Church strives to serve those in the greater Fort Wayne community who seek fullness of truth and life in Jesus Christ; through the meaningful worship, the unchanging doctrines, and the joyful communion experienced in Holy Apostolic Tradition.**



**LITURGICAL TEXTS FOR SUNDAY**

**July 19, 2009**

6th Sunday after Pentecost and Sunday of the  
**Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council**

**Tone 5 / Eothinon 6**

**Saints of the Day:** Venerable Macrina, sister of Basil the Great; Venerable Dios of Antioch; Theodore, archbishop of Ephesos; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Seraphim of Sarov; Stephen Lazarevic

During the Little Entrance: The troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 5  
The Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 171; Kazan Sun. Mat., 21)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

The Entrance Hymn(Eisodikon):

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia

After the Entrance we chant:

**Tone 5**

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**Tone 8**

For the Holy Fathers (Nassar, 314; Kazan Men., 13)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to thee.

### Troparion of St. John Chrysostom

Grace has shone forth from thy mouth like fire, illuminating the inhabited world. Thou have treasured for the world the treasures of silver-hating and revealed to us the sublimity of humility. Wherefore, O Educator, by thy words, O John the golden-mouthed, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**طروبارية القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم (باللحن الثامن)**

لقد بزغتِ النعمة من فمك مثل النار، فأنارتِ المسكونة ووضعت للعالم كنوزَ عَدَمِ حُبِّ الفِضَّةِ، وأوضحت لنا سُمُوَّ الإِتِّضَاعِ، يا أَيُّهَا الأبُّ المُوَدَّبُ بأقوالِهِ يوحناَ الذهبيَّ الفمَّ، فتشفع إلى الكلمةِ المسيحِ الإلهِ، في خلاصِ نفوسِنا

### **Tone 4**

#### Kontakion of the Theotokos (Nassar, 125)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

### Epistle

Titus 3:8-15 (Holy Fathers)

#### SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

*Gradual, Tone IV*

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our forefathers.

*Verse:* For you have always dealt righteously with us.

Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul to Titus (c. 3, v. 8-15)

Titus, my child, these are doctrines of our faith, and I want you to insist upon them. Then those, who have believed in God, will take care to concentrate on good actions, which are helpful and profitable to all men.

But keep away from silly speculations, pedigrees, controversies, and contentions about the Law, which are unprofitable and futile. Give a heretic a first and second admonition, then avoid his company. For you can be sure that such a person is perverted sinful, and self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or tychicus to you, do your best to come and meet me at Nicopolis, for there I have decided to spend the winter. Do all you can to provide Zenas the lawyer and Apollos with what is necessary for their journey. See to it that they lack nothing.

Teach our brethren to practice good actions. Thus, they will be enabled to help cases of urgent need and do some fruitful work.

All my companions send you greetings. Give our greetings to all our friends in our common faith.

The grace of God be with you all. Amen.

Gospel  
Matthew 5:14-19 (Holy Fathers)

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The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

The Lord said to his disciples: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2009 –**

**THE HOLY BREAD IS OFFERED** FOR THE HEALTH OF JOE SR. & JOE JR. ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS FOR SANDY, KRISTI, JENNY, JACOB & TYSON, DOTTIE,

FOR THE VILLA, BARRETT, AND BARRETT FAMILIES.

FOR GENEVIEVE DEEB, DON SCHENKENBERGER, ALEX TSIGULOFF,

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN PHILIP AND HIS GRACE BISHOP MARK – FR. ANTHONY AND FR. GEORGE, ANTHONY & GERTRUDE MICHAELS

AND FOR THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, FOR ALL IT'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS, BENEFACTORS AND SUPPORTERS, AND THE FOUNDERS OF THIS HOLY TEMPLE.

**THE HOLY BREAD IS OFFERED IN MEMORY** OF THE COCKRELL, VILLA & BARRETT FAMILIES. ALSO FOR ROB

THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL THE DEPARTED LOVED ONES OF ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM CHURCH WHO HAVE MADE 639 PUTNAM ST. THEIR CHURCH HOME – MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL.

**UPCOMING BREAD OFFERING:**

– **Jul 19:** Joe & Sandy Cockrell – **Jul 26:** No Liturgy Archdiocese Convention - Van Nuys, CA

**Aug 2:** Don & Connie Schenkenburger – **Aug 9:** Open – **Aug 16:** Laudia Estefan – **Aug 23:** Fred & Annie Deeb – **Aug 30:** David Bojrab

**Sept 6:** Open – **Sept 13:** Regina Bojrab – **Sept 20:** Joe & Jenny Cickrell – **Sept 27:** Open

**July Birthdays**

**6** Judith Egbert, Katherine Fay – **7** Mickey Mitson – **14** Joseph "Joe" A. Cockrell Sr  
– **16** Alexander M. Deeb – **19** Joe Cockrell Jr – **20** Angela R. Bojrab – **27** Aseel Zawahri  
– **31** Brandon Rutherford, Elaina Zawahri

– **GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS** –

*Anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary or any other special occasion please forward your information to Fred Deeb or Father Anthony, that your name may be included in the bulletin.*

**BIBLE STUDY**

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:30 P.M. AT FR. ANTHONY’S HOUSE

The topic is from the Old Testament. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this unique opportunity to understand the New Testament.

**BASIC CLASS IN ORTHODOXY**

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH

This is an excellent learning opportunity for potential catechumens discovering the Orthodox Church and for long-time Orthodox Christians desiring to gain a deeper understanding of their faith.

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Pledge Donations for June were \$7,095.46

Total Expenses were \$12,289.69

Total deficit for June (- \$5,194.23)

**Calendar of Events:**

**Sunday, Jul 19 -**  
9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Monday, Jul 20 -** GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIAS

**July 20 to July 26**  
Archdiocese Convention - Van Nuys, CA

**Sunday, Jul 26 -** Visit your Local Orthodox Churches

**Tuesday, Jul 28 -**  
7:30 p.m. Bible study @ Fr. Anthony’s House

**Thursday, Jul 30**  
7:00 p.m. Basic Class in Orthodoxy @ 402 BADIAC RD

**Saturday, Aug 1 -**  
5:00 pm Great Vespers

**Sunday, Aug 2 - AT THE NEW RECEPTION HALL 402 BADIAC RD.**  
9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, Aug 3-**  
 Parish Council meeting

**Wednesday, Aug 5 -**  
 6:30 pm VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY –  
 TRANSFIGURATION & BLESSING OF THE GRAPES

**Thursday, Aug 6 -** HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

**Saturday, Aug 8 -**  
 5:00 pm Great Vespers

**Sunday, Aug 9 -**  
 9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, Aug 11 -**  
 7:30 p.m. Bible study @ Fr. Anthony's House

**Thursday, Aug 13**  
 7:00 p.m. Basic Class in Orthodoxy @ 402 BADIAC RD

**Friday, Aug 14 –**  
 6:300 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy (Dormition)

**Saturday, Aug 15 –** DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS  
 5:00 pm Great Vespers

**Sunday, Aug 16 –**  
 9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

As you no doubt are aware, the closing of the sale of our church on Putnam St has been moved back by 1 week. This delay was caused by a paperwork misunderstanding on the part of the purchaser and does not reflect any fault on our part.

This does, however, bring up a few issues:

1. At our last meeting, the Parish Council had authorized David Bojrab to sign the closing papers with Kris Howard (me) present as a witness. This will not be possible for the new signing since both David and I, as well as Fr. Anthony, will be at the Archdiocese Convention in California.

The new closing papers are being prepared with Don Schenkenberger's signature - therefore, the Parish Council will need to meet briefly after church on Sunday, to authorize Don to sign these papers.

2. While walking through the church on Tuesday evening, Don and I came to a realization: The amount of large, heavy and/or bulky pieces that must be moved OUTNUMBER the amount of strong, able-body people we have to move it.

Additionally, the construction foreman at the Badiac church has informed us that

- 1) he is working to get us an occupancy permit ASAP, but cannot guarantee it this week and
- 2) even if an occupancy permit is achieved, the crew will likely spend about 2-3 more weeks doing finishing touched in the Administration Building prior to being done creating dirt and dust.

For both these reasons, Don is getting in touch with moving companies that can provide 1) manpower, and 2) storage for a few weeks until we are ready to move in. Although the builder may be able to get us in, our pieces may be in the way, provide obstacles for the construction people to work around, and possibly get dirty, ruined, lost or possibly stolen. Don will discuss with Tami Fay (who is heading up this move) and have more information on the new plans for the move this weekend.

**TIPS ON CHURCH ETIQUETTE:**

THERE ARE TIMES DURING ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICES THAT CALL FOR THE PEOPLE TO KNEEL. EXAMPLES INCLUDE THE CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY GIFTS (“THINE OWN OF THINE OWN, WE OFFER UNTO THEE ON BEHALF OF ALL AND FOR ALL....”) AND DURING THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM DURING SERVICES IN GREAT LENT.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GET ONTO YOUR KNEES, YOU SHOULD KNEEL.

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO GET ONTO YOUR KNEES, IT IS PROPER TO REMAIN STANDING WITH YOUR HEAD BOWED.**

YOU SHOULD NOT SIT, EVEN IF YOU ARE ON THE EDGE OF THE SEAT WITH YOUR HEAD BOWED.

**REMEMBER, SITTING IS NOT THE SAME AS KNEELING.**



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual St. John Chrysostom Golf Outing

Proceeds will support the construction of our new church on Badiac Road

Autumn Ridge Golf Course

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Hog Roast at 6:00 pm Following Golf

Entry Fee is \$75 per golfer which includes:

- 18 holes of Florida Scramble golf - four person teams
- 2 carts per team
- Boxed lunch at registration
- Dinner/Raffle following golf
- Refreshment cart on course
- Golf Prizes
  - Closest to the pin on all four par threes
  - Hole-in-one contest on one par three
  - Longest drive for men and women
  - Foursome winners with lowest scramble scores: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards

GOLF REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, AUGUST 3

*Make checks payable to: St. John Chrysostom Building Fund*

Send all registration forms to Don Schenkenberger,

DINNER ONLY RESERVATION FOR NON-GOLFERS \$20 per person.

Hog Roast at 6:00 pm at Autumn Ridge Golf Course *Reservation deadline is Monday, August 3 Make checks payable to: St. John Chrysostom Building Fund*

For registration questions and information please contact:

Don Schenkenberger

John Fay

Rick Adams

# Great Prince Vladimir

## Equal-to-the-Apostles and baptism of Russians

### *Continued*

The successful conversion of Russian people into Christianity can be explained by the fact that it was spread predominantly by peaceful means - by ministration and preaching (unlike Roman Catholics who often used fire and sword). As well as the fact that it was done in the native Slavic language, due to the work of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Following the example of Russians some national minorities living on lands adjacent to Russia started to convert into Orthodox Christianity. Thus, in the 10<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> centuries some Finnish tribes (Izhora and Korela), Chude, Cheremis and Votiaks, and also some non-Russian tribes living in Vologda and some other national minorities were baptized. In the beginning of the 13<sup>th</sup> century the city of Nizhni-Novgorod was erected on the banks of the Volga and Oka Rivers to become a stronghold of Orthodoxy among non-Russians living along the Volga River and in the middle regions of Russia.

In the western parts of Russia the spreading of Orthodoxy was confronted by another strong influence coming from the Roman Catholic Church. Latin missionaries from Sweden were preaching in Finland. The tribes living south of the Finnish bay were initially converted into Orthodoxy, but later Latin missionaries from Denmark inhabited the region. By the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> century a Latin Order of Knights of the Sword was established in Livonia, which opposed both the Russian influence and the successful expansion of Orthodoxy. In Lithuania the Orthodox Christian faith started to be adopted in the 12<sup>th</sup> century from the neighboring Russian settlements. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, after Lithuanian princes conquered the Russian towns of Novogrudsk, Slonim and Brest, some of the Lithuanian people got baptized.

The expansion of Orthodoxy here was particularly promoted by the martyrdom and death of three court dignitaries of the Lithuanian prince Olgerdt (who was the son of Gedemin, the founder of the Lithuanian kingdom. These were Saints Anthony, Ivan and Eustaphius. But by the end of that century Lithuania and the western part of Russia subject to it joined the Catholic Poland. After that Roman popes did everything possible to attain 2 goals: the separation of southwest lands from the unified Russian church, and the introduction of the so-called "Lithuanian Unia" there.

### **Influence of Christianity on the life of Russian people.**

Immediately after adoption, the Holy Christian faith began to effect positively the life of our ancestors. The society started practicing the Christian way of life such as frequent prayers, charity, and traveling to holy places to name a few. Especially pronounced was the beneficial influence of Christianity on the hearts and lives of some prominent personalities of that time. While a pagan Prince Vladimir was indulging in vices, he was also notorious for cruelty. Christian faith changed him as if he had been born again. He became reserved, chaste and compassionate towards the poor and disabled. Every day in his palace he would give alms to the beggars and send out everything necessary for nurturing the poor and crippled at their homes.

In Christianity, Vladimir was even doubtful about the execution of the worst criminals, he asked bishops if this would constitute a sin. Vladimir's sons, saint martyrs Boris and Gleb, were a true model of Christian piety. The Russian metropolitans Mikhail, Illarion and others were famous for their saintly ways of life. It was in the monasteries that we find especially numerous examples of righteous and devout life.

The development of spiritual enlightenment and written language, as well as the establishment of schools in Russia enhanced the beneficial influence of Christianity on the Russian way of life.

It was a special care for Archbishops and princes to enlighten people in the spirit of Christianity. Following the advice of the first prelate of the Russian church - Metropolitan Mikhail - the Great Prince Vladimir organized schools in Kiev and other cities. Metropolitan Mikhail often invited the teachers and instructed them in the ways to educate children. Prince Vladimir's son Yaroslav the Wise, ordered churches built and people taught in the cities and settlements. In Novgorod he organized a school for 300 children. According to a chronicler, Mikhail himself was reading books "day and night" and gathered "many scribes" who were copying books and sometimes translating them from Greek into Russian. The successors of Vladimir and Yaroslav followed their example, as did the clergy and the monks. The books were considered to be part of the holy work at the monasteries; many monks devoted all their time when free from prayers to reading and translating books. Sometimes in order to copy some books they had to travel to the East - to Constantinople and Athos.

Furthering the Christian enlightenment of people, archbishops and pastors of the Russian church were also striving for establishment of civil order in Russia, which would be based on the unshakable foundation of Christianity. The influence of Russian Christian pastors was especially beneficial during the afflictions of internal strife. Either the metropolitan himself tried to put an end to discords between princes, or sent his bishops to perform the task. Amongst all of those discords and civil strifes, our hierarchy preserved its unity and indivisibility, which was the main factor in uniting the Russian state.

### **Troparion**

Sitting in the throne of the God-protected Kiev,/ thou wast like a merchant seeking goodly pearls, O Vladimir. /Thou didst search and send to the Imperial City/ to know the Orthodox Faith. / Thou didst find Christ the Pearl of great price,/ Who chose thee like Paul and enlightened thy blindness of flesh and spirit at the Font./ Thy people celebrate thy repose:/ wherefore pray for Russia and all peoples,/ that the Orthodox may be granted peace and great mercy.