

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

March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Commemoration of the
Righteous Father John of the Ladder of Virtues

Tone 7 / Eothinon 7

Saints of the Day: Venerable Benedict of Nursia; Euschemenos, bishop of Lanipsakos.

- 1.) Divine Liturgy begins in the red Service Book on page 92.
- 2.) During the Little Entrance: The troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 7 **Tone 7**

The Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 186; Kazan, Sun. Mat., 27)

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world Great Mercy.

- 3.) 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

- 4.) After the Entrance we chant:

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Tone 8

Troparion for St. John (Nassar, 37 #6)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast

become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

5.) 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، فأثارتِ المسكونة ووضعت للعالم كنوزَ عَدَمِ حُبِّ الفِضَّةِ، وأوضحتِ لنا سُمُوَّ الإِتِّضاعِ، يا أيُّها الأبُّ المؤدَّبُ بأقوالِهِ يوحناَ الذهبيَّ الفم، فتشفعْ إلى الكلمةِ المسيحِ الإله، في خلاصِ نفوسِنا

6.) **The Kontakion**

Tone 8

Kontakion of the Five Sundays of Great Lent (Nassar, 524; or Liturgicon)

To thee the champion leader, I thy servant offer thanks for victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast power invincible, free me from every danger that I may cry unto thee: Rejoice, O bride without bridegroom.

7.) The Trisagion (Thrice-Holy) Hymn is sung on page 98 with changes for the serving Bishop's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (note: this Hymn will be sung in Greek):

8.) Epistle

Hebrews 6:13-20 (Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gradual, Tone VII

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Offer to the Lord, O sons of God, offer to the Lord sacrifice and praise.

Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews (c. 6, v. 13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, he swore by himself, for there was no one greater, by whom he could swear, and said: "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." Thus, Abraham, after waiting patiently, obtained the promise.

Men swear by one greater than themselves, and their oath is a final confirmation in all their disputes. So, God, wishing to show to the heirs of his promise the unchangeable nature of his decision, pledged himself by an oath. God never meant to deceive us with these two assurances, his promise and his oath, which are irrevocable.

He wanted to give a powerful encouragement to those, who had fled for refuge under his shelter. He wanted us to seize upon the hope, set before us as a sure and firm anchor of the soul. It is a hope, which penetrates the inner sanctuary of the temple behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, after he has become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

9.) Gospel

Mark 9:17-30 (Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)

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The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me. And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able! - All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child, cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said,, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them "This kind can come out only through prayer." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;

10) The homily

11) After the homily, the Liturgy resumes on page 104 with the Cherubic Hymn (note: several prayers are read by the clergy while the choir is singing).

12) At the Anaphora (page 111), the quiet prayers of the clergy are replaced with the prayers of St. Basil's Liturgy on page 134. The people **kneel** on page 113 (if you are unable to kneel, please remain standing).

13) The Magnification of the Theotokos (page 115 "It is truly meet...") is replaced by the following for St. Basil's Liturgy:

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace, the Assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins from whom God was incarnate and became a child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb he made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: glory to thee.

14) The Communion Prayer is read by all the people on page 121 ("I believe, O Lord, and I confess...").

15) Communion is distributed on page 123.

(We are honored to have all of you worshipping with us today. In the Orthodox Church, communion is reserved only for Orthodox Christians who have been Baptized and received by Chrismation, who have prepared themselves with prayer and fasting, having had a recent confession. Everyone is welcome to receive the blessed bread (antidaron) at the end of the service.)

- 16) When the final blessing is offered by the Bishop, the people will sing the following exclamation, wishing him many years of health and continued service to the Church:

Preserve O Lord (Ton Dhespotin)

(For the Bishop Only)

Adaped and arranged by
Archpriest James C. Meena
(1924 - 1995)

Byzantine Tone 2

Pre-serve, O Lord, our mas-ter and chief priest,

4 and grant him man - y years. Man - y years to thee, mas -

7 ter. Man - y years to thee, mas - ter. Man - y years un - to

11 thee, O mas - - - - ter.

There will be NO Church School
Sunday March 14,
due to the Bishop services.
Parents are to keep their children with them and NOT send them
up first for Communion.
They are to take Communion with their parents and NOT to
dismiss them.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010 –

THE HOLY BREAD IS OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH OF THE FAMILY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM CHURCH. FOR ESSA, BEVERLY, GANIM, JENNIFER, BRITTANY, ELIZABETH AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HOWARD AND BOJRAB FAMILIES. AND FOR FR. GEORGE (SMITH)

BISHARA ABOUFADEL, SHAMIRAN CRAMER,

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN PHILIP AND HIS GRACE BISHOP MARK –

FR. ANTHONY, FR. GEORGE, ANTHONY & GERTRUDE MICHAELS

THE HOLY BREAD IS OFFERED IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE HOPE OF RESURRECTION TO EVERLASTING LIFE.

FOR THE MEMORY OF ELEANOR HOWARD AND FOR GANIM, EDNA, EVELYN, VICTOR, GEORGE, CRYSTAL AND THE DECEASED OF THE HOWARD AND BOJRAB FAMILIES AND FOR GENNY DEEB.

THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL THE DEPARTED LOVED ONES, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM CHURCH

– MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL.

UPCOMING BREAD OFFERING:

- **Mar 14:** Kris Howard – **Mar 21:** Joe & Sandy Cockrell – **Mar 28:** Andre & Dima Mourad
- Apr 4:** George & Elaine Mourad – **Apr 11:** Laudi Eastefan – **Apr 18:** Helen Mitson, John & Marcia Crawford, Cheis & Sue Mitson – **Apr 25** Robert & Elizabeth Tindall
- May 2:** Joe & Jennifer Cockrel – **May 9:** Annie Deeb – **May 16:** Joe & Sandy Cockrell
- **May 23:** Like Bedada

March Birthdays

- 2:** Kris Howard – **10:** Sammy Corey – **16:** Sam Corey – **19:** Sandy J. Cockrell, Connie Schenkenberger – **21:** Elaine Mourad – **22:** George Mourad – **23:** Alex Tsiguloff
- 27:** Richard P. Bojrab, Aydre G. Mourad

– **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.

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Open Letter to the Parish of St. John Chrysostom

We welcome Bishop Mark, sub deacon James, our dean, Fr. Nabil, my brother priests and their families and parishioners who were able to be with us on this wonderful weekend for the opening of the doors of our new church building and for the first Divine Liturgy in the church.

We are thankful for our Primate, Metropolitan Philip, for his care for our Archdiocese and for the security we enjoy in this archdiocese which has enabled the community of St. John Chrysostom to reach this holy and beautiful fulfillment of a dream.

We are so thankful for the presence of our guests, family and friends from other churches in the area, and, also, family members of our parishioners, who are, by extension, members of our church family.

This church belongs to the Church. Her altar which stands serenely and solidly in the sanctuary reflects the one "holy, heavenly, and ideal Altar" attended to by the "High Priest of our salvation", Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. The dome and ovals that seem to defy the physical laws of this earthly world hang from heaven, supported by prayer and praise. They are a kind of vault that envelops the whole creation. There is this feeling that the ceiling and the walls expand, move to the melodies of hymns and prayers. These hymns and prayers are the lungs which receive the atmosphere of heaven and make this structure a real body, the Body of Christ.

"How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise! Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. For the Lord God is a sun and shield. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in thee (Ps. 84. 1-2, 4-5, 10-12)."

Very few people ever have the opportunity to be founders of a church. I do not know of any other blessing in our lives that would be a greater witness to God's trust and care for us than this. He has found us to be worthy to build His Church here in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in the God-protected country of the United States of America.

The Prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the Temple in the Old Testament gives words to our supplication: "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have Built! Yet have regard to the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, hearkening to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prays before thee this day; that thy eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which thou hast said, 'My name shall be there,' that thou mayest hearken to the prayer which thy servant offers toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant and of thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive (1 kgs. 8.27-30)."

May this beautiful church be a place to pray, to meet God, to feel the security of His compassion and care and guidance for all how need Him, at any time they need Him. May it be, first of all, a place to serve the Divine Liturgy and to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord, and with these great

Mysteries, the eternity and joy which can only be attained in Him. "Let us love one another that with one mind and heart we may confess: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

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Congratulation

We are now celebrating
the first Divine Liturgy in the New Sanctuary –
However the final work is not yet complete.
David Bojrab and the building committee
will walking thru the whole building
(Sanctuary, reception hall class rooms, offices etc..)
to look for anything that need to be repaired.

Note to the Parishioners

As we walk throughout the new building, we might notice something that does not look right. write a note describing the problem and give it to G.

David Bojrab,

Or sent an e-mail to bojrabmd@aol.com

(No verbal notes please)

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**DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS FOR PASCHA
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS AT THE BACK
AND PLACE THE ENVELOPE WITH YOUR DONATION
IN THE COLLECTION TRAY**

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**WE RECEIVED A LETTER FRO SAYDNA METROPLITAN PHILIP
ASKING US TO MAKE A DONATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF CHILE
THAT ARE IN NEED BECAUSE OF THE EARTHQUAKE
(PLEASE READ THE LETTER IN THE BULLETIN)**

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The Church School will be decorating candles
with fresh flowers for Palm Sunday precession.
These will be sold for \$10.00 per candle
please see Regina to place your order.
This will help defer costs
for the Family Night
at the Tin Cap Baseball
Game Monday May 24Th. Please see Regina.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 14 First Liturgy in the new Church

St. John Climacus (4th Sunday of Lent)

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:15 a.m. HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY WITH BISHOP MARK

A BREAKFAST WILL FOLLOW IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Monday, March 15

7:00 pm The men's Club meeting

Tuesday, March 16 -

7:30 p.m. Bible study @ 402 Badiac Rd

Wednesday, March 17 - Catechism Group 1 – 10 am – 11am

6:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Thursday, March 18 –

7:30pm – 8:30pm Basic Class in Orthodoxy

Friday, March 19

6:30 p.m. The Little Compline and Akathist Hymn
@ the Church Sanctuary

Saturday, March 20 -

Catechism Group 2 4pm – 5pm

5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, March 21 -

9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
-Church School immediately following Eucharist

Tuesday, March 23 -

7:30 p.m. Bible study @ 402 Badiac Rd

Wednesday, March 24 - Catechism Group 1 – 10 am – 11am

6:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Thursday, March 25 –

6:30pm – Vesperal Divine Liturgy
(Annunciation of the Theotokos)

Friday, March 26

6:30 p.m. The Little Compline and Akathist Hymn
@ the Church Sanctuary

Saturday, March 27 - Lazarus Saturday

Catechism Group 2 4pm – 5pm

5:00 pm Great Vesper

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Matins 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
-Church School immediately following Eucharist

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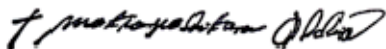
Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.” (Acts 2:44-45)

Once again we are confronted with the images of destruction, death and human tragedy in the wake of the severe earthquake that struck Chile on Saturday, February 27th, 2010. More than 700 are confirmed to have died, with the toll expected to be higher. More than 1.5 million people are homeless or without shelter. I have been in touch with my brother, Metropolitan SERGIOS (Abd), the Primate of the Antiochian Archdiocese of Chile. His Eminence is personally safe and sound, but several of his churches have suffered damage from the earthquake, and the status of some of the faithful is still to be determined. As the quote above from the Book of Acts reminds us, it has always been the tradition of the Church to help any brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need. As such, we are asking all of our parishes and missions to appeal for prayers and donations in order to assist those who are in need in Chile.

We do understand that this appeal is coming very shortly after the appeal for Haitian relief, and we recognize that these appeals draw on financial resources which are already strained by the poor economy. However, the humanitarian need is great, and our people have never hesitated to give generously when people are in need.

May our Lord bless the remainder of your Lenten journey.

Your father in Christ,



Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate

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Note: Please forward your community's contribution to the Archdiocese office as soon as possible and earmark the donation to "Chilean Relief".

“..the disciples were first called Christians to Antioch” ACTS 11:26