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 Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



January 11, 2015

The Sunday after, and the Leave-taking of, the Theophany of our Lord
Commemoration of St. Theodosios the Great, the head of monasteries in Palestine
Plagal Tone 2 ~ Eothion 9 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

To Our Guests:

Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Saints du Jour (January 11)

Theodosios the Great, the head of monasteries in Palestine; Venerable Theodosios of Philotheou monastery on Athos; Venerable Agapios of Apamea in Syria; Venerable Michael of Klops, fool-for-Christ.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 2: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred Body angelic pow'rs shown 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 Theophany – Tone 1: By Thy baptism, O Lord, in the River Jordan, worship to the Trinity hath made its appearance; for the voice of the Lord did come forth to Thee with the testimony, naming Thee beloved Son, and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove, confirming the truth of the word. Wherefore, O Thou, Who didst appear and lighted the world, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Theodosius the Cenobiarch – Plagal Tone 4: 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 hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Theodosius, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the

conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of Theophany – Tone 4: Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord; and Thy light hath been signed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying: Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.
 (Chapter 13:7-16)

BRETHREN, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His Own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him, then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
 (Chapter 4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet, Isaiah, might be fulfilled, "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 17th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (St. Anthony the Great)

Saturday, Jan. 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Jan. 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Feb. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church calendars, the end-of-year mailing, and boxed offering envelopes for each person/family are available in the Church Hall. Please remember to get yours today!

The **altar candle** is sponsored today by **Naheel Rafeedie** in memory of **Basem** and for the health of **Nadeem, Victor, Michael, Steven, Abby, Michael Jr., Matthew, Helen, Martha** and **Manal** (many years), and for the repose of **Basem, Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zahiya, Essa, Richard** and **Ellen** (memory eternal).

The **Ladies Guild** meeting is postponed until February.

The **Parish Council** shall hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, Jan. 18, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Coffee hour is provided today by **Sevin** and **Tania Russell**. Thank you.

On Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, we shall, God willing, conclude the Divine Liturgy, cancel coffee hour and join the faithful of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral for the Outdoor Blessing of Water scheduled for 11:30 A.M. After the service, everyone is invited to stay for a meal. The cost is \$10/adult and \$6/child.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for January 25, 2015, after Divine Liturgy and shall convene in the Church Hall. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Only those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish may vote.

Our annual **Superbowl Party** and **Chili Cook-off** is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 1st. Festivities, God willing, shall begin 30 minutes before kick-off. Party animals, and purveyors and taste-testers of fine chili and other tasty foods, are welcome and encouraged to join us!

52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Boston, MA – Sunday, July 19, 2015-Sunday, July 26, 2015 – Hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. Go to www.acboston2015.com to register for hotel rooms, events and Boston excursions and to obtain Souvenir Journal information and information about family activities and events. Rooms are booking quickly for this historic convention. Please call the church at (617) 547-1234 with any questions.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell Fr. Peter if you would like to receive it.

The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collection for the week ending Jan. 4, 2015, totaled \$1,590.75 for a year-to-date total of \$1,590.75 (\$1,590.75/week).

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2

Our Holy Father Theodosius the Great

The first founder and organiser of cenobitic monasticism, he was born of devout parents in Cappadocia, in the village of Mogarisses. As a young man, he visited Simeon Stylites, who blessed him and predicted for him great spiritual glory. Theodosius set out in search of a place in which to found a monastery. He took with him a censer containing cold charcoal and incense. At the place where the charcoal suddenly ignited of itself, he stopped, settled down and began to lead a life of asceticism. There very quickly gathered round him many monks of different nationalities and with different languages. He therefore built a church for each language - group, so that services were conducted and God praised at the same moment in Greek, Armenian, Georgian and so forth. But on a day when they were to receive Communion, all the brethren gathered in the great church, where the service was conducted in Greek. The refectory was common to all; they held all possessions in common, laboured in common, endured in common and often hungered in common. Theodosius was a sublime example to all the monks; an example in work, in prayer, in fasting, in vigils and in all the Christian virtues. And God endowed him with the gifts of wonder-working, to heal the sick, to be present and help from a distance, to tame wild beasts, to predict the future and to increase bread and wheat. Prayer was on his lips day and night. He entered peacefully into rest in the Lord in the year 529, at the age of 105.

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