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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

* AMBO: Articles for
publication should be
submitted to:
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by Wednesday of each week
before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates
must be submitted by the
15th of each month.

JANUARY 27, 2019
TRANSLATION OF THE
RELICS OF ST.
JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

UNMERCENARY SAINTS CYRUS & JOHN



JANUARY 31

Saint John, a pious Christian soldier, lived in Edessa during the persecution by Diocletian (284-305). When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and there he heard about Saint Cyrus. He began to search for him, going first to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When Saint John finally found Saint Cyrus, he remained with him and became his faithful follower.

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Saints Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Saints Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness their torture. The tyrant did not refrain from any form of torture against the holy martyrs. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of Saints Cyrus and John, but courageously continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and then beheaded, receiving their crowns of martyrdom.

At the same place they executed the Holy Unmercenarys Cyrus and John. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. In the fifth century the relics of Saints Cyrus and John were transferred from Canopis to Manuphin. Later on their relics were transferred to Rome, and from there to Munchen (Munich) (another account is located under June 28).

Saint Cyrus was a noted physician in the city of Alexandria, where he had been born and raised. He was a Christian and he treated the sick without charge, not only curing their bodily afflictions, but also healing their spiritual infirmities. He would say, "Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness." Preaching the Gospel, the holy physician converted many pagans to Christ. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), Saint Cyrus withdrew into Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, having received from God the gift to heal every sickness.

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Saints Cyrus and John are invoked by those who have difficulty in sleeping.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27

Jan. 27 Col. 3:12-16
Matt. 25:14-30

Jan. 28 Heb. 11:17-23,27-31
Mark 9:42-10:1

Jan. 29 Heb. 12:25-6:13,
22-25
Mark 10:2-12

Jan. 30 James 1:1-18
Mark 10:11-16

Jan. 31 James 1:19-27
Mark 10:17-27

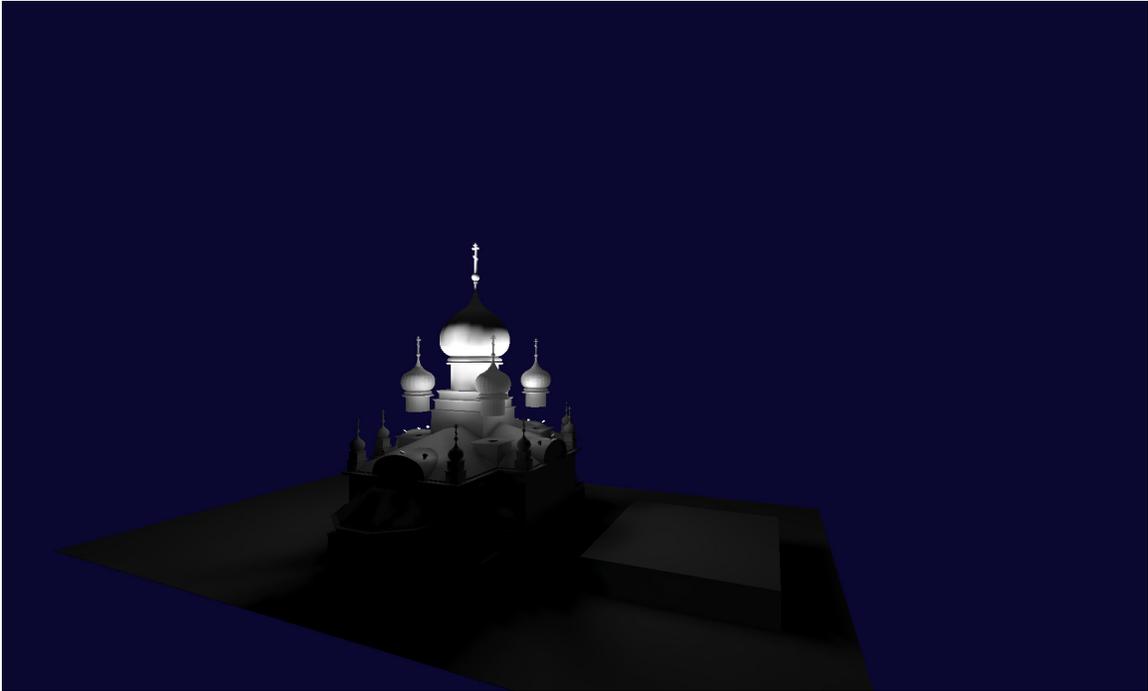
Feb. 1 James 2:1-13
Mark 10:23-32

Feb. 2 Heb. 7:7-17
Luke 2:22-40

As Fr. John had mentioned, we are going try to assemble a small group of volunteers to serve dinner at St. Herman's. We can do as much (prep, cook, serve, clean up) or as little (simply serve) as we would like, and we can do it anywhere from each week to once a quarter. What's important is that we have dedicated folks involved. There are 2 couples who have stepped up the plate, but we can use more help. We would like to be ready to go before Great Lent. We don't need to have a lot of people, we need commitment If you would like to help, please see Dan Morris. Thank you for your consideration.



I wish to thank everyone for their most generous support of St. Vladimir Camp through the purchase of maple syrup. There are a few bottles left. They are available upon request (216-371-1173). Our purpose is to grow the camp in order to enrich the summer options for Orthodox children. - Leon Sheean



We have an update on the status of the proposal to change the existing dome lighting to LED:

We now have pricing for the complete project, including labor and a new time clock, as follows:

PROPOSED PROJECT COST

**A total of 12 fixtures approximately \$1,500/ea. = \$18,000.00
Mounting brackets, a new time clock, labor and 85' lift rental =
\$18,000.00**

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$36,000.00

To-date, we have received donations amounting to \$7,000.00. We continue to seek your support. However, we will not begin the project until we have 75% of the funds in-hand. Therefore, we will be taking donations in the form of pledges.

Michael & Joyce Tabeling and Fr. John are available to answer any questions you may have.

(to clarify: the image above is a computer generated image of the proposed new lighting)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Ill Afflicted &

Special Intentions:

Fr. Basil Stoyka

Matushka Susanne Senyo

Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan

Archpriest Theodore Bobosh

Child Katie Repasky (*friend of Fr. John*)

Child Mary Kate Zweidunger

Melissa (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

Julia

Dan Aleksandrovic

Mollie Aleksandrovic

Christopher Baymiller (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Paula Baymiller (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Debbie Bazelides (*Judy Schwind's cousin*)

Carol Bohurjak

Marie Borland

Sandra Brello

Gregory Cervo

Elsie Conrad

Arlene Czajkowski

Jerry Czajkowski

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)

Debra Ellis

Gregory Galan

Joseph Gammalo

Aleksei Green

Don Hinkle

Janet Hostelley

Matthew Hunly (*Phyllis*

Gindlesperger's brother-in-law)

Joy Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Stephen Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Diane Kearsy (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

Lacey Kihn (*friend of Michael Udell*)

Mara Kilbane (*Melissa McCutcheon's granddaughter*)

John Kovalski (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Kathy Kuzmins

Janet Laganiak (*cousin to Pogorily family*)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Melissa McCutcheon

Michael McCutcheon

Marguerite Mihal (*Paul Mihal's mother*)

Paul Mihal

Natalya Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-niece*)

Andrew Mytrohovich

Bert Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's brother-in-law*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Daniel O'Donnell

Pat O'Donnell

Patricia Owens

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

Tala Pavicic

James Peter Petkac

Anastasia Pogorily

James Marshall Prock

Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Joseph Rusynyk

Julia Sankovic (*Child*)

Andrew Sykaluk

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

Tony Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

Janice Tkacz

Gregory Verbick (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Robert Walsh (*friend of The Felons*)

Colleen Walsh (*friend of the The Felons*)

Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Malcolm Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Theodore Zolikoff (*Nick Zolikoff's father*)

Jeremy (*Nisi Pozderac's son*) **and**

Yvonne Pozderac & Unborn Child

Michael & Sarah Boerio & Unborn Child



Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

1/27/19	Lauren Miklos & Chanda Czaruk
2/3/19	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
2/10/19	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind
2/17/19	Paul & Deborah Finley
2/24/19	Dan & Lavinia Morris
3/3/19	Michael Tabeling & Michael Udell
3/10/19	Mat. Cindy Zdinak & Tammy Ponomarenko

Greeters:

Karen Felon & Michael Tabeling
Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
The Eppel Family
Mat. Jenn Boerio & Paul Pangrace
Linda Smotzer & Michael Tabeling
Igor Gajewsky & Sonia Vorell
Paul Pangrace & Karen Felon



FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2019 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey

Onward, Christian Soldiers

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



Saint Paul writes these words to the Colossians: "Put to death what is earthly in you" (3: 5a). He names the earthly things that must be put to death: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

This verse makes some people uncomfortable because its tone is militant. It urges us to make war on certain parts of ourselves, even actually to kill those parts. How can this talk of "putting to death" relate to Jesus Christ's gentle message of love and mercy?

The 19th-century English hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" creates discomfort for some people in much the same way. They read its words, "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war," as a call to take up arms and go out to kill others on a field of battle.

But the important words in that line are "as to war." The same thought might be expressed by saying "as if to war." It isn't an actual battlefield war that the hymn is describing, but the kind of fight against sin and temptation that Saint Paul describes. In the next verses the hymn assures us that we can overcome Satan if we will faithfully worship God: "Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise...Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail; we have Christ's own promise and that can never fail."

The Service of Baptism is replete with images of soldiering and war, the Christian's war on sin and Satan. As the priest blesses the water for baptism he identifies the crafty enemy: the "evil spirit which instills darkening of intentions and rebelliousness of thought." He prays that the one to be baptized will be protected from the "demon of darkness" that is able to conceal itself in the water.

As he blesses the oil to be used for anointing, he prays that it may be an "armor of righteousness...to the averting of every assault of the devil." Then, during the rites of ablution and tonsuring, he asks God to "maintain the shield of his/her faith unassailed by the enemy." He prays that the baptized person will be "ever a warrior invincible in every attack of those who assail him/her and us, and make us all victors, even unto the end, through Thy crown incorruptible."

In the Orthodox Church we honor a saint who knew the war of the battlefield very well. Saint Titus of the Kiev Caves began his adult life as a soldier, and then sustained a severe injury in war. He left the military to spend the rest of his life as a monastic, repenting for his sins. During his long years in the monastery he came to know the other kind of battle, the fight against sin and the work of repentance, equally well.

Though he didn't live in 19th-century England or in the time of the apostle Paul, Saint Titus thoroughly understood the words of the English hymn, and also Saint Paul's exhortation to "put to death" the evil in us.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2019

Sunday, Jan. 27

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM Panahida for Julia Byndas

Monday, Jan. 28

VEN. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

ST. ISACC THE SYRIAN

7:00 PM Great Lent Class @ Parish
Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 29

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS
OF HIEROMARTYR IGNATIUS,
THE GOD-BEARER

Wednesday, Jan. 30

SYNAXIS OF THE 3 HIERARCHS:
ST. BASIL THE GREAT,
ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN
AND ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

**JANUARY
Special Collection
THE DEANERY**



Thursday, Jan. 31

UNMERCENARY SAINTS
CYRUS AND JOHN

MARTYR ATHANASIA

11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @
Copper Stone

Friday, Feb. 1

MARTYR TRYPHON

VEN. BRIDGET OF IRELAND

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Saturday, Feb. 2

MEETING OF CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Feb. 3

RIGHTEOUS GOD-BEARER SIMON
AND ANNA THE PROPHETESS

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral

733 Starkweather Avenue

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