

Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission

Worshiping at the Chapel of Church of the Resurrection –
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If there is ever an emergency, or illness, please call Fr. Maximus anytime!

Divine Liturgy – Sundays at 1:00 pm
Confession – Before Divine Liturgy, or by appointment

January 3, 2010

Announcements: We welcome all of those who are visiting with us today. Please join us following Divine Liturgy for an afternoon snack, and to get to know one another. If you have any questions at all, please ask Fr. Maximus, or any of the other Church members. We hope – and pray – that you will come back to our humble Church again soon, and that your experience with us was spiritually rewarding. God Bless!

After Divine Liturgy today we will have a Panachida (Memorial) Service for Liam Murray. Liam fought a long and hard 12-year battle against brain cancer; he reposed on January 1, 2010. **May Liam's memory be eternal!**



Don't forget, I will be blessing homes during January. Start thinking about a good afternoon/evening for me to come by and bless your home.

For those of you who have given me the your annual dues for diocese, thank you! For those of you who have not yet done so, please note that I will need to collect this **by January 10th at the latest**. See Father Maximus if you have questions/concerns.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Today's Epistle Reading: *St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8*

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Today's Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:1-8*

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Today's Saints and Feasts: Sunday before Epiphany; Malachi the Prophet; Gordios the Martyr of Caesarea; Forefeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; Righteous Genevieve of Paris; Righteous Peter of Atroas; Righteous Akakios the Wonderworker; Righteous Thomas of Lesbos

Parish Prayer List

For Health and God's Provision:

Metropolitan NICHOLAS

Mr. Michael-Marios

Fr. Dcn. Michael

For the Repose of the Soul:

Fr. Michael Conrad (+23 Sep 09)

Patriarch Pavel of Serbia (+15 Nov 09)

Mr. Liam Murray (+01 Jan 10)

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare by Prayer, Fasting, and Confession. However, non-Orthodox visitors are WELCOME to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service. God Bless!

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7

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