

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

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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!

PLEASE NOTE: As we discussed last week, *we will not have Divine Liturgy on December 27th* because my family and I will be in California.

Also, I will be blessing homes during early January. Start thinking about a good afternoon/evening for me to come by and bless your home – more to follow as we move closer to Theophany.



“You do not want to pray for someone you despise, but that is the very reason to pray — that you do not want to. That is why you should resort to the Doctor, because you are yourself ill with anger and pride, just as the one you are despising. Pray that God might teach you mildness and patience, that He should give you strength to love your enemies, and not just your well-wishers, that well-wishers, He should teach you to pray for your ill wishers as ill-wishers sincerely as for your well well-wishers.” -- *Saint John of Kronstadt*

Thank you Jim and Maxine for bringing last week's dessert for social hour!

Today's Epistle Reading: *St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7*

BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Today's Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:18-27*

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Today's Saints and Feasts: Paramonus, Philumenus, and their 370 Companion Martyrs in Bithynia; Our Righteous Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Thessalonica; Dionysios, Bishop of Corinth; Akakios of Sinai who is mentioned in The Ladder

Parish Prayer List

For Health and God's Provision:

Metropolitan Nicholas
Fr. Dcn. Michael

Michael-Marios

For the Repose of the Soul:

Fr. Michael Conrad (+23 Sep 09)
Patriarch Pavel of Serbia (+15 Nov 09)

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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