

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

30 DECEMBER 2018 ♦ TONE 07 ♦ EOTHINON 10 ♣ SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY / PATRONAL FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

GREAT DOXOLOGY:

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ANTIPHONS:

FIRST:

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SECOND:

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THIRD:

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ENTRANCE HYMN:

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APOLYTIKIA:

Tone 7

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Nativity of Christ

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Saint Joseph

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KONDAKION: Nativity

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TRISAGION:

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PROKIMENON: Psalm 27:9, 1

(Tone 6)

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Stichon: To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

EPISTLE:

2 Timothy 4:5-8

My son Timothy be watchful in all things, bear with tribulation patiently, work as a preacher of the Good News, fulfill your ministry. As for me, I am already being poured out in sacrifice, and the time of my deliverance is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have completed the course, I have kept the faith. For the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the just Judge, will give to me on that day: yet not to me only, but also to those who love his coming.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 66:1

(Tone 4)

May God be merciful to us and bless us.

May he cause his face to shine upon us and have mercy on us.

GOSPEL:

St. Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before you, who shall prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight his paths,'" there came John in the desert, baptizing and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea went out to him, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and all were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "One mightier than I is coming after me, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

HIRMOS: Nativity

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KINONIKON: Nativity

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN: Nativity

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SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL:

It's not too late to **give an end-of-year tax-deductible gift** to thank God for all the blessings you and your family have received in 2018. Today, the annual Bishop's Appeal officially ends in all our parishes. However, gifts to the Bishop's Appeal will continue to be received and credited to our parish until 31 January 2019 for all who make end-of-year donations. Your gift means so much to so many! Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas, thanks you for your generous support and asks God's abundant blessings upon you and all your family as we prepare for the Holy Theophany in this New Year of grace!

Received: \$3496 Goal: \$4000

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Dear Parishioners and Friends

On Christmas Day, I was released from Geisinger CMC after about a 2 week stay. There had been a delay in obtaining a definitive diagnosis because of the weekend and Holydays during which folks do not work, rightfully so.

On Thursday, December 27, I went to my Doctor and he made the diagnosis of Sarcoidosis, which typically attacks the lungs, an auto immune disease (body attacking itself) This disease is treatable, but takes much time to do so, months not weeks.

Bishop Nicholas is well aware of my plight and the plight of St. Joseph Church and has been very understanding and accommodating.

In addition, to Deacon Bob, we are great to the various priests, who have served for us during this festive season. Fr. Patrick Maloney will serve this next month, January, weather permitting.

I am most appreciative for your prayers now and from the beginning. One might think it is easy to pray in the Hospital. It is

EVENTS IN JANUARY

Tuesday, January 1st

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 6th

Divine Liturgy

*Followed by the Blessing
of Theophany waters*

Sundays, January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Divine Liturgy - weather permitting

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

30 December ✠ RIP Paul Coleman
from Mr. & Mrs. Garret van Beek

06 January ✠ RIP Anthony Simon
from Mr. and Mrs. James Kane

not so easy with mental fatigue, distraction, worry. You did what I could not at critical times.

Likewise thank you for your visits at the hospital: the good cheer, the pictures from the children, the beautiful flowers. I like flowers but the best were the pictures of the saints, the Divine Liturgy and the crucifixion. These reminded me to reflect on the heavenly realities and the role of suffering. Is that really suppose to me on the cross?

I appreciate all the things folks did to maintain the running of the Parish when I was away. The obtaining of clergymen, the decoration of the Church for the festday of the Nativity, etc.

Thank you for the 'meal train', that so many have generously responded to. Let us continue to pray for each other. May the Love of God poured into our hearts grow ever strong. My humble prayers be for all of this years 2019, Fr. Christopher +

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

P. H. S.: Rev. Dn. John Karam. Rev. Dn. Joseph Daratony.
Charlotte Abda. Connor Edward Abda. Michael Abda. Marie
Barron. Nikki Boudreaux. George Bales Sr. Lucille Bales. A.J.
Bolus. Jayne Buckley. Chris Carey. John Coury. Maryann
Nappi Donahue. Carol Downer. Sara Gomez. Joseph King.
Niko Mayashairo. Mary McNeilly. Andrew Milewski. Paul-
ine Sherman. Sue Solsman. Kennedy Stevenson. Susan
Vieselmeyer. Dean Yockey. Sherry Yockey. **MEMORY ETER-**
NAL: ✕Rev. Charles Aboody. ✕Rev. Michael Jolly. ✕Marie
Abda. ✕James Abda. ✕Marie Abda. ✕Nancy Abda ✕Nicholas
Cianci. ✕Patricia Cimakosky. ✕Ann Coury. ✕Mary Sue Be-
tress. ✕Margaret Dillenburg ✕Eric Jolly. ✕Blakely Landell. ✕
Frank Milweski. ✕Mary Lou Mooty. ✕Karen Murray. ✕Marie
Patchoski. ✕Victoria Sackal. ✕Anthony Simon. ✕Bill Simon.
✕Ruth Sirgany. ✕Mary Ann Walsh. ✕Genevieve Zaydon

CLERGY:

Rev. Christopher Manuele, Presbyter

DIVINE SERVICES:

Saturday:

Great Vespers: 3:15 P.M.

Sunday:

Orthros: (outside academic year)
..... 9:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday:

Compline: 8:00 P.M.

Holy Days:

Great Vespers: 7:00 P.M. Eve

Divine Liturgy 5:30 P.M. Day

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION:

Before Vespers at 3:00 P.M.; following
any service; or by appointment.

HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Following any service/call the Rectory.

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING:

Call rectory at earliest convenience.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Meetings as scheduled.