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JANUARY 30, 2022

**COMMEMORATION OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL
THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ANCYRA MARTYR
AGATHANGELOS; PAULINOS, BISHOP OF NOLA**

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection, in the Seventh Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Three Hierarchs in the First Tone: Let us all come together and honor with songs of praise those three great stars of the three-sunned Trinity, who illuminated the universe with rays of divine doctrines; those rivers of wisdom flowing with honey, who watered the whole universe with streams of divine knowledge, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and glorious John the golden-tongued; for they shall intercede with the Trinity for our sakes, who love their sayings.

Troparion to St. Mark in the Fourth Tone: From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Priest: **Kontakion of the Presentation in the First Tone:** Thou, O Christ God, who by thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom thou didst love; for thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon in the Eight Tone (Psalm 18.4,1): Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (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 our lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Alleluia Verses in the First Tone (Psalm 88.5,7): The heavens shall declare your wonders, O Lord. God is glorious in the council of the saints.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Coffee Hour today is given by the Coffee Hour Committee

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+ *Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, May Dabbah, Sylvia Saba, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, Fouad and Mary Farraj (kidney transplant), Laura Anter (brain surgery), Tony Rodriguez (shoulder surgery) and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.*

Note: To minimize the spread of the latest COVID variant the wearing of masks is recommended. In addition, a social distancing area has been set aside in the church on the left side (as one faces the altar).

Today

Please make sure to pick up your 2022 calendar from the table by the bookstore.

House Blessings: If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr Michael at frmlaffoon@gmail.com, or in person during coffee hour to make an appointment.

This Week

Tuesday February 1, 5:30 p.m. Orthros and 6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple.

Wednesday February 2, 7:00 p.m. Little Compline

Next week

Wednesday February 9, 7:00 p.m. Little Compline

Friday February 4, 6:30 p.m. An Evening with St. Ignatius. We will begin with Daily Vespers, followed by pot-luck Lenten Dinner and a presentation from the writings of St. Raphael, in Arabic and simultaneously a lesson with the priest for our youth.

Quote from the Saints

"If you see your neighbor sinning, take care not to dwell exclusively on his faults. Try to think of the many good things he has done and

continues to do. Many times when we do this, we come to the conclusion that our neighbor is a far better person than we are."

-- *St. Basil the Great*

Today's Commemoration

St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom (January 30)

This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

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