

A WORD FOR THE DAY

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

St. Paul, Letter to the Colossians (3:12-16)

The present life is an arena: in an arena and in athletic contests the man who expects to be crowned cannot enjoy relaxation. So if anyone wishes to win a crown, let him choose the hard and laborious life, in order that after he has striven a short time here he may enjoy lasting honor hereafter.

How many discouragements come to us every day? How great a soul is needed not to desist through impatience or disgust, but to give thanks, to glorify and Him who permits these trials to assault us? How many unexpected difficulties arise? We must also fight back our evil thoughts and not permit our tongue to utter anything foul, just as the blessed Job, while he suffered a multitude of misfortunes, continued to give thanks to God.

St. John Chrysostom, On Wealth and Poverty, Third Sermon on Lazarus and the Rich Man.

Reason dictates that those who are truly pious and philosophers should honor and love only the truth, declining to follow the opinions of the ancients, if they are worthless. For not only does sound reason dictate that one should not follow those who do or teach unjust things, but the lover of truth should choose, by all means, and even before his own life, even though death should remove him, to speak and do righteous things.

St. Justin Martyr, The First Apology, paragraph 2.

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✝ Orthodox Church In America

Jan. 15, 2017

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5.

Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes (“the Hut-dweller” — 5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251). Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.).



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Divine Services

Wednesday, Jan. 18th.....Daily Vespers.....6:30 pm
(followed by Study Group)
Saturday, Jan. 21stGreat Vespers.....6:00 pm
(followed by Confessions)
Sunday, Jan 22nd.....Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.....10:00 am
(Hours 9:40 a.m.)

Today's Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

For Next Week, Jan 22nd

Hours and Thanksgiving PrayersTanya Bogaevskaya

Epistle:Mat. Mary Gall

Coffee HourBarbara Parhizgar

Memory Eternal: Marjorie Grinko (Dec. 23/40 days on Feb. 1)

For the health and well-being of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Irina, Katia, Dennis, Maria Magdalena, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Galina, Nancy, Maria, Al, Mercy, Michael.

January Birthdays | Anniversaries

Birthdays: Fadia Makdisi (01), Jordan Chamberlain(03), Marina Bobrovsky(06), David Patterson (08), Lucian Radulescu (09), Gabriella Goloman (17), Chloe Chamberlain (24). **Anniversaries:** Emilie and Rick Goydey (04), Barbara and Behzad Parhizgar (20)

Announcements

Daily Vespers and Study Group Resume this week. We are discussing the importance of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) as the center of our lives. Fr. Joseph is also addressing significant questions that arise during study group from our parishioners. One of the topics we will discuss this coming Wednesday is regarding the formation of the New Testament Canon (the books we read that we call the New Testament). Come and join us!

Fadia Makdisi will give the parish an update on the upcoming fundraising banquet she is organizing for the suffering of Syria today at coffee hour.

Upcoming Events

The waters have been blessed! As part of our Holy Orthodox Tradition, we take the newly blessed Holy Water and bless our homes with it. This is a sacred act in the life of the Church. House blessings will begin this week. Please sign up for the best time for you and your family to receive a house blessing. There are "sign-up" sheets in the back of the church for you to indicate when the best time of day is for you.

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting Sunday, January 29th 2016. The new year is approaching fast. Parishioners are reminded now of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Jan. 29th. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Note on Voting Members: As stated in the amended Statutes of the Orthodox Church in America (Section 5. b. ii and iii), to be considered a voting member of the parish, parishioners must receive the **Sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion** at the very least, once per year. Please see Fr. Joseph if you have any questions or concerns.

Banquet for the Christians of Syria February 11th at 6:30pm. Where? St. Joseph's banquet hall, where we had our Anniversary Banquet. Those of us who can help, please see Fadia Makdisi who is coordinating and organizing the event. Also, we will be collecting monies to go towards the rental of the facility and towards plates, forks, napkins, etc. There will be a collections box in the back to place our donations towards this cause.

Last Sunday's Collection\$951
Budget 2017 *(determined at Annual Mtg)*
Progress Towards Budget\$1,622