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I was Hungry

You see, my beloved, there is no excuse for it. They knew what they had to do in this world. But greed and ill-will prevented them, so they laid up for themselves not treasures for the future but the world of the dead. Neither were they condemned because of the active wrong they did, nor did the Lord say to them: depart from me, you wicked, because you committed murder or adultery or theft. But instead: because I was hungry and thirsty in my servants, and you did not minister to me. If those who did no wrong are thus condemned, what must be said of those who do the works of the devil? Will not the prophecy of blessed David come upon them: "The wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous?" Not that they will not rise, but that neither in judgment [nor in] the congregation of the righteous do they deserve to enter. They will stand, however, so that from

punishment they may enter into punishment." And they will go into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Whatever will be is everlasting. Sinners will have everlasting punishment; and the righteous, everlasting life.

St. Epiphanius the Latin

Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Do not ignore Him when He is naked. Do not pay Him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect Him outside where He is cold and ill-clad. He who said: "This is my body" is the same who said: "You saw me hungry and you gave me no food" and, "Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me." ... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices when your brother is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying his hunger and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well.

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MEATFARE SUNDAY



Icon of the Last Judgment

Bulletin for February 1st & 8th 2026

Sunday, February 1 st Sunday of the Prodigal Son	1 Cor 6:12-20; Lk 15:11-32; Tone 1	Divine Liturgy (S, H) 10 AM +Delfino Lopez by Aly Domingues
Monday , February 2 nd Encounter of the Lord with Simeon	Heb 7:7-17; Lk 2:22- 40; Tone 1	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 6 PM
Saturday , February 7 th <i>1st All Souls Saturday</i>	1 Cor 10:23-28; Lk 21:8-9.25-27.33-36; Tone 1	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM followed by a Panachida (memorial service)
Sunday, February 8 th Sunday of Meatfare	1 Cor 8:8-9:2; Mt 25:31-46; Tone 2	Divine Liturgy (S, H) 10 AM Mikhael & Alana Naddaf by Fr. Tom and Pani Mary
Sunday, February 15 th Sunday of Cheesefare	Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21; Tone 3	Divine Liturgy (S, H) 10 AM +Francie Baxter by Fr. Tom & Pani Mary
Wednesday , February 18 th Simple Fast	Gen 1:24-2:3; Prov 2:1-21	Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, 6:00 PM
Friday , February 20 th Simple Fast	Gen 2:20-3:20; Prov 3:19-34	Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, 6:00 PM Fasting Meal in Social Hall
Sunday, February 22 nd First Sunday of Great Fast	Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51; Tone 4	Divine Liturgy (S, H) 10 AM

(S) Streamed (O) Obligation (H) Third Hour at 9:30 AM (M) Matins 9:00 AM (V) Vespers

Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Barbara Veres, Bill Torma, Leslie Bohannon, Kathryn Kowalik,
Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Sr. Sandy Atha, Ted & Pat Bojczuk,
Margaret Hays, Michael & Brenda Rosko

New to St. John?

Please go to www.stjohnchrysostom.com & click Register.
We will keep you informed of events in the life of the parish.

Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

A warm welcome to our guests and visitors. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall after Divine Liturgy today



A Feast Day RECIPE from ByziMom.com for February 6

St. Dorothy's Apple Roses

St. Dorothy was sentenced to her martyrdom in the dead of winter. A young man from the crowd named Theophilus scoffed at her, asking her to prove the existence of her God to him by sending roses or apples to him from the beyond after her death. To his great surprise, just after her departure for heaven, she did send an angel in the form of a little child to hand three ripe apples and three fresh roses to him, and on the spot, he was converted.

On All Saints Days (both western in October, and eastern in June!) we go bobbing for St. Dorothy's Apples: When you fill the tub with water and apples, drop in a few roses to remember the saint.

Ingredients

- 3 apples, washed, sliced in half, then cored by scooping out the center with a spoon or melon baller.
- 1 package of puff pastry; or 1 recipe of your favorite prepared bread dough
- ¼ cup (½ stick) of softened butter, (optional; you can omit if it's a fast day)
- ½ cup of brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon

Preparation

1. Take the apple halves and, leaving the peel in place, slice them thin either by hand or using a mandolin slicer. Place the thin slices onto a plate and microwave them for 30 seconds, just to soften them a bit.
2. On a clean work surface dusted with flour, roll out your bread or pastry dough into a rectangle of about 12 inches X 16 inches.
3. Spread the softened butter, (if using) then sprinkle the entire surface of the dough with cinnamon and sugar.
4. Using a pizza cutter, cut the square of dough in half, then cut across both halves to make six 2 inch strips, each 8 inches long.
5. Take one strip of dough and arrange a row of apple slices along one of the long (top) edges, overlapping slightly and with the peel on top to look like rose petals. Fold the bottom of the strip up to meet the top edge, catching the row of apple slices in between, then roll the entire strip from left to right to form a rosette.
6. Repeat with each remaining strip of dough, placing each completed rosette into a paper cupcake liner and then into a muffin tin or onto a baking tray. Makes 12.
7. When all roses have been made, preheat your oven to 350 degrees while the roses sit in a warm place to rise a bit. When the oven has come up to temperature, bake for 30 minutes and cool completely before dusting lightly with powdered sugar (to look like the snow)!

The Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon

The feast of the **Meeting of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ**, which commemorates the presentation of our Lord by his parents in the Temple in Jerusalem on the fortieth day from His birth, concludes the cycle of winter feasts that are sometimes called the "Feasts of Light". These feasts -- the Nativity, Theophany, and Meeting - have a common focus: the coming of the Messiah into the world, and the beginning of His work of redemption.

This feast is celebrated on February 2 — forty days after the feast of the Nativity (December 25) — and is counted one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the church. In the Byzantine Catholic Church, it is a solemn feast-day. It is known as **Hypopante** in Greek, and **Sritenije** in Slavonic; both words mean "meeting". It is sometimes called the **Presentation of the Lord**, or (among Latin-Rite Catholics) the **Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, or **Candlemas**.

Meaning of the Feast

Forty days after His birth, the child Jesus was taken by his parents to the Temple in the holy city of Jerusalem, as described in the Gospel according to Saint Luke:

When the day came to purify the child and mother according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." They came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accord with the dictate in the Law of the Lord.

According to the Mosaic Law, a woman who gave birth to a son could not enter the temple for forty days, at which time a sacrifice made at the hands of a priest would return her to her place in the assembly; and every first-born male belonged especially to the Lord: male animals to be offered in sacrifice, and first-born male children to be redeemed by an offering to the Lord. This is why the Holy Family went up to Jerusalem.

Thus, the feast of the Meeting emphasizes the obedience of Mary and of Jesus to the law, and the fact that Jesus was truly a man-child born of a woman. In a broader sense, the offering of the child Jesus in the Temple anticipates the sacrifice He was to make on the Cross. His destiny centers on the city of Jerusalem ... In this feast, Simeon and Anna are representatives of the people of the Old Testament who looked forward eagerly to the coming of the Messiah. Recognizing Him, they praise God. The words of the elder Simeon have become a fixed part of the service of Vespers in the Byzantine (and Compline in the Latin Rite), hailing the coming of the Lord as a light in darkness. This light is the seen as the light of spiritual illumination, and revelation - particularly the revelation of God's saving plan to both the people of Israel, and the people of "the nations" outside Israel."

The above is a quote taken from the Metropolitan Cantor Institute Website:
<https://mci.archpitt.org/liturgy/Meeting.html>

Events Calendar

Feb 1	Sunday School Immediately after the 10 AM Liturgy
Feb 2	Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon – Divine Liturgy Monday 6 PM
Feb 7	1st All-Souls Saturday – Divine Liturgy 10 AM, followed by Panachida.
Feb 8	Sunday School Immediately after the 10 AM Liturgy
Feb 15	Sunday School Immediately after the 10 AM Liturgy
Feb 16	Great Fast Begins (Day of Strict Fast) See Great Fast & Holy Week Schedule for Details
Feb 21	Moleben of Repentance: Byzantine Catholic Penance Service with Individual Holy Mystery of Confession. 10:30 AM until confessions end, followed by Fasting Meal and Fellowship.
Feb 22	Sunday School Immediately after the 10 AM Liturgy

First All-Souls Saturday

Saturday, February 7th is the first All-Souls Saturday. Divine Liturgy is at 10:00 am, followed by a Panachida (memorial service). If you are at all able to attend, please come to the *All-Souls Saturdays* to pray for your deceased loved ones.

The parish maintains a diptych of the names of those for whom we pray. If you have *new names* to add, please email them to pastor@stjohnchrysostom.com this week. Once a name is added, it remains there for all future *All-Souls Saturdays*. There is no need to resend names each time.

Called By Name Vocations Program

This is the last chance to mail your *Called by Name* recommendations to the Office of Vocations. You may use the nomination form in the *Called by Name* brochure in the narthex or go to <https://byzantinecatholicvocation.com/> and click on "Called By Name" in the upper righthand corner.

Sunday Collection

January 18th \$2,693; January 25th: \$1,247

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A Moment with the Catechism – The Holy Mysteries

The Mystery of Holy Anointing (cont.)

465 The Mystery of Holy Anointing, received at the time of suffering and illness, is celebrated in order to strengthen our faith in Christ’s victory over sin and death. In Holy Anointing, God grants the grace to renew a person’s inner wholeness—their healing and further spiritual growth. The apostle Paul teaches that “all things work together for good for those who love God” (Rom 8:28). Therefore, our suffering and illness can have great spiritual value: “I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church” (Col 1:24).

466 The Mystery of Holy Anointing is performed collegially, by the prayer of the whole Church, for the healing of soul and body. Its purpose is to strengthen trust in God and bestow forgiveness of sins as well as physical recovery. This is why the Mystery is administered to the sick and not only to the dying. By the power of the grace of the Mystery of Holy Anointing, the sick person becomes capable of seeing their illness in the light of Divine Providence and receives the strength to bear their illness and overcome it. By changing his or her attitude toward the illness, the afflicted person joins their own suffering to the salvific sufferings of Christ.

Prayers and Devotions

The Canticle of Simeon

Now dismiss Thy servant, O Lord,
in peace, according to Thy word:
For mine own eyes hath seen
Thy salvation, which Thou hast
prepared in the sight of all the
peoples, a light to reveal Thee to the
nations and the glory of Thy people
Israel.



Evangelization Corner

Evangelization /i-văn'jə-līz- ā'shən"/:
The proclamation of Christ and his
Gospel (Greek: *evangelion*) by word
and the testimony of life, in fulfillment
of Christ’s command.

*“Live so as
not to fear death”*

St. Rose of Viterbo

Quote of the Week – *St. Monica’s Canticle*

“Many a mother, who is anxious for her son’s bodily welfare, neglects his soul. So, did NOT the Saint [Monica] – her son might be accomplished, eloquent, able and distinguished – all this was nothing to her, while he was dead in God’s sight, while he was the slave of sin, while he was the prey of heresy. She desired his true life. She wearied heaven with prayer and wore out herself, with praying – she did not at once prevail. He left his home, he was carried forward by his four bearers – ignorance, pride, appetite and ambition – he was carried out into a foreign land, he crossed over from Africa to Italy.

She followed him, she followed the corpse, the chief, the only mourner- she went where he went, from city to city. It was nothing to her to leave her dear home and her native soil, she had no country below; her sole rest, her sole repose, her *Nunc dimittis*, was his new birth. So while she still walked forth in her deep anguish and isolation and her silent prayer, she was at length rewarded by the long-coveted miracle. Grace melted the proud heart and purified the corrupt breast of Augustine and restored and comforted his mother!”

**-Sermon 1: *Intellect, the Instrument of Religious Training*
by St. John Henry Newman**

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