

The Weekly Messenger – January 30, 2022
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Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

Upcoming Events:

Sun Jan 30th Festal Sunday Liturgy for the Feast of the Great Hierarchs and Ecumenical Teachers: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom @ 10:00 am.

Wednesday, Feb 2nd Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

Feb 6th Sunday of Zacchaeus

Monday, Feb. 7th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

Feb 13th Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee

Coffee Hour

Jan 30th Parish Council

Feb 6th, 13th, 20th OPEN DATES

Feb 27th Teri Douris in memory of George

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour in 2022, please visit [SponsorCoffeeHour](#)
Or sign up on the sheet in the side vestibule. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon the 882,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, Bessie Satir (1 yr.), Pandora Bendo (4 yrs.), Katherine Halkedis (4 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Commemorations for the Living: Health care workers, first responders, those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, Archbishop Anastasios, Dorothy Tomassini, Betty Subashi, Virginia Daka, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Face Masks: We are still encouraging those who attend the Divine Liturgy in person to wear a facemask. Although we all got tired from the Covid and all the regulations that accompany it, being one body of Christ is responsible for caring for each other, especially for those who are most vulnerable amongst us. We pray the pandemic will be behind us soon.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Giorgi, the members of our Parish Council, and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

Monthly Giving for January: 8- or 16-ounce water bottles

Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom:

During the eleventh century, disputes raged in Constantinople about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. Some preferred Saint Basil (January 1), others honored Saint Gregory the Theologian (January 25), while a third group exalted Saint John Chrysostom (November 13).

Dissension among Christians increased. Some called themselves Basilians, others referred to themselves as Gregorians, and others as Johnites.

By the will of God, the three hierarchs appeared to Saint John the Bishop of Euchaita (June 14) in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God. “There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another.”

They ordered that the disputes should stop, and that their common commemoration should be celebrated on a single day. Bishop John chose **January 30** for their joint Feast, thus ending the controversy and restoring peace.

Meeting of our Lord in the Temple: Forty days after Christ was born, He was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time as well His mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the second of February, the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the Meeting (or Presentation or Reception) of the Lord.

The meeting of Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna (Lk 2.22–36) is the main event of the feast of Christ’s presentation in the Temple. It was “revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ” (Lk 2.26) and, inspired by the same Spirit, he came to the Temple where he met the new-born Messiah, took Him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Orthodox Vespers service:

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel (Lk 2.29–32).

We are still experiencing problems with the U.S. Mail: If you mailed a check via the U.S. mail to the church in the past few months, please check your bank statement to determine if the check cleared. If you sent a donation and the check has not been cashed, please email info@stjohnspila.org or call 215-563-0979 to let us know.

