

Commemorations and Readings for the Week January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
15th Sunday of Luke » John 21:14-25 » I Timothy 4:9-15 » Luke 19:1-10 »	Timothy the Apostle of the 70 » II Timothy 1:3-8 » Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38, 19:27-30 »	The Holy Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra » Philippians 3:20-21, 4:1-3 » Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-5 »	Wednesday of the 16th Week » Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2 » Mark 12:28-37 »	Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople » Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2 » John 10:9-16 »	Friday of the 16th Week » II Peter 1:1-10 » Mark 13:1-8 »	Removal of the Relics of John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople » John 10:1-9 » Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2 » John 10:9-16 »
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Wine / Oil Al- </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Fish Allowed </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Strict Fast </div> </div>						

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

- Helen Schulz, for healing from illness.
- For Barbara Bryant, for healing from illness.
- Gabriella Kuzmiak, for healing from illness.
- For the soul of Gheorghe Grecu. may his memory be eternal

Save the Dates!

January

- 1/21 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930
- 1/28 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930

February

- 2/4 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930
Memorial service for Gheorghe Grecu, father of Doina Grecu
- 2/11 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930
- 2/18 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930
Forgiveness Vespers after Divine Liturgy
- 2/19 Lent Begins
- 2/23 Akathist 6:30 p
- 2/25 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details



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Services Schedule:

Divine Liturgy 10 AM on Sundays

9th hour Prayers 9:30 AM

Church School 9:30 AM



Bulletin for Sunday, January 21, 2018

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on High did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.

Apolytikion for Maximus the Confessor in the Plagal Fourth Mode

The guide of Orthodox beliefs, and sacred teacher of true religion and of dignity, the luminary of the world, the God-inspired adornment of the episcopate, O Maximos the wise, through your instructions you have illumined all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Gospel Reading

15th Sunday of Luke

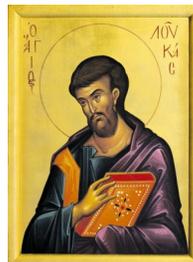
The Reading is from Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief 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."

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

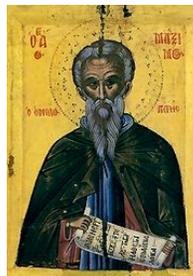


Martyrs Neophytos, Agnes, Patroclus, Maximus the Greek and Eugene of Trebizond



15th Sunday of Luke

Maximus the Confessor



The divine Maximus, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East (See also August 13).

Neophytos the Martyr of Nicaea



The Martyr Neophytos, who was from Nicaea in Bithynia, was the son of pious parents, Theodore and Florence. Led by grace from his childhood, he took up his dwelling in a cave upon Mount Olympus at the age of nine and lived there in asceticism and prayer. At the age of fifteen, during the reign of Diocletian about the year 290, he presented himself to the local Governor named Decius. Roused to fury by his unexpected boldness, Decius had him scourged, then laid out on a bed of fire. When he had been preserved by grace through these torments, he gave him up to wild beasts. But since the Saint remained unharmed, a certain pagan fell on him with a sword and slew him.