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CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: **Metropolitan Constantine**, Patriarch Pavle, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Peter Natishan, Father Gerald Olszewski, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Elias Katras, Father Stevo Rocknage, **Father Paul Stoll**, Father Deacon Joseph Bulkanowa, Frank & Ollie Pendylshok, Walt & Evelyn Burlack, Joshua Agosto and his family, Harley Katarina Rahuba, Joe Karas, Mike and Hilda Holupka, Eva Malesnick, Helen Likar, Angela Wesolosky, Stella Peanoske, Joe Nezolyk, Nick Behun, Terry Reinhart, Bernie O'Masta, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Maria Balo, Linda Mechtly, Mary Mochnick, Mary Pekich, Mildred Manolovich, Evelyn Misko, Amy, Nigel Daniel, & Daniel Pocura, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Sandy Gamble, Glen Lucas Burlack, Bernie Vangrin, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Stella Cherepko, Sam Wadrose, Khoruia Joanne Abdalah, Cameron [a boy in Matt's class], Faith—a 3-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 10-month old with a brain tumor, Dillon, Cindy Rita, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Jeff, Nick Malec [Maxine's brother], Bill, Sophia Grace, Erin, Jimmy Fennel [6th Grader], Jim Markovich, Jeff Walewski [thyroid cancer], Carol [Lotinski] Rose, Michael Miller, Dave May, Peter Paul & Louise May Sprock, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Claudia [Horvath] Gradicheck, Alberta, Margaret Mueller, Gary Zurasky, Michael Horvath, Tony Notaro, John Holupka, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, and Daria Masur. **ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Kay Tomson, Ann Ostaffy, Steve Sakal, Elisabeth Arasin, Homer Paul Kline, and Harry Ostaffy.** We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

There is a new COFFEE HOUR sign-up sheet downstairs. Please pick a Sunday or two to bring in treats to share! Remember, NO SERVICE HERE on SUNDAY, JANUARY 21!

REMINDER: NO KNEELING FROM NATIVITY [JANUARY 7] TO THEOPHANY/EPIPHANY [JANUARY 19]!!!

Please remember ALL American servicemen and women in the Middle East in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American servicemen and women—and bring them all home safely!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR "BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION" AND CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS TO CHURCH. There is a shoebox in the basement for Alex's Fourth Grade and Matt's Second Grade collections. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP! *Alex and Matt*

REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please call Father Bob.

AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, January 14 **Divine Liturgy—SAINT BASIL THE GREAT--10:30 AM**
31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY, SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY, THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, SAINT BASIL THE GREAT-ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPODOCIA

II Timothy 4:5-8, Hebrews 7:26-8:2
Mark 1:1-8, Luke 6:17-23

Litany in Blessed Memory of Nicholas Vitosky—Fr. Bob
Parastas in Blessed Memory of Stephen Kuzman—Debbie & John Paouncic

Thursday, January 18 **GRAND COMPLINE FOR THEOPHANY 6:30 PM**
STRICT FAST DAY—GREAT BLESSING OF WATERS

Friday, January 19 **Obednitsa for Theophany 10:30 AM**
FOLLOWED BY HOUSE BLESSINGS

Sunday, January 21 **Divine Liturgy—ARNOLD 10:00 AM**
32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY, SAINT GEORGE THE CHOZEBITE, SAINT EMILIAN THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP OF CYZICUS, SAINT DOMINICA OF CONSTANTINOPLE, HIEROMARTYR CARTERIUS, MARTYRS THEOPHILUS & HELLADIUS, SAINT ELIAS THE HERMIT OF EGYPT, SAINT GREGORY-WONDERWORKER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA, SAINT PAISIUS OF UGLICH

Tone 7
Ephesians 4:7-13
Matthew 4:12-17

Sunday, January 28 **Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM**
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE, SAINT PAUL OF THEBES, SAINT JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER, MONK-MARTYR PANSOPHIUS OF ALEXANDRIA, SAINTS PROCHORUS & GABRIEL-FOUNDERS OF LESNOV MONASTERY—BULGARIA

Tone 8
II Timothy 3:10-15
Luke 18:2-8

Litany in Blessed Memory of Rudy Obradovich—Helen Pytlak

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 14 JANUARY 2007
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Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

Thou Who art by nature God, didst without change take human form,
O most compassionate Lord,
And in fulfilling the Law of Thine own will didst receive circumcision in the
flesh,
To banish hades and roll away the veil of our passions.
Glory to Thy goodness; glory to Thy compassion;
Glory to Thy condescension, O Word.

Troparion of St Basil the Great Tone 1

Thy fame has gone forth into all the earth,
Which has received thy word.
Thereby thou hast taught the Faith; thou hast revealed the nature of created
things;
Thou hast made a royal priesthood of the ordered life of men.
Righteous Father Basil, intercede with Christ our God
That our souls may be saved.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and
unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of St Basil the Great Tone 4

Thou wast an unshaken foundation of the Church
And didst give to all mortals an inviolate lordship
Which thou didst seal with thy doctrine,
O righteous Basil,
Revealer of the mysteries of heaven.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 3

In undergoing circumcision
The Lord of all has circumcised the sins of mortal men.
On this day He gives salvation to the world.
And the Hierarch Basil, the Creator's light bearer
And Christ's mystic, rejoices in the highest.

PROKEIMENON—TONE 6

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: O Lord, save Thy people.

PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

F A M I L Y

I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
"Oh excuse me please" was my reply.
He said, "Please excuse me too;
I wasn't watching for you."
We were very polite, this stranger and I.
We went on our way and we said goodbye.
But at home a different story is told,
How we treat our loved ones, young and old.
Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
My son stood beside me very still.
When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.
"Move out of the way," I said with a frown.
He walked away, his little heart broken.
I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.
While I lay awake in bed,
God's still small voice came to me and said,
"While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use,
but the family you love, you seem to abuse.
Go and look on the kitchen floor,
You'll find some flowers there by the door.
Those are the flowers he brought for you.
He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue.
He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise,
you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes."
By this time, I felt very small,
And now my tears began to fall.
I quietly went and knelt by his bed;
"Wake up, little one, wake up," I said.
"Are these the flowers you picked for me?"
He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree.
I picked 'em because they're pretty like you."

I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue."
I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;
I shouldn't have yelled at you that way."
He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay.
I love you anyway."
I said, "Son, I love you too,
and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."

FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think? So what is behind the story?

Do you know what the word FAMILY means?
FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU!!!
via e-mail from Amy Popichak

This John (Chrysostom) was – yes, he has fallen asleep – by birth a man of Antioch, the son of honorable parents, his father holding the office of military commander in Syria; an elder sister was the only other child. He was gifted with unusual ability, and was carefully trained in letters, for the ministry of the oracles of God. At the age of eighteen, a boy in years, he revolted against the professors of verbiages; and a man in intellect, he delighted in divine learning. At that time the blessed Meletius the Confessor, an Armenian by race, was ruling the Church of Antioch; he noticed the bright lad, and was so much attracted by the beauty of his character, that he allowed him to be continually in his company. His prophetic eye foresaw the boy's future. He was admitted to the mystery of the washing of regeneration, and after three years of attendance on the bishop, advanced to be reader.

But as his conscience would not allow him to be satisfied with work in the city, for youth was hot within him, though his mind was sound, he turned to the neighboring mountains; here he fell in with an old man named Syrus, living in self-discipline, whose hard life he resolved to share. With him he spent four years, battling with the rocks of pleasure. When he found it more easy to master these, not so much by toil as by reason, he retired to a cave by himself, in his eagerness to hide himself from the world, and there spent twenty-four months, for the greater part of which he denied himself sleep, while he studied the covenants of Christ, the better to dispel ignorance. Two years spent without lying down by night or day deadened his gastric organs, and the functions of the

kidneys were impaired by the cold. As he could not doctor himself, he returned to the haven of the Church. And here we see the providence of the Saviour, in withdrawing him by his infirmity, for the good of the Church, from ascetic toils, and compelling him by this obstacle of ill-health to leave the caves.

Next, after serving the altar for five years, he was ordained deacon by Meletius. By this time his brilliant abilities as a teacher were famous, and the people found in intercourse with him sweet refreshment from the bitterness of life; Bishop Flavianus therefore ordained him presbyter. For twelve years he was a shining light in the Church of Antioch, lending dignity to the priesthood there by the strictness of his life; some he salted with sobriety, some he illuminated by his teaching, some he refreshed with draughts of the spirit. Thus all was fair sailing under the steersmanship of Christ, when the blessed Nectarios, bishop of the Church of Constantinople, fell asleep. Immediately a crowd of people who were not called for rushed forward to secure the supreme position----men who were not men, presbyters by office, yet unworthy of the priesthood; some battering at the doors of officials, others offering bribes, others again going on their knees to the populace. The orthodox laity were much disturbed by all this, and importuned the king with petitions for an experienced priest.

The most influential man of affairs was Eutropius the eunuch, chief of the royal chamberlains. It was his wish to have John in charge of the city, as he had gained some experience of his high character when some business of the king took him to the further East; so he advised the king to send instructions to the governor of Antioch, to send John quietly out of the city, without disturbing the Church. The governor, immediately on receipt of the letter, summoned him to present himself at the shrines of the martyrs, outside the city, near the gate known as Romanesia; where he put him in a public conveyance, and entrusted him to the care of the eunuch sent by Eutropius, and the magistrate's guard. Thus he reached Constantinople, and was ordained bishop of the Church of that city.

Palladius, Dialogue on the Life of St. John Chrysostom 5
St. John Chrysostom, commemorated 13/26 November

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