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St. John Chrysostom the Archbishop of Constantinople



Troparion — Tone 8 Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty; it has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Kontakion — Tone 6 Having received divine grace from heaven, with your mouth you teach all men to worship one God in Trinity. All-blest and venerable John Chrysostom, we worthily praise you, for you are our teacher, revealing things divine!

Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, one of the Three Hierarchs, was born at Antioch in about the year 347 into the family of a military commander. His father, Secundus, died soon after the birth of his son. His mother, Anthusa, widowed at twenty years of age, did not seek to remarry but rather devoted all her efforts to the raising of her son in Christian piety. Saint Meletius, Bishop of Antioch loved John like a son, guided him in the Faith, and in the year 367 baptized him. After three years John was tonsured as a Reader. The highly refined Diodorus had particular influence upon the youth. When John’s mother died, he embraced monasticism, which he called the “true philosophy

For two years, the saint lived in a cave in complete silence, but was obliged to return to Antioch to recover his health. Saint Meletius, the Bishop of Antioch, ordained him deacon in the year 381. The following years were devoted to work on new theological writings: “Concerning Providence” (“To the Ascetic Stagirios”), “Book Concerning Virginity,” “To a Young Widow” (2 discourses), and the “Book of Saint Babylos, and Against Julian and the Pagans.” In the year 386 Saint John was ordained presbyter by Bishop Flavian of Antioch. Saint John was a splendid preacher, and his inspired words earned him the name “Golden-Mouthed” (“Chrysostom”).

Although he died on September 14, Saint John’s celebration was transferred to this day because of the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. Saint John Chrysostom is also celebrated on January 27 and January 30.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1st Epistle- Ephesians 2:1-6 2nd Epistle Hebrews 7:26-8:2 St. John Gospel- Luke 10:25-37 and St. John 10:9-16

VISITS: Medical Center: Eli Rebich

BAPTISM: Welcome through the Holy Sacraments of Crismation and Baptism **ISABELLA MUHA** daughter of Andy and Chenelle of Pittsburgh Pa. May God Bless her; and we **welcome** her to our church family.

PARASTOS: Following Divine Liturgy today the St. Elijah Cornerstone Men’s Club will have a Parastos for all of their deceased members. VJECNAJA PAMJAT to all of them!

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY LAST SUNDAY FOR THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!

REMINDER KCC Annual Bake Sale, order forms are located next to the bulletin. **NOVEMBER 30TH** is the last day to place your orders for **noodles, nutrolls, sarma and cookies!** We also have frozen strudels for sale forms are also located next to the bulletin. Place your order this week, for strudels and you may pick it up next week. Our sisters thank you!

ST. ELIJAH CHOIR NEWS: We will take orders **TODAY** for our annual **PSENICA KITS** donation is still \$5.00 in advance if you do not need a ribbon \$6.00 if you require a ribbon; see Marlene Volitich to place your pre-paid order. Kits will be distributed on Sunday, December 17th just in time to plant them for Sveti Nikola! We are also selling **ANDERSON CANDY** for Christmas. Please see Cheryl Leydig to place your order today following Divine Liturgy. For those who ordered the **2017 ORNAMENTS** they are available after Liturgy today as well.



NOMINATION MEETING for the 2017-2018 Church School Congregation Officers will be held TODAY, November 26, 2017 immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Our ANNUAL ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2017 also immediately following Divine Liturgy. A light lunch of posno soup and pogaca will also be available to partake of before the start of the meeting. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

Beaver County’s Children and Youth Services-Once again, we the parishioners of St. Elijah are here to help the Beaver County’s Children and Youth Services. Beaver County Children and Youth Services is a state-mandated agency that is a child-centered service dedicated to protecting children from abuse and neglect, while at the same time working to preserve the family unit. We have been given the names of children who have been removed from their homes, and this gift from us will be an unexpected and welcomed brightness in what could be a child’s bleakest time. As in the past, the Advent trees are adorned with ornaments, with a child’s name and wishes, in the basement of the church. Please look over the tree and select a child that you would like to sponsor this year. Please ensure to keep the tag with the child’s wishes, and complete the other tag and leave it under the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Georgette Osman at 724-777-4615 or at georgette.osman@comcast.net.

All gifts must be wrapped and in the church by Sunday, December 17th so that we can deliver them to CYS for distribution.

REMINDER: ADVENT BEGINS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017