

Parish Announcements

- **Blessing of Taylor Run:** The blessing of our local stream has been postponed due to weather. If conditions permit, it will take place next Sunday (Jan. 27).
- **House Blessings:** If you need to reschedule your house blessing time, please contact Fr. Daniel.
- **Counters Needed:** We are in need of additional money counters to assist on Sundays following Liturgy.

Ways to Get Involved

- **DERD Syrian Relief Program:** For details on contributing to relief efforts, see <http://antiochian.org/syrian-relief-program-introducing-derd>.
- **West Chester Food Cupboard:** We are now collecting **canned fruit, boxed pasta, and spaghetti sauce**. Please place your donations in the clear plastic bin in the library. Your contributions really help the needy in our West Chester area community! Thank you!



Sunday, January 20, 2019

HOLY ASCENSION

Orthodox Christian Church

**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of
Charleston, Oakland, and the Mid-Atlantic**

**Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch
and All the East**

Primate

His Eminence, the Most Rev. Metropolitan Joseph
(Al-Zehlaoui)

Diocesan Hierarch

His Grace, the Right Rev. Bishop Thomas (Joseph)

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Daniel Meyer

Subdeacon

Vladimir Moses

Saturday Vespers - 5:00 PM

Sunday Orthros - 8:25 AM

Sunday Liturgy - 9:30 AM

Confessions - Saturday evenings,
following most divine services,
and by appointment

*For an updated service and event
schedule, visit our online calendar:*

HolyAscension.net/calendar

Divine Liturgy Variables

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone One

While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world – for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of St. Euthymios in Tone Four

Be glad, O barren one that hast not given birth; be of good cheer, thou that hast not travailed – for a man of desires hath multiplied thy children of the Spirit, having planted in them piety and reared them in continence to the perfection of the virtues. By his prayers, O Christ God, make our lives peaceful.

Apolytikion of Holy Ascension in Tone Four

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ in Tone One

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms and didst also come to save us, preserve Thy fold in wars and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Prayer Requests

LIVING:

Newly Illumined Patrick B.; Catechumen Roy B.; Catechumen Peter Y.; Catechumen Amira S., Catechumen Braden M.; Catechumen David S.; Elias (Lisa K.'s cousin, tumor); Mary (Jeff K.'s cousin, cancer); Erik (Joanna S.'s family); Vincent and Marteen (Mitri D.'s family); Kathy A. (lung cancer); Marlan A.; Bp. Alexander (undergoing chemotherapy); Christina (Lisa K.'s mother); Suad and Nasri (ill); Patty Y. (recovering from accident); Jack (Coleen's dad, for continued healing); Nicholas (John C.'s friend); Daniel (Mark R.'s son); Orthodox suffering from persecution; those suffering from war and disasters

DEPARTED:

Reader Maxim (John K.'s father)
Andrew M. (neighbor)
Priest Ibrahim
Bp. Athanasius of Kenya
Aural (Jane S.'s aunt)
Eleanor (Joanna S.'s family)
Catherine
Richard (Mitri D.'s family)
Those killed in recent natural disasters
Orthodox Christians and others recently murdered and killed during the fighting in the Middle East, Africa, and elsewhere in the world

Venerable Euthymios the Great

Today's Scripture Readings

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Did you know ...

In the end times, a man will be saved by love, humbleness, and kindness.

Kindness will open the gates of Heaven –

Humbleness will lead him into Heaven –

A man whose heart is filled with love will see God.

St. Gabriel of Georgia