



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Please Remember in Prayer

Diane Evanusa (recovering from surgery) Kathy and Bill Parrish, Raymond, Hardy, Judith Kocinski, Jane Koshutko, Carole Boris, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas, Yvonne, Katherine, Michael, Gregory, Olga Leisure, Nina Gordon, Fr. Christian, Constantina & Christos. If you have a request, please let Fr. John know.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
6:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

MEETING OF THE LORD

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Candles

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

PUBLICAN & PHARISEE SUNDAY

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple – February 2nd

On February 2nd, we celebrate the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple. This Twelve Great Feast commemorates the Lord's presentation into His Temple 40 days after His birth in the flesh. This feast concludes the Nativity season. There will be Vespers with Litiya on Sunday, February 1st, at 6:00pm, and then the Divine Liturgy with blessing of candles on Monday, February 2nd, at 9:00am.

Reading Group – Date Changed to Monday, February 9th

Due to a scheduling conflict for a meeting with Met. Jonah we will be discussing this text on Monday, February 9th, at 7:00pm instead of January 26th. Sorry for the change!

The "Souper" Bowl of Caring

is an IOCC sponsored event designed to help local food banks and charities. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 1st, each parishioner is asked to bring a can of food (or more) for our local food pantry, and \$1.00 (or more) for our local pregnancy aid center. A special collection basket will be placed in the back of the church.



February Congratulations!

According to our directory, in the month of February the only one celebrating a birthday, namesday, or anniversary is Lois Hamaty whose birthday is February 20th. If your name should be on this list, please let Fr. John know and he will gladly break Lois' monopoly. Just kidding, Lois – May the Lord grant you many blessed years!

Green Tips – Becoming Good Stewards of our World

One: Install a programmable thermostat in your home. Keep the temperature down when you are not at home and during the night. A savings on energy and your utility bill. Two: Start paying your bills online. Save green trees and the green you pay for stamps. Don't be intimidated; it's easy to do. Your bank can help you set it up in less than an hour's time.

Photos From the Meeting with Met. Jonah

are available on our diocesan website: <http://dcnyoca.org>

Fast-free Week

During the week of the Publican and Pharisee, February 8-15, we do not fast, even on Wednesday and Friday.

Are you rich? Display much generosity! Have you become poor? Show much endurance and patience! For neither is wealth an evil, nor poverty in itself; but these things, either of them, become so according to the free choice of those who make use of them.

St. John Chrysostom

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb 8th

Troy Duker

Sunday, Feb. 15th

Jen Alexion



THE MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Celebrated February 2nd – From the Prologue of Ochrid

The fortieth day after His birth, the All-Holy Virgin brought her Divine Son into the Temple of Jerusalem, in accordance with the Law, to dedicate Him to God and to purify herself. "Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites both of man and beast, for it belongs to me" (Exodus 13:2). "Tell the Israelites: when a woman has conceived and gives birth to a boy, she shall be unclean for seven days, with the same uncleanness as at her menstrual period. On the eighth day, the flesh of the boy's foreskin shall be circumcised, and then she shall spend thirty-three days more in becoming purified of her blood; she shall not touch anything sacred nor enter the sanctuary till the days of her purification are fulfilled. If she gives birth to a girl, for fourteen days she shall be as unclean as at her menstruation, after which she shall spend sixty-six days in becoming purified of her blood. When the days of her purification for a son or for a daughter are fulfilled, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the meeting tent a yearling lamb for a holocaust and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. The priest shall offer them up before the Lord to make atonement for her, and thus she will be clean again after her flow of blood. Such is the law for the woman who gives birth to a boy or a girl child" (Leviticus 12:2-7). Even though neither the one nor the other was necessary, nevertheless the Lawgiver did not, in anyway, want to transgress His own Law whom He had given through Moses, His servant and prophet. At that time, the high-priest Zaccharias, the father of John the Forerunner [Precursor], was on duty in the Temple["serving as a priest before God in the order of his division" St. Luke 1:8]. Zaccharias placed the Virgin, not in the temple area reserved for women but rather in the area reserved for virgins. On this occasion, two unusual persons appeared in the Temple: the Elder Simeon and Anna, the daughter of Phanuel. The righteous Simeon took the Messiah in his arms and said: " Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." (St. Luke 2: 29-32). Simeon also spoke the following words about the Christ-child: "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel" (St. Luke 2:34). Then Anna, who from her youth served God in the Temple by fasting and prayers, recognized the Messiah and glorified God and proclaimed to the inhabitants of Jerusalem about the coming of the long-awaited One.



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Troparion – tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, Enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice and be glad O righteous elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the resurrection!

Kontakion – tone 1

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and save us through love, grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of men!

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Concerning the Virgin Birth

According to the Law, "Every male child that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord." Only with Christ did this literally occur. He Himself opened the womb of the Virgin at birth, while all other wombs which have born a child have first been opened by a man.



- Blessed Theophylact

METROPOLITAN KIRILL ELECTED HEAD OF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

From DirectionsToOrthodox.org

MOSCOW, January 27 (RIA Novosti) - Metropolitan Kirill has been elected head of the Russian Orthodox Church, becoming the 16th Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia. Kirill received 508 votes, and the second candidate, Metropolitan Kliment of Kaluga and Borovsk - 169 votes. A total of 700 ballots were cast in the vote, with 23 recognized as invalid.

The Local Council, which is a council of bishops, priests, monks and laymen, including political figures and businessmen, gathered in Moscow earlier on Tuesday to elect the new Russian Orthodox Church leader. The 700-plus-member group convened for a session to elect a successor to Patriarch Alexy II, who died in December at the age of 79 after leading the revival of the world's largest Orthodox church since 1990. This was the first election of a patriarch since the breakup of the atheist Soviet Union.

Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad, who was the Russian Church's interim leader since the death of Alexy II, was the leading candidate on



a shortlist that included two other hierarchs chosen in a secret ballot by the Council of Bishops on Sunday. Kirill, 62, in charge of the church's external relations, has led dialogue with the Vatican, a sensitive issue for the two churches, which split almost 1,000 years ago. He is well-known in Russia through his weekly television program and frequent public appearances.

Kirill received the most votes, 97, in Sunday's ballot. The other candidates on the shortlist were Metropolitan Kliment with 32 votes, and Metropolitan Filaret of Minsk and Slutsk, who received 16 votes. They are seen more as traditionalists. Filaret earlier on Tuesday withdrew his candidacy, urging the electors to vote for Kirill.

The Church Council session is taking place in the sumptuous Christ the Savior Cathedral with clergy clad in ceremonial robes. Streets around the cathedral in central Moscow have been closed to traffic. The new Russian patriarch is expected to be enthroned on Sunday and his term of office is lifelong.

METROPOLITAN KIRILL ELECTED PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA

From OCA.org

MOSCOW, RUSSIA [OCA Communications] -- On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church elected His Eminence, Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad 16th Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

Patriarch-elect Kirill was born on November 20, 1946, in Leningrad [present-day St. Petersburg], where his father served as a priest. He graduated from secondary school in 1964 and from the Leningrad Theological Seminary and Academy in 1970. In April 1969, he was tonsured a monk and ordained a hierodeacon, In June of that same year, he was ordained a hieromonk. In March of 1976 he was consecrated Bishop of Vyborg and Auxiliary Bishop of the Leningrad Diocese and in 1984 he was elected Bishop of Smolensk. In 1991 he was elevated to the rank of Metropolitan. Since 1970, Patriarch-elect Kirill has been involved in numerous administrative roles within the Russian Orthodox Church, including rector of the Leningrad Theological Seminary and Academy from 1974 to 1984. In particular, he has been a leading figure in the Church's ecumenical activity. In 1989, he was

appointed Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations and became a permanent member of the Russian Church's Holy Synod On December 6, 2008, after the repose of His Holiness, Patriarch Aleksy II, Metropolitan Kirill was elected Patriarchal Locum tenens of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The enthronement of Patriarch-elect Kirill will take place on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral. Representing the Orthodox Church in America at the Patriarchal Enthronement will be His Grace, Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania; His Grace, Bishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West; Archimandrite Zacchaeus, Representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Moscow Patriarchate; and Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations.

May the Lord grant Patriarch-elect Kirill of Moscow and All Russia many years of fruitful service in his patriarchal ministry. Axios!

