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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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JANUARY 26, 2025

31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NEW MARTYRS AND
CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA



Saint John Chrysostom (Jan 27), the great ecumenical teacher and hierarch, died in the city of Comana in the year 407 on his way to a place of exile. He had been condemned by the intrigues of the empress Eudoxia because of his daring denunciation of the vices of those ruling over Constantinople. The transfer of his venerable relics was made in the year 438, thirty years after the death of the saint, during the reign of Eudoxia's son emperor Theodosius II (408-450).

Saint John Chrysostom had the warm love and deep respect of the people, and grief over his untimely death lived on in the hearts of Christians. Saint John's disciple, Saint Proclus, Patriarch of Constantinople (434-447), during services in the Church of Hagia Sophia, preached a sermon praising Saint John. He said, "O John, your life was filled with sorrow, but your death was glorious. Your grave is blessed and reward is great, by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ O graced one, having conquered the bounds of time and place! Love has conquered

space, unforgetting memory has annihilated the limits, and place does not hinder the miracles of the saint.”

Those who were present in church, deeply touched by the words of Saint Proclus, did not allow him even to finish his sermon. With one accord they began to entreat the Patriarch to intercede with the emperor, so that the relics of Saint John might be brought back to Constantinople.

The emperor, overwhelmed by Saint Proclus, gave his consent and gave the order to transfer the relics of Saint John. But those he sent were unable to lift the holy relics until the emperor realized that he had sent men to take the saint’s relics from Comana with an edict, instead of with a prayer. He wrote a letter to Saint John, humbly asking him to forgive his audacity, and to return to Constantinople. After the message was read at the grave of Saint John, they easily took up the relics, carried them onto a ship and

arrived at Constantinople.

The coffin with the relics was placed in the Church of Holy Peace (Hagia Eirene). When Patriarch Proclus opened the coffin, the body of Saint John was found to be incorrupt. The emperor approached the coffin with tears, asking forgiveness for his mother, who had banished Saint John. All day and night people did not leave the coffin.

In the morning the coffin was brought to the Church of the Holy Apostles. The people cried out, “Father, take up your throne.” Then Patriarch Proclus and the clergy standing by the relics saw Saint John open his mouth and say, “Peace be to all.” Many of the sick were healed at his tomb.

The celebration of the transfer of the relics of Saint John Chrysostom was established in the ninth century.



Women's Social Night

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Michelangelo's Winery

5515 Broadview Road, Richfield

6:30pm

Please contact Sarah Brennan to let her know you'll be joining!

Txt 330-620-0365 or sarah.e.brennan.1@gmail.com

Coffee Hour Quarter 1 2025

Questions/Concerns: Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

January 5	February 2	TBA)
Tammy & Mary	Mat. Jana, (sponsored by	March 9
January 12	Una & John Alexandrovic)	Sarah & Mike Brennan
Wayne Vidovich & Shawna	February 9	March 16
Whitlock	Sarah & Mike Brennan	Georgi & Tsvetelina
January 19	February 16	Galevi (Sponsored by
Joyce Tabeling & Judy	Cathy & Tammy	William Lynk)
Schwind	February 23 (Meatfare)	March 23
January 26	Shawna Whitlock	Joyce Tabeling & Judy
Mat. Zdinak &	(Sponsored by William	Schwind
Nikol Gammalo	Lynk)	March 30
	March 2	Mat. Jana
	PARISH POTLUCK (details	

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 1/26/2025

Deceased

Jose Cortes

Eugene

Valentine Winnyk

Donna Jacak

Stephan Chwalyk

Robert Starr

Grace Mary Parhamovich

(mother of Karen Felon)

Special Intentions:

Archpriest Jason Kappanadze

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Subdeacon Leon Felon

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Daniel Morris

Horia Dascalescu *(Lavinia's brother)*

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec *(friend of Karen Felon)*

Rachel Ohlin *(relative of Tatiana)*

Erin Zawolowycz

Jeffrey Parhamovich

(brother of Karen Felon)

Margaret Parhamovich

(sister-in-law of Karen Felon)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson

(Frank's cousin)

Anna Marie Luvison *(daughter of Matthew &*

Katie (Ellis) Luvison)

Debra Parhamovich *(sister of Karen Felon)*

Lonnie Ellis *(Husband to Debra Ellis)*

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz *(mother of Paul Z)*

Child McKenna Kranek

Betty Balasz

Jeremy, Yvonne, and Unborn Child

Herman Leslie Levin

Russell Schafer

Sonia Vorell

Ivan Lavrisiuk

Elisabeth Lavrisiuk

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Daniela Raisovich

Alexander Medvec

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ZOE for Life![®]

ZOE for Life! is once again offering an Akathist to our Sweet Lord Jesus with special prayers for the Unborn. This will

be held at **St Matthew Orthodox Church in North Royalton on January 26 at 6:00pm**. Fr. Andrew Harmon will be the speaker at the coffee hour immediately following the service. Please join us for this special event. Thank you.

+Very Rev. Fr. Fred Shaheen



THE LAMENT OF RACHEL

Sunday, January 26

31st Sunday after Pentecost
New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
FOCA Meeting to follow

Monday, January 27

Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom,
Archbishop of Constantinople (438)

Tuesday, January 28

Ven. Ephraim the Syrian (373-379)

Wednesday, January 29

Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer,
Bishop of Antioch (107)
6:00 PM Akathist to the Theotokos

Thursday, January 30

Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs:
Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Friday, January 31

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them
Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters:
Theoctiste, Theodotia, and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt (311)

Saturday, February 1

Forefeast of the Meeting
Martyr Tryphon of Lampsacus near Apamea in Syria (250)
4:45 PM Church School
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, February 2

32nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of Zacchaeus
The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Informational Meeting to Follow

BIWEEKLY SCHEDULE 2025

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God.

Monday, February 3
Afterfeast of the Meeting
Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver and
Anna the Prophetess

Tuesday, February 4
Afterfeast of the Meeting
Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 436-440)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Wednesday, February 5
Afterfeast of the Meeting
Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernigov (1696)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Akathist to St. Theodosius

Thursday, February 6
Afterfeast of the Meeting
St. Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna (ca. 100)

Friday, February 7
Afterfeast of the Meeting
St. Parthenios, Bishop of Lampsakos (4th c.)

Saturday, February 8
Afterfeast of the Meeting
Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates
("the General" 319)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, February 9
33rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion
Leavetaking of the Meeting
Martyr Nikephoros of Antioch in Syria
(ca. 257)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour