

St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople:

The Church remembers **St. John Chrysostom** today, **November 13th**, although he died on September 14th. St John's celebration was transferred to this day because of the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. St John Chrysostom is also celebrated on January 27 and January 30. (Saint John was surnamed Chrysostom ("Golden-mouth") because of his eloquence.)

This greatest and most beloved of all Christian orators was born in Antioch the Great in the year 344 or 347; his pious parents were called Secundus and Anthusa. After his mother was widowed at the age of twenty, she devoted herself to bringing up John and his elder sister in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. John received his literary training under Anthragathius the philosopher, and Libanius the sophist, who was the greatest Greek scholar and rhetorician of his day. With such a training, and with such gifts as he had by nature, John had before him a brilliant career as a rhetorician. But through the good example of his godly mother Anthusa and of the holy Bishop Meletius of Antioch, by whom he was ordained reader about the year 370, he chose instead to dedicate himself to God. From the years 374 to 381 he lived the monastic life in the hermitages that were near Antioch. His extreme asceticism undermined his health, compelling him to return to Antioch, where Saint Meletius ordained him deacon about the year 381. Saint Meletius was called to Constantinople later that year to preside over the Second Ecumenical Council, during which he fell asleep in the Lord. In 386 Bishop Flavian ordained John presbyter of the Church of Antioch. Upon his elevation to the priesthood his career as a public preacher began, and his exceptional oratorical gifts were made manifest through his many sermons and commentaries. They are distinguished by their eloquence and the remarkable ease with which rich imagery and scriptural allusions are multiplied; by their depth of insight into the meaning of Scripture and the workings of God's providence; and, not least of all, by their earnestness and moral force, which issue from the heart of a blameless and guileless man who lived first what he preached to others. Because of his fame, he was chosen to succeed Saint Nectarius as Patriarch of Constantinople. He was taken away by stealth, to avoid the opposition of the people, and consecrated Patriarch of Constantinople on February 28, 398, by Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who was to prove his mortal enemy.

At that time the Emperor of the East was Arcadius, who had had Saint Arsenius the Great as his tutor. Arcadius was a man of weak character, and much under the influence of his wife Eudoxia. The zealous and upright Chrysostom's unsparing censures of the lax morals in the imperial city stung the vain Eudoxia; through Theophilus' plottings and her collaboration, Saint John was banished to Pontus in 403. The people were in an uproar, and the following night an earthquake shook the city; this so frightened the Empress Eudoxia that she begged Arcadius to call Chrysostom back. While his return was triumphant, his reconciliation with the Empress did not last long. When she had a silver statue of herself erected in the forum before the Church of the Holy Wisdom in September of 403, and had it dedicated with much unseemly revelry, Saint John thundered against her, and she could not forgive him. In June of 404 he was exiled to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia. From here he exchanged letters with Pope Innocent of Rome, who sent bishops and priests to Constantinople requesting that a council be held. Saint John's enemies, dreading his return, prevailed upon the Emperor to see an insult in this, and had John taken to a more remote place of banishment called Pityus near the Caucasus. The journey was filled with bitter sufferings for the aged bishop, both because of the harshness of the elements and the cruelty of one of his 310 guards. He did not reach Pityus, but gave up his soul to the Lord near Comana in Pontus, at the chapel of the Martyr Basiliscus, who had appeared to him shortly before, foretelling the day of his death, which came to pass on September 14, 407. His last words were "**Glory be to God for all things.**"

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St. John Chrysostom

**Christ is in our
 midst!**

**He is and always
 will be!**

*Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe.
 It has shown to the world the riches of riches 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!*

Troparion - John Chrysostom

On this day the Church remembers:

St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407)

- Martyrs Antoninus, Nicephorus, and Germanus, of Cæsarea in Palestine (308) •
- Martyr Manetha of Cæsarea in Palestine (307-8) • Monk Martyr Damascene of the Lavra (Mt. Athos—1681) • Monk Martyr Damian of the Lavra (Mt. Athos).

November 13, 2011

Tone 5 of the Octoechos.

22th Sunday after Pentecost
 8th Sunday of Luke

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health of:**

The **parishioners of the parish**, on our parish's 45th anniversary, offered by the Parish Council.

Readings:

- Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. John)
- John 10:9-16 (St. John)
- **Galatians 6:11-18**
- **Luke 10:25-37**

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sunday service:**Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****(General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month)****Church School - 9:30 AM****(no classes 1st Sunday of each month)****Coffee hour after Liturgy**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **Our parish's 45th anniversary dinner will be held today.** Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per adult. The dinner menu will be ethnic specialties.

Special Announcements:

- **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be November 27,** after coffee hour.
- **Cookie Fundraiser is Underway!** All orders and money are due today, November 13. This is a great opportunity for gift giving or making your own Christmas cookies and helping the church at the same time. Please consider giving your support.
- **The Church School** is in need of a preschool teacher to work with our youngest students. The requirements are: the ability to arrive at Church by 9:30 for three out of four weeks a month (no Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month), patience with young children, and basic knowledge of our faith. **No home preparation will be necessary**, as all lesson plans will be prepared for you in advance. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky if interested.