



LOOKING AHEAD

The following are services and parish events *in addition* to the usual weekend services (Sat 6pm & Sun 9:30am).

Sunday January 27

12:30pm — Annual Parish Assembly on Finances

Tuesday January 29

10:00am — Father's Café

Thursday January 31

7:30pm — Adult Ed: Understanding the Prophets

Friday February 1

7:00pm — Vigil for the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

Saturday February 2

9:00am — Festal Divine Liturgy for the Meeting of our Lord with Blessing of Candles

11:00am — Serve Lunch at Tri-Cities Sunrise Village Shelter
Address: 588 Brown St, Fremont.

Tuesday February 5

10:00am — Father's Café

Sunday February 10

5:00pm — St Christina's Banquet & Silent Auction

Tuesday February 12

10:00am — Father's Café

7:30pm — Parish Council Meeting

Thursday February 14

7:30pm — Adult Ed: Understanding the Prophets

Tuesday February 19

10:00am — Father's Café

For more dates please visit our website: www.stchristinaorthodox.org

Many Years!

Cyrus Vargas (on his name day — 1/31)

Mary Prescop (on her birthday — 2/1)

22nd Anniversary of Fr Michael's Ordination to the Diaconate (2/2)

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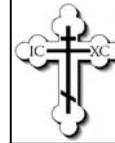
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THE LIVING WATER

(JOHN 4:10)

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35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 2

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF
CONSTANTINOPLE

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY NEW MARTYRS AND
CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA



Welcome!

...to all who have gathered to follow Jesus Christ and manifest the Kingdom of God in the Liturgy of His Church. If this is your first time with us, give us a chance to get to know you. Please join us for our fellowship meal following the service.



A Word from the Holy Fathers

Let us contribute alike wealth, and diligence, and protection, and all things for our neighbor's advantage. For the talents here are each person's ability, whether in the way of protection, or in money, or in teaching, or in whatever thing of the kind. Let no man say, I have but one talent, and can do nothing; for you can even by one approve yourself. Nothing is so pleasing to God, as to live for the common advantage.

—St John Chrysostom



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PARISH FINANCE MEETING TODAY!

Each year on the 4th Sunday of January, our community meets to establish our budget for the year.

This year's annual budget meeting will take place today at approximately 12:30pm after the Divine Liturgy.

While anyone can attend the meeting, only people who qualify as both **general** and **voting** members may vote. According to our bylaws, these are defined as follows:

Section 1. General Members. General Members include everyone who:

- a. is a Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christian;
- b. partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Communion in the Parish at least annually; and
- c. has made the St. Christina of Tyre Church their principal parish home.

Section 2. Voting Members. In order to be eligible to vote at a parish meeting, a General Member must also:

- a. Be 18 or more years of age; and
- b. Provide a written statement annually pledging their membership in the Parish by filling out an annual Pledge Form and give whatever amount of time, effort, prayer, and/or financial support that he or she can offer.

Section 3. Multiple Parish Membership. Voting membership in two or more parishes of

PARENTS MEETING FEBRUARY 3

There will be a meeting of the parents of preschool and elementary children on February 3 to finalize our lists of goals for the children.

BANQUET SILENT AUCTION

When:
Sunday, February 10th, 5:00-8:30pm

Where:
St James Hall, 34700 Fremont Blvd

Tickets:
Adults—\$45; Children—\$10.

Please order tickets by **January 31** (check or Online Giving).

“SOUPER BOWL” OF CARING

Sunday, **February 3, 2019** has been designated “Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday” by International Orthodox Christian Charities [IOCC].
Sunday's meal is simple soup, salad and bread.

BANQUET RAFFLE BASKETS

We all receive much appreciated gifts that we know we will not be able to use. Part of our Banquet fundraiser is a raffle for various themed baskets. This has raised \$500-700 in the past.



Please help us with our basket fundraiser by bringing in these items and dropping them off in the office. We'll assemble them into baskets, so don't worry about whether the items you bring in have a theme.

We can also always use baskets for this event. Speak to Matushka Vickie if you have any questions. Thank you!

Some bewail and lament the inmates of the prison, some those who have been expelled from their country and transported to the land of exile, others those who have been deprived of their freedom... **but no one mourns those who are living in wickedness:** on the contrary, which is worse than all, they often congratulate them, a practice which is the cause of all manner of evils.

Come then (only, as I exhorted you at the outset, do not make a commotion), let me prove that none of the things which have been mentioned injure the man who lives soberly, nor can ruin his virtue.

For tell me — if a man has lost his all, either at the hands of calumniators or of robbers, or has been stripped of his goods by knavish servants, what harm has the loss done to the **virtue** of the man?

What then is the virtue of man? Not riches that you should fear poverty: nor health of body that you should dread sickness, nor the opinion of the public, that you should view an evil reputation with alarm, nor life simply for its own sake, that death should be terrible to you: nor liberty that you should avoid servitude: but **carefulness in holding true doctrine, and rectitude in life.**

Of these things not even the devil himself will be able to rob a man, if he who possesses them guards them with the needful carefulness: and that most malicious and ferocious demon is aware of this. For this cause also he robbed Job of his substance, not to make him poor, but that he might force him into uttering some blasphemous speech; and he tortured his body, not to subject him to infirmity, but to upset the virtue of his soul.

What harm was done to Lazarus by his disease, and sores, and poverty and dearth of protectors? Were they not the reasons why garlands of victory were more abundantly woven for him?

Or what harm was done to Joseph by his getting evil reported of, both in his own land, and in the land of strangers for he was supposed to be both an adulterer and fornicator: or what harm did servitude do him or expatriation? Is it not specially on account of these things that we regard him with admiration and astonishment?

Even then if a man suffers damage, the damage does not come from another but proceeds from within, and from the man himself. How so, do you say? When any one having been beaten by another, or deprived of his goods, or having endured some other grievous insult, utters a blasphemous speech, he certainly sustains a damage thereby, and a very great one, nevertheless it does not proceed from him who has inflicted the insult, but from his own littleness of soul.

For it is not stress of circumstances, nor variation of seasons, nor insults of men in power, nor intrigues besetting you like snow storms, nor a crowd of calamities, which can disturb even slightly the man who is brave, and temperate, and watchful.

NO ONE CAN HARM THE MAN WHO DOES NOT HARM HIMSELF

— *St John Chrysostom*

Read the complete article here: <http://newadvent.org/fathers/1902.htm>

I know well that to coarse-minded persons, who are greedy in the pursuit of present things, and are nailed to earth, and enslaved to physical pleasure, and have no strong hold upon spiritual ideas, this treatise will be of a strange and paradoxical kind: and they will laugh immoderately, and condemn me for uttering incredible things from the very outset of my theme. Nevertheless, I shall not on this account desist from my promise, but for this very reason shall proceed with great earnestness to the proof of what I have undertaken.

In particular, I write about the common assumption of mankind which in the course of ages has taken deep root in the minds of the multitude, and declaims to the following effect throughout the world. "All things," it says, have been turned upside down, the human race is full of much confusion and many are they who every day are being wronged, insulted, subjected to violence and injury, the weak by the strong, the poor by the rich: and as it is impossible to number the waves of the sea, so is it impossible to reckon the multitude of those who are the victims of intrigue, insult, and suffering; and neither the correction of law, nor the fear of being brought to trial, nor anything else can arrest this pestilence and disorder, but the evil is increasing every day, and the groans, and lamentations, and weeping of the sufferers are universal; and the judges who are appointed to reform such evils, themselves intensify the tempest, and inflame the disorder.

This discourse of ours of necessity comes in by way of direct opposition to what has been alleged, maintaining a contention which is new, as I said at the beginning, and contrary to opinion, yet useful and true, and profitable to those who will give heed to it and be persuaded by it; for **what I undertake is to prove (only make no commotion) that no one of those who are wronged is wronged by another, but experiences this injury at his own hands.**

Let us first of all enquire what human virtue is, and what it is which ruins it; and further what it is which seems to ruin it but really does not.

People imagine that there are many different things which ruin our virtue: some say it is poverty, others bodily disease, others loss of property, others calumny, others death; and they are perpetually bemoaning and lamenting these things: and while they are commiserating the sufferers and shedding tears they excitedly exclaim to one another, "*What a calamity has befallen such and such a man! He has been deprived of all his fortune at a blow.*" Of another again one will say: "*such and such a man has been attacked by severe sickness and is despaired of by the physicians in attendance.*"

TROPARIA

Resurrection—Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your
Godhead.

And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out:
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

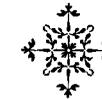
St Christina—Tone 4

Your lamb Christina, O Jesus,
Calls out to You in a loud voice:

"I love You, O my bridegroom,
And in seeking You, I endure suffering.
In Baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in
You,
And died so that I might live with You.
Accept me as a pure sacrifice,
For I have offered myself in love."
By her prayers save our souls, since You are
merciful.

St John Chrysostom—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!



KONTAKIA

Resurrection—Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the
tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld
this and rejoiced with You,
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

St Christina — Tone 5

You abandoned your father's error
and received divine illumination
as a glorious virgin betrothed to Christ.
You bravely struggled and destroyed the enemy,
O great Martyr Christina
and ever pray that we may receive great mercy.

St John Chrysostom—Tone 1

Most glorious John Chrysostom,
the Church of Constantinople greatly rejoiced,
receiving the gift of your holy relics;
keeping them as a treasure of great price.
Through your intercession,
they bring the grace of healing to those who
praise you in hymns.
"Rejoice, splendid adornment of the Prophets!"

Steadfast Protectress—Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
Constant advocate before the Creator:
Do not despise the cry of us sinners,
But in your goodness, come speedily to help us
who call on you in faith.
Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for
us, O Theotokos,
For you always protect those who honor you!

**Following the feast of Theophany until the beginning of Great Lent
(January 7 - March 9) Fr. Michael will be blessing homes.
Please contact Fr. Michael to arrange a date and time.**

Epistle — Colossians 3:12-16

¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



PROKEIMENA

Tone 2 — *(Resurrection) The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Ps 117/118:4)*

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)

Tone 1 — *(St John Chrysostom) My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps 48/49:3)*

Epistle — Hebrews 7:26-8:2

²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

¹ Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²² He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

²³ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²⁴ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

²⁶ But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I

²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

²⁸ Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Gospel — John 10:9-16

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

¹² But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.