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Dear Family & Friends in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

During the month of November we remember one of the most well known saints of the Orthodox Church, St. John the Golden-Mouth, better known as Chrysostom. His commemoration this year is even more special as we celebrate in 2007 the 1600th anniversary of his repose. St. John was and still is an inspiration to preachers and teachers as he faithfully and fearlessly confessed the faith. What is little known is that this giant of a figure, the great Patriarch of Constantinople, was deposed, shamed, and had collapsed in exhaustion in the snowy mountains of present day Armenia and cried out, "Glory to God for all things!" when he died.

This terrible injustice leveled upon John came from a culmination of a bitter relationship between him and the Empress Eudoxia. Once when challenged by Eudoxia, and threatened to be exiled out of the empire for something hardly worthy of the threat, St. John boldly replied to her: "You cannot banish me from Christ." She then increased her threat and said, "Then I will take your life!" John again humbly replied, "No you cannot. I live and have my being in Christ." Getting frustrated she then said, "Then I will confiscate all your wealth!" Again, defiantly, but calmly, St. John retorted, "You cannot, for in Christ I have all riches." At last the Empress, seeing that nothing else was working said in a last ditch effort: "Then I will cause you to lose all your friends, and you will be ostracized and an outcast!" Boldly John answered her and said, "Ah, but you cannot, for I have a Friend that sticks to me closer than a brother."

St. John was a fearless hierarch and defender of the faith, not willing to back down by threats or accusations. He was also humble enough to die in shame for the sake of standing up to that truth. May he from who's lips "grace shines forth" inspire us with the same boldness, faith and love of God to be beacons illuminating the universe.

With much love and God's blessing,

Our Mission @ a glance:

Holy Apostles 2007 Dinner Dance: Our second annual Dinner Dance was a great Success! Through the Dinner, Ad Booklet and the Silent Auction we raised over \$13,000! In Addition we also had a donation of \$10,000 from someone wishing to remain anonymous. This brought our total to over \$23,000! We rejoice at being able to decrease a sizable chunk off our mortgage! Glory to God for this great success for our parish community!

St. John the Almsgiver Charity Luncheon: We will have our second annual "Youth Charity Luncheon" in honor of St. John the Almsgiver on Sunday, November 11, following the Divine Liturgy. It was decided at a meeting with Father and the youth of the parish (who will be preparing and serving the meal) that the proceeds from the luncheon will go to the Diocese of The West's Fund set up to help those affected by the recent disastrous wildfires in Southern California.

Diocesan Assembly/ Vespers Time Change: Fr. Timothy and Paul Makosky will be representing the parish at the annual Diocesan Assembly to be held at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, PA on November 16-17. **Please note:** Vespers on Nov. 17 will be served at 7:00 pm to allow Father and Paul more time to travel home from the meeting. Please pray for them as they travel and for our Diocese as we meet in Sacred Council for the good of our local Church.

All-Parish Annual Council Meeting: Sunday, November 18 we will have our Annual All-Parish meeting following a (Lenten) Potluck Luncheon. **All Parish members are asked to attend and**

Weekly Parish Events

- "Orthodoxy 101" Catechism classes: Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.
- Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children: Thursday mornings at 8:15 am
- Pan-Orthodox Bible Study: Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Camp Hill

participate in this important administrative ministry of the Church.

Feast Day: The Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos will be observed on the evening of November 20, with Great Vespers and Litiya at 7:00 pm, and with the Divine Liturgy on the morning of November 21, at 7:30 am.

2007 Service of Thanksgiving: This year's Local Pan-Orthodox Church Service of Thanksgiving on the eve of American Thanksgiving Day, will be held at our parish. As a special treat, **His Grace, Bishop TIKHON** will be in town that evening and will preside along with the local clergy of the greater Harrisburg Orthodox community. Please make a note to come and give thanks to God for all the good things He has done for us, and to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our Diocesan Bishop!

IOCC/OCMC Banquet: The local IOCC/OCMC Charity Banquet will be held at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Reading on Sunday, November 25, at 5:00 pm. Donations of \$25 will be accepted at the door. Tables of 8 are available for \$200.

"GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!"
- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS:

Thursday, November 8:

Akathist to the Archangels: 6:30 pm

PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS:

Tuesday, November 20:

Great Vespers & Litiya: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 21:

Divine Liturgy: 7:30 am

OCCSCP PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICE

Wednesday, November 21:

Moliben of Thanksgiving 7:30 pm



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Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>*On the evening of November 21, our parish will be hosting a Pan-Orthodox Service of Thanksgiving. Please make every effort to come! As we as a nation gather to give thanks for all the Goodness God has given us, it is only right that we as a local Orthodox Church community come together and offer our prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship. This short service will begin at 7:30 pm, followed by a sermon and some light refreshments. Please plan on joining us. Let us give thanks to the Lord!</i></p>				<p>1 No Akathist Father @ Messiah College</p> <hr/> <p>Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill 7pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm Presentation following</p>
<p>4 TONE 6 Daylight Savings Server Team 2 Divine Liturgy, Church School & Fellowship 9:30am</p>	<p>5 Mary Sak's Birthday!</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 "Orthodoxy 101" 7:00 pm</p>	<p>8 FEAST OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS No Morning Akathist</p> <hr/> <p>Akathist 6:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>Mission Council Mtg. 7:15pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Joseph Kurtz Jr.'s Birthday! Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm</p>
<p>11 TONE 7 Server Team 1 Divine Liturgy & Fellowship 9:30am No Church School Youth Charity Luncheon</p>	<p>12 ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER</p>	<p>13 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</p>	<p>14 HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP "Orthodoxy 101" 7:00 pm</p>	<p>15 ADVENT FAST BEGINS Akathist 8:15am</p> <hr/> <p>Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill 7pm</p>	<p>16 ST. MATTHEW Andrew Burgett's Birthday!</p>	<p>17 John Linnehan's Birthday! Great Vespers & Confessions: 7pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NOTE THE TIME CHANGE</p>						<p style="text-align: center;">Diocesan Assembly, Bethlehem PA</p>
<p>18 TONE 8 Server Team 2 Divine Liturgy & Potluck 9:30am No Church School All-Parish Annual Meeting</p>	<p>19 Bob Larson's Birthday!</p>	<p>20 Great Vespers & Litiya 7pm</p>	<p>21 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy 7:30am</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Sally Ann Marasco's Birthday! Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm</p>
<p>25 TONE 1 Server Team 1</p>	<p>26 OCCSCP Charity Banquet 5pm Sts. Constantine & Helen G.O. Church, Reading</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pan Orthodox Service of Thanksgiving @ Holy Apostles 7:30pm</p>		<p>29 Akathist 8:15am</p> <hr/> <p>Orthodox Catholic Dialogue 12 Noon, Harrisburg</p> <hr/> <p>Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill 7pm</p>	<p>30 ST. ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED</p>	<p>1 Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm</p>



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Prayers for the Health & Salvation of those who are in need:

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS (retired Primate of the OCA), Archbishop GREGORY (retired OCA Archbishop of Alaska), Archimandrite Jerome (Newville), Priestmonk Ambrose (Young), Archpriest John Perich, Archpriest Michael Mihalick, Priest Innokentios Byakatonda, Presbytera Pearl Veronis, Mat. Mary Geeza, Mat. Olga Kovach, Pauline Fetsko, Margaret Balog, Leo & Marlene Washburn, Lubov (Lillian) Hustead, Michael & Margot Katchur, Ludmilla Kern, Melania Kosty, Amelia Kuzmiak, Mary Burke, the child Christopher Elliot, Matushka Tamara Cowan & the Child to be granted to her, Mat. Elizabeth Wyslutsky & the Child to be born of her, Mat. Emily Parsells & the Child to be born of her, Hannah Gordon, Harry Sysak, Sharon Hanna, Mary Lou Grove, Dorothy Medill, Janice Fields, Mary Kneiss, Eva Pron, Ryan Matthew Pron, Peter Melnik, Charles Hier, Julie Harb, Beth Arneson, Fred Salay, Samuel Utlely, Subdeacon Peter Takarchek, Subdeacon Richard Hathaway, John DellaMonica, Carol Allen, Gregory Geeza, Carol Durkish, Vincent Durkish, Anne Merlina, Daniel, Pei, Lydia, Joshua, & Anna Medill, Francis Waldrop, Kevin Carpenter, the child JaNae, Barbara Reynolds, Kathleen Cavanaugh, Almaz Alemu, Klare Sunderland, Maurice Pennock, Rick Ally, and Jane Hall, and for our *Catechumens: Dana, Hannah, Wesley, Jonathan, Grace, Elizabeth & Samuel Pope; Timothy Herman; Criss & Wade Kerkendall; & Laura Ritchey.*

Prayers for the newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

Archpriest Michael Hutnyan (+9/22), Helen Obertyshew (+10/29)