



**Sunday January 15, 2017 30th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5.** Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes (“the Hut-dweller”—5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251). Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.).

This Week’s Schedule

Saturday 01/21 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 01/22 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by coffee hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jan-15	WALES	WALES	WALES
Jan-22	SULPIZI	SOUDER	FINCK
Jan-29	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Feb 2	MEETING OF THE LORD		
Feb-5	WALES	WALES	\WALES
Feb-12	SULPIZI	LEWIS	BRASOWSKI
Feb-19	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion * *(for SS Paul and John)*

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace
through the prayers of venerable Paul and John!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, //
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Venerable John “the Hut-Dweller”)*

Longing for poverty in imitation of Christ,
you abandoned your parents’ wealth, wise Father John;
grasping the Gospel in your hands, you followed Christ God,
unceasingly praying for us all.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Venerable Paul of Thebes)*

Today we gather and praise you with hymns
as an unwaning ray of the spiritual Sun;
for you shine on those in the darkness of ignorance,
leading all ^mankind to the heights,

venerable Paul, adornment of Thebes and firm foundation of the fathers and ascetics.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. (*Ps 11/12:7*)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)

Epistle Colossians 3:12-16

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

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.

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

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

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.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)

Gospel Luke 18:18-27

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'

And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"

But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Blessing of the Schuylkill River The Philadelphia Brotherhood of Orthodox Christian Clergy to conduct the Blessing of the Schuylkill River on Sunday - January 22, 2017 from 3-6PM
The address for the service is 2 Kelly Drive (Boat House Row), Philadelphia PA. The event is being hosted by the Anglican Fellowship of the Delaware Valley. Light Refreshments to Follow.
Parking: (metered) Art Museum Over flow Parking Lot between the Water Works Restaurant and the Boat House; On street - South Side of Kelly Drive (same side as Boat House) and Sedgley Drive which is perpendicular to and North of Kelly Drive.
For more information, contact Protodeacon Gregory Moser 215-794-8980

House Blessings Schedule Fr. Barnabas will be offering home blessings following the feast of Theophany. Please see the sign up in the Narthex.

Study Group Our Study group resumed this past week with eight of us reading and discussing "The Ladder of Divine Ascent".

Study group will continue this Thursday at 10 a.m. We will continue with the 14th Step 'On the Clamorous Stomach'. All are welcome to join us.

Parish Giving As we progress to the diocesan proportional giving of 10% of our operating budget to the National and Diocesan Church, our individual assessments for 2017 are changing. With the approval of our 2017 budget in October, we committed to a level 2 giving as a parish. Although we encourage all to give proportionally, the individual assessment equates to \$166 per adult for this year or \$41.50 per quarter. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to use them as a reminder. Thank you for your continued support.

Basics of Orthodoxy Update We will be offering the basics of Orthodoxy class on Friday evenings during the Lenten season. We will begin the week of Meatfare, Friday evening Feb 24th following vespers. All are welcome to attend.

St Michael's Food Pantry A small food pantry bin is available to place the non-perishables for those who may come to St. Michael's in need of food. We would like to ask our community to kindly bring food items that are frozen or non-perishable, as nutritious and as minimally processed as possible. We would like to include some items that are easy to open and require little or no preparation for those who might not have fully operational kitchens, (No junk food or highly processed foods please.) If you bring frozen items, please label them as "St Michael's Food Pantry" donation and place in freezer. Thank you!

Secrets and Love

On January 15 we remember Saint John Calabytes, called the Hut-Dweller, who was born in the fifth century to a prominent Christian family in Constantinople. John was well-educated, and had the double luxury of access to books and the free time to read them. The books John chose were mostly spiritual ones, and they convinced him that the familiar life of ease and comfort was not for

him. He would enter a monastery, he decided, and would take on strict discipline.

He asked his parents for a book of the Gospels, wanting to study them more closely as he prepared for the life he intended to undertake. The parents' response reflected their attentive love for their son. It was also a sign of their respect for the Scriptures, and a reflection of their wealth. They had a beautiful book made for their boy, with flowing calligraphy and a gem-studded gold binding. It became his constant companion.

In secret, John made his way to a monastery in Bythinia whose monks were known as the "unsleeping" ones because their monastic rule was so demanding and rigorous. But his zeal and effort equaled theirs. He became so pale and gaunt that he no longer resembled the hearty young man who had first joined their ranks.

But something nagged at John. He remembered that his parents had shown only love and concern for him, and that he had abandoned them without a word. The elegant Gospel book, which he still kept with him, reminded him every day of their magnanimity. Finally he asked for, and received, the abbot's permission to return to his parents' home.

Once again, though, John would carry out his plans in secret. He didn't approach the spacious house, but built a tiny hut near its gates, and lived there with little protection from harsh weather. His parents' servants gave him food to survive on, but with contempt and derision. John was so haggard that they had no idea he was the master's son. Even the master might not have recognized him.

Yet that symbol of love, the Gospel book, was about to bring parents and child together again. John, having received a divine vision that he was soon to die, asked a servant to bring his parents to him. Though they were reluctant, they were curious to see what this beggar had to say. Meeting them, John told them who he was,

gave them the Gospel book, and asked for their prayers as he promised to pray for them.

The parents were devastated at the thought of losing their son so soon after finding him again, and guilty that he had languished by their very gates. But John assured them that he had chosen his life, and would have wanted no other.

On this day we read a passage from Ephesians that gives some comfort to all those who feel alienated or separated: "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ" (2:11).

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America.

This and many other Christian Education resources are available at

<http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

'Certain things stop the movement of the passions and do not allow them to grow; others subdue them and make them diminish. For instance, where desire is concerned, fasting, labor and vigils do not allow it to grow, while withdrawal, contemplation, prayer and intense longing for God subdue it and make it disappear. The same is true with regard to anger. Forbearance, freedom from rancor, gentleness, for example, all arrest it and prevent it from growing, while love, acts of charity, kindness and compassion make it diminish.'

St. Maximos the Confessor

"Love toward God is not taught. For neither have we learned from another to rejoice in light and to seek after life, nor did another teach us to love those who gave birth to us or raised us. Even so, then, or indeed to a much greater extent, instruction in yearning for the divine does not come from outside; but simultaneously with the fashioning of the living creature, I mean the human being, a certain seed-like principle was implanted within us that contained by nature the starting point of our appropriation of love as our own. Having received this seed, let us cultivate it with diligence at the school of God's commandments and nurture it with skill. And having grown, it is brought to perfection by the grace of God."

St. Basil the Great

Prayers for the Departed: Nabil Gouda, Jesse Jones, Joseph Wojceichowski, Sofia Puit, Anwor

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Walter Danchenka, Anne Peck, George Coyle

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Tatyana Klimova

Prayers for Catechumens: William Wennburg, Stephanie Smiertka

Prayers for Newly Illumined/Chrismated: Emily (Theodora) Zushi, Misty (Mary) Robinson

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
15-Jan	Souder /Riley	Bunitsky/Lewis	Riley	Lewis
22-Jan	Peck/Wales	Elia/ Morjana	Bunitsky	Gundersen
29-Jan	Hojnicki/Flynn/ Roberts	Riley	Farrell	Farrell

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE

VESPERS and LITURGY

Jan-15

Team Gabriel

Jan-22

Team George

Jan-29

Team Conover

Feb-2 MEETING OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE SHARED

Feb-5

Team Gabriel

Feb-12

Team George