

# Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

January 27, 2019

**Epistle Reading:** Colossians 3:12-16      **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Next Week:** 1 Timothy 1:15-17      **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 15:21-28

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

**Services:** Sat., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
Divine Liturgy      **9 am**  
*Holy Trinity, Charleroi*  
*Vespers are cancelled this week*

Sun., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>      **Righteous Simeon and Anna, the Prophetess**  
Church School      **9:15 am**  
Hours      **9:45 am**  
Divine Liturgy      **10 am**

## Announcements:

### *Don't Waste Your Time or Calories On Fastfood Today!*

Stop by TODAY'S Coffee Hour for a delicious Ham and Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. This Ham/Turkey Dinner Coffee Hour is a reminder for us to count the *many blessings* we have to be thankful for and to reach out to the many around us who do not! A Free-Will Offering basket will be available.

**Please Note:** Father Stephan and Matushka Denise will be out of the area during the Feast of the Entrance of Christ in the Temple on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Father Gregory Peterson will be celebrating Liturgy for the Feast at Holy Trinity at 9 am and welcomes all the faithful of HROC. Also note, Saturday's vespers are cancelled.

The Greshes are in the process of preparing for the FINAL move from Ohio. However, there's no room at the Rectory in order to complete the move! Father has had some success in minimizing some of his stuff and Parish Council has approved the posting of additional parish pieces that will need a new home. Pictures of these items that need a new home will be made available. If you have any interest, just let Father Stephan know and give a donation to the Church.

**House Blessings:** Father Stephan is blessing houses ~~ *Did you remember to give him a call and arrange one?* **Please let him know if there are any changes to your address and/or phone number.** He will contact you before he arrives. Don't worry about your mess, Father Stephan has had a lot of life experience with a house full of people

and stuff. Traditionally one would want to have at least one clean spot with a clean white cloth that has a bowl of blessed water, an icon, candle, and a fresh herb that can be used for the blessing and later as seasoning.

**Looking ahead:** Please note these events on your calendars which will occur in ensuing month or so:

**Pre-Lenten Retreat:** Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's speaker will be Mark Meholick who will speak on icons.

**Parish Annual Meeting:** Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy.

The *2019 Church Calendars* have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

The winter season edging its way in! Use your judgment based on weather conditions. If the services are canceled, it will be announced on WPXI.

*Last Sunday's Prayer List will be included in next week's bulletin.*

**Collection:** January 20<sup>th</sup>: *will be published next week.*

## Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

St. John's feast day is November 13. This day commemorates his relics being brought with honor from Armenia to the capital city of Constantinople.

St. John died in exile far away in the village of Comana in Armenia, having been banished there by the spiteful Empress Eudoxia for his fearless stand for righteousness and his denunciation of the empress's sins. On unjust and trumped-up charges, he was deposed and banished to Cucusus in Armenia in 407.

In order to further isolate John from his supporters and to pursue him even to death, he was banished further out to Pityus in Iberia in the dead of winter. In his old age and ill health, St. John died from exhaustion along the way. Thirty years later, the Patriarch Proclus roused the people and the Emperor Theodosius to vindicate John's memory and return his venerable relics with glory to the capital. His relics – which had healed the sick even before their translation – were carried with honor back to the patriarchal throne in the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople, while the emperor begged forgiveness over them in the name of his mother, Eudoxia.

To show how complete was his vindication and how he now dwelt among them as formerly, the story is told of how, when his relics were brought to the patriarchal throne (as John himself used to ascend the throne at the start of each liturgy and bless the people), his voice was heard from the relics, blessing the people and saying, "Peace be with you!" – even as he blessed the people from there in former days. The translation of his relics took place in 438.