



## NEWSLETTER & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**22nd Week after Pentecost**

**Monday, November 2 — Sunday, November 8, 2020**



***The Kazan Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos***



***Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord***



***“Joy of All Who Sorrow” Icon of the Mother of God***

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## ~ A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN ~

The Veneration of the Mother of God is an important part of our life. She who bore God in her womb, who lived a life of total and complete obedience to God’s will is a real support for all of us. In Honor of the Mother of God, our church was named after the famous wonderworking Icon, Joy of All Who Sorrow. We are celebrating our 21 st year on the Westside of Los Angeles. When we first joined the OCA, our Bishop Tikhon gave us the name of Joy of All Who Sorrow. We felt particularly blessed because of our close ties to Joy of All Who Sorrow in San Francisco. This is the church where St. John of Shanghi and San Francisco is housed. Our Feast is celebrated November 6 th and will be broadcast live. We encourage everyone to tune in to our live broadcast on Facebook. The vigil will start at 6pm on November 5 th . Divine Liturgy will be the following day outside in the back of the church beginning at 8am. See you there.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

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## ~ “TWITTER SUMMARY” ~

***The main points from Sunday’s sermon, in 280 characters or less!***

For the Lord, the entire world is a parable. He uses parables because if He spoke the truth directly, we would not understand. He knows that we have hardened hearts, and that even when we hear truth directly we are oftentimes unable to hear it. When we find the pearl of great price, we must do everything we can to maintain it.

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**~ THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY ~**

*Scripture and liturgical readings to enrich your prayer life every day of the week*

<p align="center"><b>~ MONDAY~</b> <b>(11/2)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> Colossians 2:13-20 Luke 9:18-22</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Holy Great Martyr Artemius, Troparion, Tone IV —</b> In his suffering, O Lord,/ Thy martyr Artemius received an imperishable crown from Thee our God;/ for, possessed of Thy might,/ he set at nought the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons.// By his supplications save Thou our souls.</p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Great-martyr Artemius at Antioch (362)</p>	<p align="center"><b>~ TUESDAY~</b> <b>(11/3)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> Colossians 2:20-3:3 Luke 9:23-27</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Venerable Father Hilarion the Great, Troparion, Tone VIII —</b> With the streams of thy tears thou didst irrigate the barren desert,/ and with sighs from the depths of thy soul thou didst render thy labors fruitful an hundredfold./ Thou wast a beacon for the whole world, radiating miracles.// O our father Hilarion, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.</p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Venerable Hilarion the Great of Palestine (371)</p>
<p align="center"><b>~ WEDNESDAY~</b> <b>(11/4)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> Philippians 2:5-11 Epistle, Theotokos Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 Gospel, Theotokos</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Troparion of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God, Tone IV —</b> O earnest helper, Mother of the Lord Most High,/ thou dost entreat Christ, thy Son and our God, in behalf of all,/ and dost cause all to be saved who have recourse to thy mighty protection,/ O Lady, Queen and Mistress,/ help us all who, amid temptations, sorrows and sickness,/ are heavy laden with many sins,/ who stand before thee and with tears pray to thee with compunctionate soul/ and contrite heart before thine all-pure image,/ and who have unflinching hope in</p>	<p align="center"><b>~ THURSDAY~</b> <b>(11/5)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> Colossians 4:2-9 Luke 9:49-56</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Holy Apostle James, Brother of God, Troparion, Tone II —</b> As a disciple of the Lord thou didst receive the Gospel, O just one;/ as a martyr thou dost possess what is infinite;/ as the brother of God, thou hast boldness before Him;/ and as a hierarch, thou canst make entreaty.// Beseech Christ God, that our souls be saved.</p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Holy Apostle James the Brother of the Lord (63)</p>

thee:/ grant deliverance from all evils,/ and things profitable unto all, O Virgin Theotokos,/ and save us all, for thou art the divine protection// of thy servants.

**Commemoration of the Day:**

The Kazan Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, commemorating the deliverance from the Poles in 1612

**~ FRIDAY ~  
(11/6)**

**Holy Scripture:**

Philippians 2:5-11 Epistle, Theotokos  
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 Gospel,  
Theotokos

**Excerpt from the Menaion:**

**Troparion of the Icon of the Mother of God, "Joy of All Who Sorrow", Tone IV —**

Let us, the sinful and humble,/ now earnestly flee to the Theotokos,/ and bow down, crying out in repentance from the depth of our souls:/ Help us, O Lady, who hast had mercy upon us./ Haste thou, for we perish from a multitude of transgressions./ Turn not thy servants away, // for thee do we have as our only hope.

**Commemoration of the Day:**

Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "The Joy of All Who Sorrow" (1688)

**~ SATURDAY ~  
(11/7)**

**Holy Scripture:**

2 Corinthians 5:1-10  
Luke 7:2-10

**Excerpt from the Menaion:**

**Holy Martyrs Marcian & Martyrius, the Notaries, Tone IV —**

In their sufferings, O Lord,/ Thy martyrs received imperishable crowns from Thee our God;/ for, possessed of Thy might,/ they set at nought the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons.// By their supplications save Thou our souls.

**Commemoration of the Day:**

Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries of Constantinople (355)

**~ SUNDAY ~  
(11/8)**

**Holy Scripture:**

Galatians 6:11-18  
Luke 16:19-31

**Excerpt from the Menaion :**

**Greatmartyr Demetrius, Troparion, Tone III —**

The whole world hath found thee to be a great champion amid misfortunes,/ who conquered the pagans, O passion-bearer./ Therefore, as thou didst cast down the pride of Lyaeus/ and didst appoint the bold Nestor

**"Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, \* their words unto the ends of the world."**

[Prokeimenon of Pentecost, Tone 8, Liturgy]

**To read more:**

<https://www.holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/>

for the struggle, // thus, O Demetrius,  
beseech Christ God to grant us great mercy.

**Commemoration of the Day:**

Holy and Glorious Great-martyr  
Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher of  
Thessalonica (306)

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**~ PONDER THIS ~**

*A few thoughts to ponder in light of this week's lessons and sermons.*

<https://orthochristian.com/114554.html>

**THE COMPLICATED HISTORY  
OF THE KAZAN ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

This is how the appearance of the Kazan icon of the Mother of God took place: soon after a devastating fire, the Mother of God appeared to Matrona, a nine-year-old daughter of a strelets [a member of the infantry regiments in the sixteenth and seventeenth century Russia], and told her to find Her icon amid the ashes of a burned house. After the first vision nobody believed the girl. But the apparitions of the Queen of Heaven continued and the girl kept asking the adults to find the icon. Soon Matrona's mother turned to Orthodox priests, asking them to help her. However, the clerics didn't believe her story and were reluctant to search for the icon. It was not until numerous appeals to the bishop of Kazan that it was decided to try and find the holy object. At last the icon (wrapped in an old cloth) was found. According to tradition, as soon as Matrona started digging she discovered it. By orders of Tsar Ivan IV a convent in honor of the Mother of God and a church were built on this site, and the first copy of the icon was sent to Moscow.

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**~LOOK IT UP~**

**Did you know:** The wonderworking "Joy of All Who Sorrow" Icon of the Mother of God was glorified in the year 1688.

**Read more:** <https://orthochristian.com/107776.html>

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### ~ PRAYER CORNER ~

- Father John and Matushka Deborah.
- Please keep in prayer our older parishioners who, if they contract the COVID-19 virus, will be in greater risk of serious health complications.
- Anna and her family
- Ekaterina, memory eternal
- Please keep in prayer our heroic parishioners who work in the health care profession and are on the front lines of our society's fight against the Novel Corona Virus and COVID-19 disease.

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### ~ THIS WEEK'S SERVICES ~

Tuesday	6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live)
Wednesday	8am - Divine Liturgy 6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live) 6:40 - Akathist: St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 7pm - Studies in the Faith
Thursday	8am - Divine Liturgy 9:15 - Panikhida, Ekaterina 6pm - Vigil (Church Feast Day)
Friday	8am - Divine Liturgy (JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW) 6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live)
Saturday	7am - Matins 8:30 - Divine Liturgy 5pm - Vigil (Facebook Live)
Sunday	9am - Divine Liturgy 1pm - Parish Council Meeting on ZOOM

