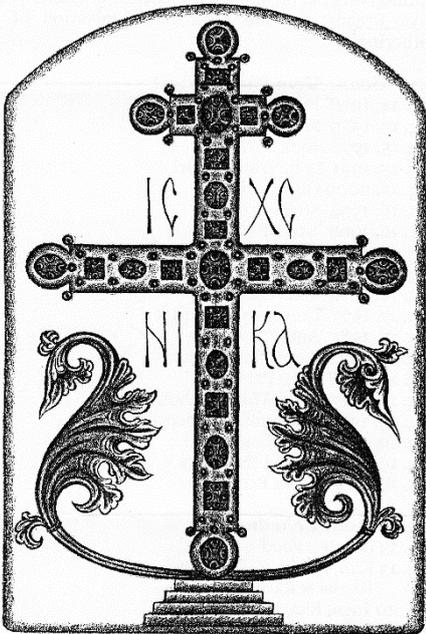


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BULLETIN OF JANUARY 27, 2018



A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

2019 Annual Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 27

The meeting is for all members and friends on the parish and everyone is kindly asked to attend. This year, the meeting will take place immediately following the Div. Liturgy/Post-Communion Prayers, and food items will be served during the meeting. Repeat: there will be no coffee hour as we will eat during the meeting to save time. Questions, see Fr. John. Thank you!

2019 Parish Council Membership

If you might be interested in serving on the council, please see Fr. John. Primary duties of council members: 1) attend the divine services regularly, 2) be present for quarterly and special council meetings, 3) be on the rotation for Sunday collection counting, 4) prayerfully cultivate a spirit of humble service, inspiring others by personal example, seeking not one's own will but the glory of God, the unity of His Church, and the extension of His Kingdom.

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple – Saturday, Feb. 2

Services for the feast will be at St. Andrew's in Lewes, DE as Fr. John will be recovering from surgery. Kindly offer a prayer for Fr. John. Thank you!

Schedule of Services – Sunday, Feb. 3

Next weekend's schedule is subject to modification as Fr. John will be having a surgery, albeit minor, this week. An update will be sent to our email list and posted on the website. Questions, please call the church.

New Photos

have been posted to our website from the March For Life and Bounce House Outing. Enjoy!



Parking Lot Expansion



Only \$1,600 more is needed to finish the 2017 expansion of the parking lot. The funds are required to backfill and grade the areas next to the new parking spaces and exit road. May the Lord bless!

The "Souper" Bowl of Caring – Sunday, Feb. 3rd

is an IOCC sponsored event designed to help local food banks and charities. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, each parishioner is asked to bring a can of food (or more) for our local food pantry, and \$1.00 (or more) for our local pregnancy aid center: Grace Center for Maternal & Women's Health.



Have Something on Your Mind?

Feel free to talk to your priest. Fr. John can be reached anytime via phone, 302-537-6055 or email, frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH

35th Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy
Annual Parish Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

5:00p.m. No Class
6:00p.m. Rdr. Vespers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

36th Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy or Typica
Coffee Hour



On an Open Heart

"The purer a heart is, the larger and more open it is, and the more easily it finds space to accommodate more people. The more sinful it is, the more it contracts, shuts down, and so it can find room for only a few."

St. John of Kronstadt

✝	OPERATING			EARMARKED			ACCOUNTS		READER SCHEDULE	
	LAST MONTH	THIS MONTH	LAST YEAR	LAST MONTH	THIS MONTH	LAST YEAR	AS OF 1/27		1/27	
INCOME	15,337	6,431	107,633	8,988	175	38,732	OPERATING	7,533	2/3	Megan Wilkinson
EXPENSE	12,105	9,233	106,966	708	800	26,218	EARMARKED	11,924	2/10	Rdr. George Kaloroumakis
NET	3,232	-3,702	+667	8,280	-625	12,218	SAVINGS	12,000	2/17	Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones

THE MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Celebrated February 2nd – From the Prologue of Ochrid

The fortieth day after His birth, the All-Holy Virgin brought her Divine Son into the Temple of Jerusalem, in accordance with the Law, to dedicate Him to God and to purify herself. "Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites both of man and beast, for it belongs to me" (Exodus 13:2). "Tell the Israelites: when a woman has conceived and gives birth to a boy, she shall be unclean for seven days, with the same uncleanness as at her menstrual period. On the eighth day, the flesh of the boy's foreskin shall be circumcised, and then she shall spend thirty-three days more in becoming purified of her blood; she shall not touch anything sacred nor enter the sanctuary till the days of her purification are fulfilled. If she gives birth to

a girl, for fourteen days she shall be as unclean as at her menstruation, after which she shall spend sixty-six days in becoming purified of her blood. When the days of her purification for a son or for a daughter are fulfilled, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the meeting tent a yearling lamb for a holocaust and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. The priest shall offer them up before the Lord to make atonement for her, and thus she will be clean again after her flow of blood. Such is the law for the woman who gives birth to a boy or a girl child" (Leviticus 12:2-7). Even though neither the one nor the other was necessary, nevertheless the Lawgiver did not, in anyway, want to transgress His own Law whom He had given through Moses, His servant and prophet. At that time, the high-priest Zacharias, the father of John the Forerunner [Precursor], was on duty in the Temple["serving as a priest before God in the order of his division" St. Luke 1:8]. Zacharias placed the Virgin, not in the temple area reserved for women but rather in the area reserved for virgins. On this occasion, two unusual persons appeared in the Temple: the Elder Simeon and Anna, the daughter of Phanuel. The righteous Simeon took the Messiah in his arms and said: " Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." (St. Luke 2: 29-32). Simeon also spoke the following words about the Christ-child: "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel" (St. Luke 2:34). Then Anna, who from her youth served God in the Temple by fasting and prayers, recognized the Messiah and glorified God and proclaimed to the inhabitants of Jerusalem about the coming of the long-awaited One.



Troparion – tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, Enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice and be glad O righteous elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the resurrection!

Kontakion – tone 1

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and save us through love, grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of men!

The Pharisees present in the Temple, who having seen and heard all, became angry with Zacharias because he placed the Virgin Mary in the area reserved for virgins and reported this to King Herod. Convinced that this is the new king about whom the Magi from the east spoke, Herod immediately sent his soldiers to kill Jesus. In the meantime the Holy Family had already left the city and set out for Egypt under the guidance of an angel of God. The Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple was celebrated from earliest times but the solemn celebration of this day was established in 544 AD during the reign of Emperor Justinian.

