

# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

### Meeting of the Lord in the Temple Zacchaeus Sunday

8:40am Pre-Baptismal Prayers  
9:00am Baptismal Div. Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

5:00pm Bible Study  
6:00pm Great Vespers

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

### Publican & Pharisee

8:40am Hours  
9:00am Div. Liturgy; Coffee Hour  
Orthodox 101

### Looking Ahead:

- ❖ Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Meatfare Sunday
- ❖ March 1<sup>st</sup> – Cheesefare Sunday
- ❖ March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Lent Begins
- ❖ March 25<sup>th</sup> – Annunciation
- ❖ April 12<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday
- ❖ April 17<sup>th</sup> – Holy Friday
- ❖ April 19<sup>th</sup> – Pascha



*To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God's love, it is not to look backwards with self-reproach but forward with trustfulness, it is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the grace of Christ I might yet become.*

St. John of the Ladder

### A Warm Welcome!

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

### Two Baptisms Today!

We will have the Baptisms of John Isaac Davidson and Emory Emilia Kostyk. We congratulate them, their sponsors, and their entire families and friends! Many blessed years to all!



### 2020 Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

If you missed the important Annual Meeting of the parish body, please review the packet of reports on the website and in the back of the church. A sincere "Thank You!" is offered to all who attended.

### The "Souper" Bowl of Caring

is an IOCC sponsored event designed to help local food banks and charities. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.



### Super Bowl Party Canceled

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest/response the Super Bowl party has been canceled. Perhaps there are not many Chief or 49er fans in the parish? That said, the Super Bowl itself will still be held. Enjoy!



### The New Parish Council

will receive their blessing to assume their duties at the Liturgy on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting of the new council will be after the coffee hour on this same day. All council members are asked to prepare for this high calling and important day.

### Our Directory of Parishioners and Friends

is currently being updated. If you attend Christ the Savior Mission even infrequently and are not yet listed in our directory, please fill out a directory form in the back of the church. An updated directory will be made available at the candle stand in early 2020. Questions, please see Nissa Nancy. Thank you!



### Additional 2020 Calendars and Envelopes

are available for pickup at the candle stand if you didn't receive yours. Please ask Nissa Nancy or the ushers/greeters for assistance.



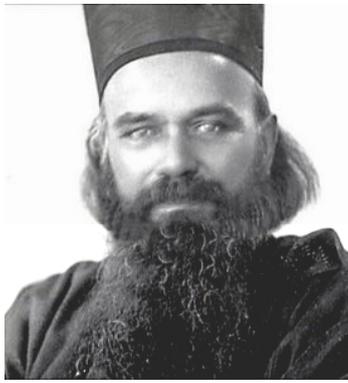
### Coffee Hour

Appreciation is expressed to those who bring food for the coffee hour, especially if you do so on a consistent basis. If you haven't been bringing food, please do consider it. Thank you!

### 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.

✠	OPERATING			EARMARKED			ACCOUNTS		READER SCHEDULE	
	LAST YEAR	LAST MONTH	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	OPERATING			
INCOME	110,092	9,304	9,304	25,364	250	250	OPERATING	11,564	2/2	Beth Dunbar
EXPENSE	104,506	9,551	9,551	20,038	0	0	EARMARKED	13,680	2/9	Megan Wilkinson
NET	+5,587	-247	-247	+5,325	0	0	SAVINGS	12,458	2/16	Rdr. George Kaloroumakis
							BUILDING	4,861	2/23	Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia



## ON THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF GOOD DEEDS

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

It is difficult, my brethren, to dispute with an atheist; it is difficult to converse with a stupid man; it is difficult to change an embittered man. It is only with the greatest difficulty that you will convince an atheist, a stupid man or an embittered man with words. Firstly, you must sway them by your deeds. They will come, "by your good works, which they shall behold, to glorify God" (I Pet. 2:12). Do good to him who would quarrel with you, and you will win the argument. A single act of compassion will penetrate to a stupid man and soften a bitter man more quickly than hours of discussion. If atheism and stupidity and bitterness proceed from ignorance, that ignorance is like a fury that is most easily bridled by the influence of good deeds. If you argue with an atheist on his own diabolical terms, you simply strengthen the demon of atheism. If you converse with a stupid man in a spirit of derision, the darkness of stupidity will be made the greater. If you think to change a bitter man by anger, you will merely add more fuel to the fire of bitterness. But a meek and well-intentioned act is like throwing water on the flames. Always remember the holy apostles and their behavior towards men. If an atheist challenges you, then it is not the man that challenges you but the devil, for man is by nature devout and tends Godwards. If a stupid man scoffs at you, then it is not the man who scoffs but the devil, for man is by nature intelligent. If a bitter man persecutes you, it is not the man that is doing this but the devil, for man is by nature good and well-disposed. It is the devil that challenges us in lengthy debates and fruitless discussions, but he flees from the power of good deeds. Do good in the name of Christ, and the devil will flee. You will be working with men, men who are devout and intelligent and good. Everything, therefore, that you do, be sure that you do it in the name of Christ.

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### REFLECTION: FASTING AND LOVE

*From the Prologue of Ochrid*

Fasting is a great thing but love is even greater. If by fasting demons are cast out, passions tamed, the body pacified, the spirit composed then, by love, God takes up abode in man. The Lord Himself emphasized fasting as necessary but stressed love as the main commandment. In the first half of the last century, Jeladin Bey ruled in Ochrid, a renegade from the Sultan and an independent ruler. At that time, the Church was governed by Metropolitan Kalinikos. Even though of different faiths, Jeladin Bey and Kalinikos were very good friends and often visited one another. It happened that Jeladin Bey condemned twenty-five Christians to be



hanged. They were scheduled to be hanged on Great and Holy Friday [Good Friday]. The Metropolitan, totally disturbed because of this incident, went to Jeladin Bey and began to implore him to be more lenient with the punishment. While they were conversing, the time for lunch arrived and the Bey invited the Metropolitan to dine. Lamb was prepared for lunch. The Metropolitan excused himself, saying that because of fasting he could not remain for lunch, and he prepared to leave. The Bey was sorry and said to the Metropolitan: "Choose; either you will dine with me and free twenty-five men from the gallows, or you will not dine and allow them to be hanged." The Metropolitan crossed himself and sat down to eat and Jeladin freed the condemned from the punishment of death.

### FEBRUARY CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Birthdays:

2/6	Andrew Hageman
2/7	Eliseea Bendfeldt
2/10	Christopher Morsey
2/13	Juliana Milite
2/14	Alma Linda Hageman Alyssa Mellinger
2/17	Daria Parsells Quentin Mellinger
2/18	Daniel Moss
2/20	Isabella Morsey
2/21	Beth Dunbar
2/23	Natalia Korovina Riley Mellinger
2/25	Constantine Cook
2/26	Londy Kokkinos
2/27	Gary Casserly
2/28	Ana Lucia Hageman

## THE MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

*Celebrated February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 Zaccharias, 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]. Zaccharias 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.

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.

### **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!