

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat. Dec. 2	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 3	8am	Divine Liturgy
Mon. Dec. 4	10 am	Entrance of Theotokos Festal Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 9	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 10	8 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 16	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 17	8 am	Divine Liturgy



DON'T FORGET
GIVING TREE 2023
IS ON!

BRING YOUR GIFTS ON
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

Remember, pray for peace,
And pray for each other!

PRAYER HAS POWER.



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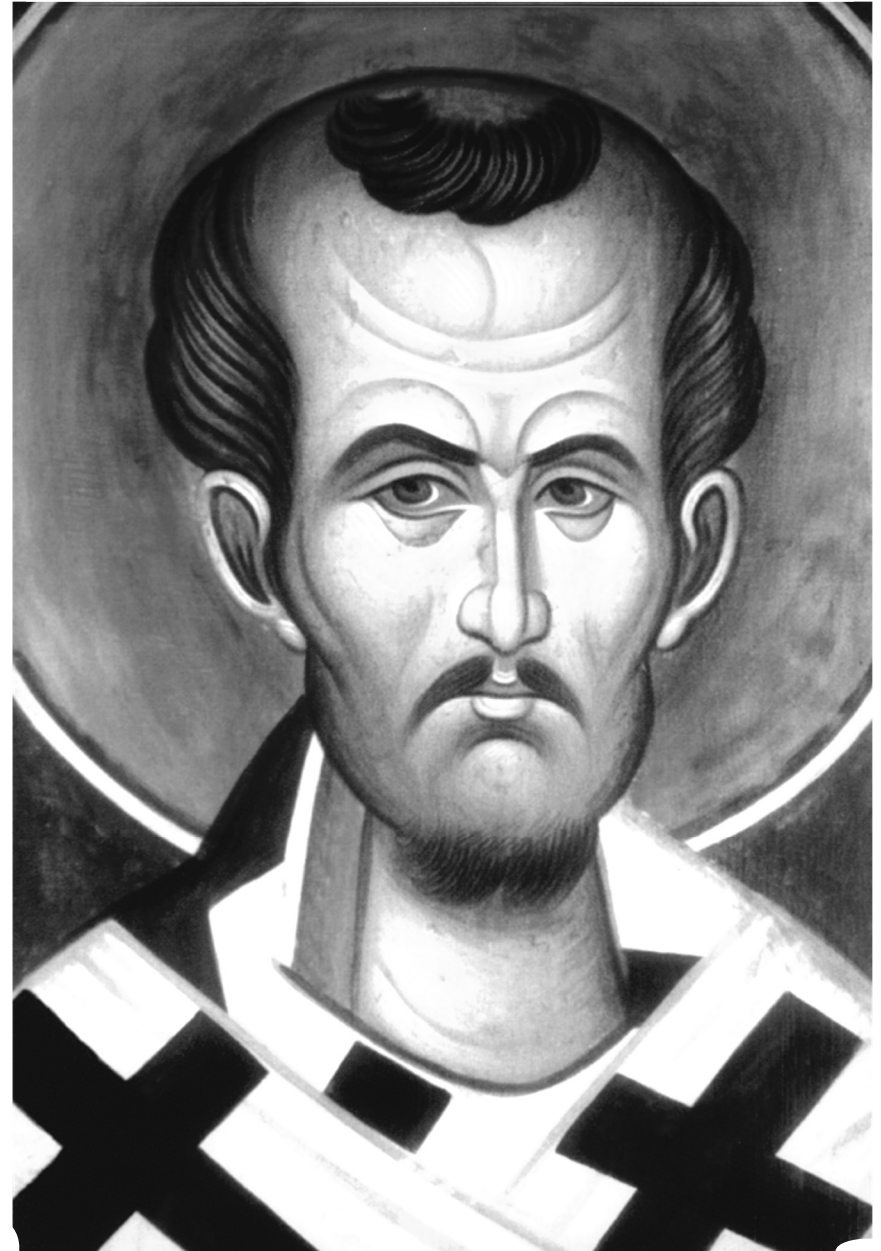
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SUN. NOV. 26, 2023 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE TONE 8



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Prokeimenon in Tone 8 (Ps 76)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

In the 1st Tone (Ps 48)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:1-6: HEBREWS 7:26-8:2

BRETHREN, I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

BRETHREN, For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.+

Alleluia in Tone 8 (Ps 95)

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!

And in the 2nd Tone (Ps 36)

The mouth of the righteous meditates wisdom and his tongue speaks of judgment.

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37; JOHN 10:9-16

AT THAT TIME, behold, behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THE LORD SAID, "I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd."+



“LET US ATTEND!”

Nativity Fast

begins this Tues. Nov. 28

This Sunday will be the last fast-free
Sunday until January 7th.



THE ASONA CHRISTMAS PAGE IS UP

arizonaorthodox.com/Christmas

*Time to study up on what we really believe, and we have done the work for you! We often hear it said that Jesus was not “really” born December 25th; that this date is a mere fiction, appropriated by church authorities in an attempt to Christianize the pagan solstice, or festival of the sun. However, such charges are actually recent. **Learn the truth. Defend the faith!***

Census Considerations

On the Dateline NBC’s “The Birth of Jesus” episode, Dr. John Dominic Crossan, co-founder of the wildly popular Jesus Seminar, called into question the historical veracity of Holy Scripture. Said Crossan: “Luke tells us the story that at the time Jesus was born Augustus had decreed a census of the whole earth. Now, every scholar will tell you there was no such census ever.” Is Crossan correct? Is the Canon corrupt?

A Pagan Records the Slaughter of the Holy Innocents by Herod

Matthew says that when Herod realized the magi were not going to return, he ordered the slaughter of all male children two years old and under in Bethlehem and the neighboring towns (Matt. 2:16-18). The witness of Matthew and John is corroborated by a pagan writer named Macrobius.

Christmas Trees: Pagan or Biblical? In Defense of the Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree? Pagan? The Christmas tree does not date from early Germanic times. Its origins are to be found in a tradition that has virtually disappeared from Christianity, the Liturgical Drama.

*Our Christmas page includes the hilarious
“Horus Ruins Christmas” videos.*

SAINTS ALIVE

The lives and deeds of the heroes of our faith

THE RIGHT BELIEVING EMPEROR ST. JUSTINIAN

The Holy Right-Believing Emperor Justinian, a major figure in the history of the Byzantine state, was also a great champion of Orthodoxy, a builder of churches and a Church writer, and he was of Slavic descent – born in Bulgaria. During his reign (527-565) Byzantium won glory with military victories in Persia, Africa, Italy, – as a result of which paganism was decisively rooted amongst the Germanic Vandal and West-Goth tribes. By command of the emperor Justinian the pagan schools in Athens were closed. With the aim of spreading Christianity through the regions of Asia Minor, Justinian sent there the bishop of Ephesus John, who baptised more than 70 thousand pagans.



The emperor gave orders to build 90 churches for the newly converted, and he generously supported church construction within the empire. His finest structures of the time are considered to be the monastery at Sinai, and the church of Hagia Sophia at Constantinople. Under Saint Justinian many a church was built in the name of our Most Holy Lady Mother of God. Being a man of quite diverse an education, Saint Justinian assiduously concerned himself over the education of clergy and monks, ordering them to be instructed in rhetorics, in philosophy and in theology. The right-believing sovereign devoted much attention and effort into the struggle with the Origenists of his time, who then were reviving the Nestorian heresy. Against their heretical speculations was composed the Church-hymn "*Only-Begotten Son and Immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation...*", and he commanded its singing as obligatory in the churches. From that time through the present day this hymn is sung in the Divine Liturgy before the Small Entrance [i.e. 2nd Antiphon]. At the command of the sovereign, in the year 553 was convened the Fifth Ecumenical Council, censuring the teachings of Origen and affirming the definitions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council at Chalcedon. In his personal life, Saint Justinian was strictly pious, and he zealously fasted quite often. The holy Emperor Justinian died in the year 565.

GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!



BENEFITTING THOSE IN THE ARIZONA FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

2023 ASONA Giving Tree!

It's that time of year again.

As most of you know, every year ASONA sponsors a Giving Tree for children and adults who are in the Arizona Foster Care system. The holidays are a terrible time for those in the system, and we want to do EVERYTHING we can do to make sure they are not forgotten.

Here's how it works:

1. Take a tag from the 'tree'.
2. Purchase the corresponding gift(s).
3. Bring it, new and unwrapped, to Church (Gift bags are best!)
4. **Make sure it's in church on Sun. December 3.**

Now, don't forget this is a HARD DEADLINE. We are not in charge of this program, so everything must be collected by Dec. 3rd.

Last year, someone brought a gift a week late, and was angry that it could not be delivered. We are not making the rules here, so let's make it easy on everyone. Once again, this is a HARD DEADLINE for us, and time is short. We can do NOTHING to deliver late gifts.

The Christmas Giving Tree starts TODAY. ASONA has participated in the program for years now. Help us continue this important spiritual tradition. This is the way of Life in Christ!