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Sunday, January 19, 2025

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - TONE 5

Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:

Troparion of resurrection, in tone 5:

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for venerable Herman, in tone 7:

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all men to the heavenly kingdom, teacher and apostle of the true faith, intercessor and defender for the oppressed, adornment of the Orthodox Church in America: blessed father Herman of Alaska, pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!

Troparion for venerable Macarius, in tone 1:

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father Macarius. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Kontakion of resurrection, in tone 5:

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion for venerable Herman, in tone 3:

The eternal light of Christ our Savior guided thee, O blessed father Herman, on thine evangelical journey to America to proclaim the Gospel of peace. Now thou standest before the throne of glory: beseech God for thy land and its people, asking peace for the world and salvation for our souls.

Glory, kontakion for venerable Macarius, in tone 4:

The Lord truly placed thee in the house of abstinence, as a star enlightening the ends of the earth, Venerable Macarius, Father of Fathers.

Now & ever, theotokion, in tone 6:

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, Constant Advocate before the Creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou dost always protect those who honor thee!

Prokeimenon of resurrection, in tone 5:

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us * and preserve us from this generation forever.
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Epistle: Colossians 3, 12-16 [258]

The Alleluia, in tone 5: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.
v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Gospel: Luke 18, 35-43 [93]

Communion hymn:
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Birthdays / Wedding Anniversaries:

• John Drosdak - Birthday: Jan 19

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PRAYERS:

- For health of: Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, Archbishop Nathaniel Popp, Archbishop Alexander Golitzin, Matushka Myra Kovalak; Marcia Lutz; Bernard Kusior; Julia Jay

- MEMORY ETERNAL:
  - **Marie Yurkcuk: +Dec 26, 2024**
  - **Matushka Eugenia Nehrebecki: Apr 30, 1930 - Jan 02, 2025**

[*Please let Fr. Vjekoslav know if you would like to add anybody to the prayer list.*]

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Social Hour - following Liturgy

'THANK YOU!' to: **Tina Gurnavage & Popadija Dragana** for preparing food for the Social Hour following Liturgy.
On the schedule for next Sunday, **Jan 26**: **Vicky McDonnell & Irina Kulinich**.

Church Clean-up

'THANK YOU!' to: **Vicky McDonnell & Traci Weinstein** for cleaning the church this week.
On the scheduled for next week: **Russel & Peggy Hay**.

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May God grant you many blessed years for your dedication and hard work!

Church Attendance

- **Sat, Jan 11, G. Vespers - 6 adults, 3 children**
- **Sun, Jan 12, D. Liturgy - 24 adults, 3 children**

Received Communion - 20 adults, 3 children

Last Sunday Collection:

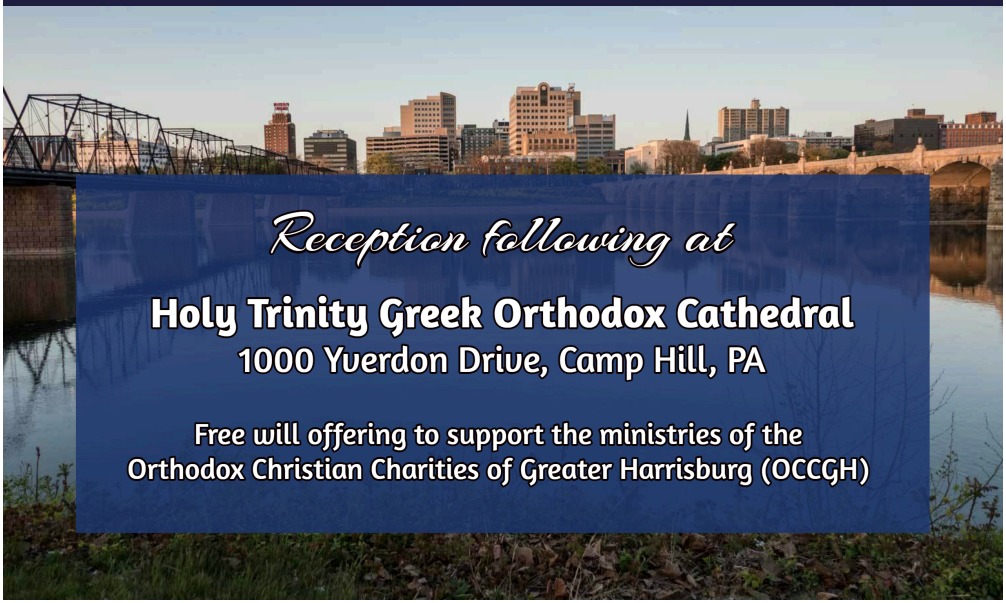
- **Sun, Jan 12, D. Liturgy - $ 552.00**

16th Annual Pan-Orthodox GREAT BLESSING

of the Susquehanna River, City Island

Sunday January 19, 2025

Gather at the Arcade @ 2:00 pm



Reception following at

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

1000 Yuerdon Drive, Camp Hill, PA

Free will offering to support the ministries of the Orthodox Christian Charities of Greater Harrisburg (OCCGH)

Liturgical Calendar:

- **Jan 25, Saturday, 04:30pm - Great Vespers**
- **Jan 26, Sunday, 09:00am - Divine Liturgy**

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SPECIAL OFFERING

- Sun, Jan 19: **Marie Drosdak, for: 85th Birthday of John Drosdak Sr. & 60th Birthday of John Drosdak Jr., offers: wine, incense, Altar Table Vigils & Center Table Vigils.**

May God grant them many more blessed years!!!

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Blessing of Homes for Theophany

There are few things more vital to our lives than our homes. In our homes we pray, we work, we talk to others, we order our lives, we work out our marriages, etc. What more important place to reclaim for the Kingdom of God – or is it better to continue living in a place which is occupied by the enemy. For the most effective working out of our salvation, we must drive the enemy out of our homes, and keep him at bay by our prayers, our righteous life, and the annual sprinkling by Holy Water at Theophany.

It is tradition to invite your priest to bless your home with holy water following Theophany. Fr. Vjekoslav will do Blessing of Homes during Theophany season. He is available any time, any day from January 8th on. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Father either by phone or email in order to schedule the visit. Fell free to text or leave a voice mail and Father will get back to you as soon as possible.

The items needed for a house blessing are:
1. **Candle** (*Real wax candle, that has a wick and is able to burn, not electric*)
2. **Large serving bowl** for the Holy Water
3. **Holy Water** (*Blessed in the Orthodox Church*)

[*Optional:* Small Censer, Charcoal, Incense]

A WARM WELCOME to all visitors and guests who have participated in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy this morning. We invite you all to our parish hall for fellowship following the veneration of the Holy Cross. Please, find the schedule of services and Fr. Vjekoslav's contact info in the bulletin. We hope to see you again!

PLEASE NOTE: **Holy Communion is given only to those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and a recent confession, and have attended the Holy Liturgy from the beginning, and are in peace with each other. Partakers of the Communion must keep strict fasting on the morning before Liturgy, that is not to consume any food or drink until after Eucharist.**