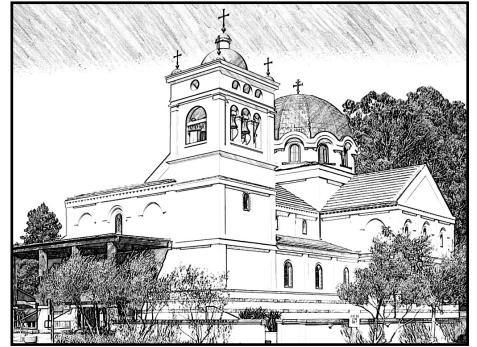


# ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy Disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

- TROPARION OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS, Tone One:

The three most great luminaries of the Three-Sun Divinity have illumined all of the world with the rays of doctrines divine and true; they are the sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom, who with godly knowledge have watered all creation in clear and mighty streams: The great and sacred Basil, and the theologian, wise Gregory, together with the renowned John, the famed Chrysostom of golden speech. Let us all who love their divinely wise words come together, honoring them with hymns; for ceaselessly they offer entreaty for us to the Trinity.

- KONTAKION, OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS, Tone Two:

Thou hast taken to Thyself, O Lord, the sacred and God-proclaiming heralds, the crown of Thy teachers, for the enjoyment of Thy blessings and for repose; for Thou hast accepted their sufferings and labors above all sacrifice, O Thou Who alone dost glorify Thy Saints.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Jan. 29: Gardening Work Party, check with Matushka Ann  
5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
- Sunday, Jan. 30: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy  
11:30 AM, Church School (outside)  
Noon, Coffee and donuts in the courtyard  
Afternoon Deanery Teen get-together at St. Nicholas in San Anselmo
- Tuesday, Feb. 1: 6:15 PM, Vigil for the *Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple*
- Wednesday, Feb. 2: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast and blessing of candles  
5 PM, Vespers
- Thursday, Feb. 3: 7 PM, Bible Study with Fr. James via Zoom
- Friday, Feb. 4: 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions
- Saturday, Feb. 5: *Welcoming Home* distribution in our parking lot (see note below)  
5 PM, Vigil/Confessions

- CONGRATULATIONS:

Hannah Stameroff gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Tuesday evening, January 25. Congratulations and Many Years to to Alex and Hannah and their child.

- GARDENS:

*Earlier this week a call for help was sent out on parish email forum, GROUPS, asking for assistance in the garden. Here is that note: In the next couple of months there is a lot of gardening to be done around the church property. I am usually in the gardens on Saturday mornings working into the early afternoon. I would love some help and always enjoy some company. On Jan. 29 (this Saturday) and Feb 12 we will be trimming back the roses and feeding them (There are about 40 rose bushes on the property). I would also like to start weeding the beds. Especially on these two Saturdays there is much to be done. Please let me know if you can help. Remember to reply to my email and not to the Groups list. You can also call, 707 477-0808. — Matushka Ann*

- PARTNERING TO HELP THE HOMELESS:

On Saturday, Feb. 5, our parish will once again partner with the non-profit charitable organization “Welcoming Home” (where I work) which furnishes apartments of formerly homeless families and provides assistance in that transition. Click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a9ab23a3f85-february1> to see the full list of needed items and sign up for any you can donate. You will make one formerly homeless family who is working hard to build a new life very happy. Tax receipts given, of course. —*Lydia Margitich*

- ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

Our Annual Meeting has been re-scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 12:30 PM. Besides elections for five new Council Members, we will also review our finances and seek approval for the 2022 operating budget. We will also vote on new Parish Bylaws, so that they will conform to the newly-revised and standardized Diocesan approved parish bylaws. As usual, the Annual Meeting Report Booklet will be distributed the week before the meeting—this booklet will contain finances from 2021, reports about the Church School, fresco work, prosphora and a list of our parish ministries. We did not have a meeting last year, so the Parish Council hopes to see all our members present.

- A REMINDER:

The Divine Liturgy begins at 10 AM—we assemble as the Church before the Liturgy begins, so that we can all offer our own *Amen* to the joyous exclamation of the Good News: *Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* Your AMEN is not incidental or unimportant. Each one of us is given the privilege in that *Amen* of saying “yes” to God and reaffirming our citizenship in the Kingdom, our true home. Each one is invited to participate in the Liturgy, this common work of the congregation. It is odd, puzzling, to see intelligent, devout and deeply committed Christians arriving to the Liturgy after it begins (there are some valid reasons, no doubt). Being sick for two weeks and listening to the live-stream of the Liturgy at home, I was amazed to see so many people arrive after the Liturgy has begun (you’re walking by my window...hard to miss). Faith and faithfulness may not come naturally to us, and need a little more attention is needed lest our hearts grow cold. *Let us attend, let us stand aright, let us offer the Holy Sacrifice in peace.* —*Fr Lawrence*

- WE DO NOT SEE OUR PRIDE:

...after grievous [spiritual] wounds I have come to know that the signs of pride are disparaging or disdainful of one’s neighbors and carelessness over confession. But in and of itself, pride is not noticeable to a man, being the subtlest passion, which deceived a light-bearing angel and caused the Fall in Heaven. Upon this passion the others are supported, like a building upon a foundation that is hidden beneath the earth. —*St. Ignatius Brianchaninov, writing in 1842*

- FEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD:

On the *Feast of the Meeting of the Lord* (each February 2) when the heavens meet the earth, God meets man, history meets eternity, when—as our people beautifully say—spring and winter meet, may we also open our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. He is there, knocking on everyone’s doors, “Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone opens the door, I

will come in to him and dine with him,” says the Lord (Rev. 3:20). May we open the doors of our beings, our hearts, that we never close them, how our old, trite, weathered beings would be renewed—our souls and bodies—and rejoice at the meeting with the Lord, the Meeting of the Lord, who comes to us in the arms of the Most Holy Theotokos, that He might take all of us in His eternal bosom. For He is eternally in the bosom of the Father, and there has He prepared us a place. Open your hearts, listen to the depths of your thoughts, desires, feelings, anticipations, nostalgias, yearnings, the pursuits of your hearts. For our hearts are created in the image of God and they yearn for God; the truth is often buried in passions, desires, appetites, ambitions, prejudices. Let us free ourselves of them and meet the Lord, for He always comes to meet us. He is the One who came, who is with us, Who always comes to be with us. —*Bishop Atanasije (Jevtic)*

• SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:

Each January hundreds of thousands of pro-life citizens peacefully gather in major cities across America to witness to the sanctity of the mother’s womb, and of the precious lives of children in the womb. The annual 2022 *West Coast Walk for Life* took place last Saturday, January 22 in San Francisco (here’s the [Service of Supplication](#) prayer service that was done before the walk began) with the participation of tens of thousands of people. Apropos that commemoration, below is the Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon for Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 16.

*To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, beloved Children in the Lord:* As we witness our society becoming increasingly polarized and divided, we approach the anniversary of one of the most bitter of these divisions: the legalization of abortion in the United States of America. We grieve on this anniversary for the many lives cut short, the emotional and psychological devastation done to so many women, the numerous wounded families, and the persistent hostility embittering our society. The Orthodox Church continues to hold fast to its ancient belief that all human life, from conception in the womb to our very last moment, is sacred to God. For the Holy Scripture tells us that “God did not make death, and He does not delight in the death of the living. For He created all things that they might exist” (Wis 1:13–14). So we say, humbly but firmly, that the willful destruction of a person in the womb is an evil act and a rejection of a gift of God. For Orthodox Christians, the darkness of abortion transcends the political. It extends even beyond morality and ethics. It cuts to the heart of our faith in the Resurrection. On that bright morning of Great and Holy Pascha, Christ forever destroyed death, the last enemy of mankind (cf. 1 Cor 15:26). The empty tomb ennobles humanity and transforms us into a people forever dedicated to life, utterly opposed to death in all its forms. All people, even those still unborn, are created for eternity with God, and it is our unshakable conviction in the Risen Christ which makes the thought of the termination of a child unimaginable. We also know that the unequivocal message of the New Testament is that followers of Christ are to “love one another” with the same self-sacrifice with which Christ loved us (cf. Jn 13:34). I encourage all Orthodox Christians to show that Christ-like, self-sacrificial love in the face of this darkness. I ask that we assist mothers in every way possible to relieve them of the temptation to abortion. Likewise, support the fathers as they step up to embrace their new and blessed family responsibility. As we “speak the truth in love” (Eph 4:15) we must not condemn others but leave judgment to the Lord. Our call is a call to repentance, beginning with ourselves, so that we might restore the likeness of God and become bright mirrors reflecting the light of Christ to a wounded, confused, and anxious people. Let the only thing that our society sees in us be overflowing love, piety, and forgiveness to all. We remember with gratitude that the Lord always gives us, personally and as a nation, a path out of our sin through repentance—even sin as devastating and horrific as abortion. Let our parishes and communities become beacons of that divine love and forgiveness, where all human life is valued as deeply as Christ values it, as we forever speak with a Paschal voice: “Christ is risen and life reigns.” May the Holy Spirit, whom we confess in the Creed as “the Lord, the Giver of life,” ever inspire us with love, humility, and conviction as we speak to this issue. —*Yours in Christ, +TIKHON*

# PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Jan. 30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:45 AM, Church School (outside today)</li> <li>• Noon, Coffee Hour in the courtyard</li> </ul>	<b>31</b>	<b>February 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:15 PM, Vigil for the Feast of the <i>Meeting of the Lord in the Temple</i></li> </ul>	<b>2 – Meeting of the Lord</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of Candles</li> <li>• 5 PM, Vespers</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, <i>Welcoming Home Distribution here</i></li> <li>• 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions</li> </ul>
<b>6 – Zacchaeus Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:45 AM, Church School</li> <li>• Noon, Agape Meal</li> </ul>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank</li> <li>• 5 PM, Vespers</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions</li> </ul>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM Gardening work party</li> <li>• 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions</li> </ul>
<b>13 – Publican and Pharisee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:45 AM, Church School</li> <li>• Noon, Agape Meal</li> </ul>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16 – No Fast</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, Vespers</li> </ul>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 – No Fast</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions</li> </ul>	<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:30 Catechism, <i>On Holy Baptism</i></li> <li>• 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions</li> </ul>
<b>20 – Prodigal Son</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:45 AM, Church School</li> <li>• Noon, Blini Lunch</li> </ul>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank</li> <li>• 5 PM, Vespers</li> </ul>	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 PM, Parish Council Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions</li> </ul>	<b>26 – Memorial Saturday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 3:30 Catechism, <i>On Holy Chrismation</i></li> <li>• 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions</li> </ul>
<b>27 – Last Judgment/St. Raphael</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 12:30 PM, ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</li> </ul>	<b>28</b> <b>Meat fast begins</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, <i>Lenten Style</i> Vespers</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, <i>Lenten Style</i> Vespers</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:30 Catechism, <i>On the Holy Eucharist</i></li> <li>• 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions</li> </ul>