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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025, VOL. 21 No. 51

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (THE GENEALOGY); VIRGIN-MARTYR JULIANA OF NICOMEDIA;  
MARTYR THEMISTOKLES OF MYRA IN LYCIA;

**Tone of the Week: 3 • Great Doxology: Tone 1**

#### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*(Letters and page numbers below refer to the sections in “The Divine Liturgy for Clergy and Laity” found in the pews)*

**A: First Antiphon (pg. 18):** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

**B: Second Antiphon (pg. 20):** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

**C: Third Antiphon and Little Entrance (pg. 24):** During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...”

**D: Entrance Hymn:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

- *After the Little Entrance, sing these hymns in the following order:*

#### **E. Troparia:**

- **Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 3:** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.
- **Troparion of the Forefeast of the Nativity – Tone 4:** Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all. Ephratha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of Life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the holy Virgin. Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat thereof we shall all live, and shall not die as did Adam. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.
- **Troparion of the Sunday before the Nativity – Tone 2:** Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.
- **Troparion of All Saints of North America**

**F: Kontakion of the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ – Tone 1:** On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

**G: Trisagion (pg. 28):** Holy God, Holy Might, Holy Immortal....

#### **H: Liturgy of the Word: (pg. 31)**

- *Epistle:* Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40
- *Gospel:* Matthew 1:1-25

***I: Usual Megalynarion of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom – Tone 8:*** It is truly meet and right to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all blameless and the Mother of our God. More Honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

**Upcoming Services:** *An extensive church calendar is available on our website.*

- Saturday, December 20 – 4:00 p.m. Catechism Class; 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- Sunday, December 21 – 8:20 a.m. Orthros; **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
- ***Wednesday, December 24: 3:00 p.m. Great Vespers; 8:00 p.m. Orthros for Nativity; 9:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ.***
- Saturday, December 27 – 5:00 p.m. NO Great Vespers
- Sunday, December 28 – 8:20 a.m. NO Orthros; **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
- Wednesday, December 31 – **7:00 p.m. Vespersal Divine Liturgy for St. Basil the Great and Circumcision of XC.**
- **January 1, 2026 – Happy New Year!**
- Saturday, January 3 – 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- Sunday, January 4 – 8:45 Baptisms and Chrismations; **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
- Monday, January 5 – **7:00 p.m. Vespersal Divine Liturgy for Theophany with Great Blessing of the Waters**
- Wednesday, January 7 – 7:00 p.m. NO Vespers
- Saturday, January 10 – 4:00 p.m. Catechism Class; 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- Sunday, January 11 – 8:20 Orthros; **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
- Wednesday, January 14 – 7:00 p.m. Vespers; 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, January 17 – 4:00 p.m. Catechism Class; 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- Sunday, January 18 – 8:20 Orthros; **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
- Wednesday, January 21 – 7:00 p.m. Vespers; 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, January 24 – 4:00 p.m. Catechism Class; 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- Sunday, January 25 – 8:20 Orthros; **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
- Wednesday, January 28 – 7:00 p.m. Vespers; 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, January 31 – 4:00 p.m. Catechism Class; 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- Sunday, February 1 – 8:20 Orthros; **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

**News – Events:**

- ***WELCOME GUESTS!*** Please join us for coffee, food, and fellowship after the Divine Liturgy. Browse our bookstore as well. There are complimentary booklets and pamphlets available in the narthex - please help yourself.
- ***LEARN TO SING CHURCH HYMNS:*** <https://www.youtube.com/@AbigailNarrates>
- ***HONOR OR REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES:*** It is always possible to donate in honor of a living person or in memory of someone who has departed this life – cards and envelopes are located next to the stewardship basket in the narthex. Families of the departed will be notified of your gift.

**Remember this week in your prayers:**

- Those who are preparing for Holy Illumination: John, Ashley, Shannon
- Catechumens and Inquirers: Kyle, Landon, James, Ben, Naomi, Fia, Caspian, Ashlynn, Dakota, Tyler, Emily
- Newly Illumined:
- Living: John (Ray Crawford), Patricia B., Judy, Patricia K., Peter K., Seminarian Daniel (Hackney, Jr.), Elsa, Chioma, Lois, Jacob, Mary and the child to be born of her, Shelley, Carol.
- Departed: Jared
- Memorial: