

**November 16, 2008 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sun. after Pentecost. Tone 5.** Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (60 A.D.). St. Fulvianus, Prince of Ethiopia, in holy Baptism Matthew (1<sup>st</sup> c.).  
**Epistle:** Galatians 6:11-18. **Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37.

**Next Sunday, November 23 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun. after Pentecost. Tone 6. Epistle:** Ephesians 2:4-10. **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Nov. 16, 2008)**

**TODAY**

**11:15 AM** Church School and Bible Class  
**5:00 PM** Teen Group

**TUESDAY**

**6:00 PM** Vespers  
**6:30 PM** Parish Council

**THURSDAY**

**6:00 PM** Vigil of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

**FRIDAY**

**9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy: Entrance of the Theotokos  
**4-7:00 PM** Fish Dinner

**SATURDAY**

**10:00 AM** Christmas Program Practice (children)  
**6:00 PM** Great Vespers

**SUNDAY (Nov. 23)**

**9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun. after Pentecost  
**11:15 AM** Church School & Adult Class  
**5:00 PM** Thanksgiving Food Box Assemblage

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***NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ARE GREATLY NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY, ESPECIALLY TO FILL THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES AT THE END OF THE MONTH. PLEASE GIVE AS YOU ARE ABLE.***

***TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING BOXES SING-UP SHEET IS ON THE CANDLESTAND – PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!***

**COMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Nov. 21** Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple  
**Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Food Boxes Distribution  
**Nov. 26** Vesperal Liturgy for Thanksgiving (6 PM)

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*Offerings: 11-09-08: \$1,960.00; Attendance: 11-09-08: 110; Candle Commemorations: 11-16-08: Theotokos: blessed memory of Ann Ledney. Altar: -----, Christ: -----.*

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**Path to Salvation Class:** the Tuesday evening class is working through the *Epistle of St. James*. All are invited and encouraged to join the class which begins about 6:30 PM following Vespers. Next class – November 25.



**ADULT CLASS AFTER SUNDAY LITURGY:** new topic begins on November 16: *Angels and Demons*. The first Sunday of each month we will suspend the Adult Class in order just to socialize and mingle.



**No Fish Dinners in December! Help Wanted – Fish Dinner Manager (experience in food service a plus, but not absolutely necessary). See Barb McKenzie for more details.**

**TEEN GROUP – meets again at 5:00 PM this evening, Nov. 16:**

All teens of the Parish (those who will be 13 by Dec. 31 to 19 yr.-olds) are invited to join together for dinner, discussion, and plans!!!

**Exercise Class here at St. John's – Wednesday at 7:00 PM and Saturday at 8:30 AM;** Kathy Soltis-Cyhan will be leading the class.

**Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Academy is hosting a Nativity Fund Raiser providing festive centerpieces and baskets. See the order form on the bulletin board. Call the school at 330-399-7642 for more information.**

**Classic Literature Reading Group**

**New Book (11/19): *The Last Days of Socrates*, by Plato (4 dialogues)**

*at Borders Café (Hwy. 46 near the Eastwood Mall)*

*every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to Noon*

The group is facilitated by Fr. Jonathan. Everyone is welcome to join.

**Relay for Life Team News:**

- **2009 Entertainment Books** are for sale; they are \$25 each. See Mary Gearhart if you are interested in purchasing a book.
- **Upcoming Garage Sale** – the date is yet to be announced.

**Feast Day (Nov. 21): *The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple***

- **Thurs. evening, Nov. 20, at 6 PM – Vigil Service**
- **Fri. morning, Nov. 21, at 9:30 PM – Divine Liturgy**

**+ 15<sup>th</sup> All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America +**  
**November 10-13, 2008, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

*Highlights:*

1. Bishop Jonah of Fort Worth, Texas (only a bishop for 10 days!), was elected the new Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America. Met. Jonah has already begun to positively influence the Church with his spiritual teaching, leadership, and pastoral heart. His enthronement as Metropolitan will take place in Washington D.C. on December 28, 2008.
2. The new Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America, Fr. Michael Tassos, outlined his efforts to completely reorganize, clarify, and make transparent the finances of the Church. His work is an immense blessing ensuring the proper administration of the Church from this day forward.
3. The Assembly passed an assessment resolution with two important parts: a) assessments for the next three years will be \$105 per year per adult member, and b) the Church will transition away from a “head tax” (assessment) to a proportional giving system.
4. Glory to God for His guidance during this Council. We have (finally!) begun as a Church to move in the direction outlined for us when granted autocephaly in 1970: spiritual renewal in the love of Christ, active mission and evangelism to the peoples of our country and culture, and pursuit of Orthodox unity among all the jurisdictions represented in our continent.
5. *No one anticipated the outcome of this Council. Leaving Thursday, there was a palpable sense of joy, optimism, and purpose in our beloved Church!*