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30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabites ("the Hut-dweller"—5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251). Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.).

Upcoming Divine Services and Ministry

Friday, January 13, 7:00pm	Little Compline with Canon of Feast
Saturday, January 14, 6:00pm	Great Vespers
	Choir Practice after service
Sunday, January 15, 9:00am	3 rd and 6 th Hours, Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, January 17, 7:00am	Festal Matins (Anthony the Great)
9:00am	Homeschool Co-op
Wednesday, January 18, 7:00pm	Vespers
8:00pm	Catechism
Thursday, January 19, 6:50am	3 rd Hour, Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 20, 7:00pm	Little Compline with Canon of Supplication
Saturday, January 21, 6:00pm	Great Vespers
	Choir Practice after service
Sunday, January 22, 9:00am	3 rd and 6 th Hours, Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, January 24, 7:00am	Festal Matins (St. Xenia of Petersburg)
9:00am	Homeschool Co-op
Wednesday, January 25, 7:00pm	Vespers
8:00pm	Catechism
Thursday, January 26, 6:50am	3 rd Hour, Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 27, 7:00pm	Little Compline with Canon of Supplication
Saturday, January 28, 5:00pm	Panakhida (Nancy Zona, January 29)
6:00pm	Great Vespers
	Choir Practice after service
Sunday, January 29, 9:00am	3 rd and 6 th Hours, Divine Liturgy

The Gospel Reading is on Zacchaeus – the signal for the coming Pre-Lenten Sundays

The Primate of the Orthodox Church in America is His Beatitude, The Most-Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada. Our Bishop is His Grace, the Right Reverend Alexander, Bishop of Dallas and the South, and the Bulgarian Diocese.

Another **Women's Retreat** is being planned during the period of the pre-Lent Sundays. Keep the morning of Saturday, February 11 open, with the 18th as a reschedule date if necessary. Matushka Lauren (Macrina) Pulley will lead the retreat again.

The members of the Parish Council will be installed following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 22. The first Parish Council meeting will be on Sunday, January 29, at which the officers will be elected.

When there is an anniversary of the death of a friend or loved one, you may certainly ask for a Panakhida to be offered for them on that date. If the date falls on a Sunday, usually we offer the Panakhida on Saturday before the Vespers. Also, a Panakhida may be offered from time to time on a Saturday for general commemorations. Remember that the Saturdays of Great Lent offer special emphasis for the departed. We should remember those who have departed this life before us. Don't hesitate to make arrangements.

During the month of January, Fr. David will preside for the services at St. Tikhon Mission, Chattanooga, TN, the weekend of the 14th - 15th. While there, he will preside over their annual meeting. Fr. David will need to preside at St. Tikhon Mission from time to time as they continue without an assigned priest.

The Leavetaking of the Theophany came on Friday, January 13. This is the intended or customary end of the period for the sprinkling of the sanctified waters from the feast we have come to know as "House Blessing." The Ritual is tied to the Feast of Theophany, and loses that connection when it is done during the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, for instance. There are, however, additional days for those who were not able to have this done during the Afterfeast of Theophany. Using the online sign-up tool that is on the "Schedule" page of the website, everyone will be able to sign up for a time to have the "house blessing." Depending on their own schedules, either Fr. David or Father Patrick will keep the appointment. If you are unable to use the online sign-up, please make an appointment by calling Fr. David, (804)317-2879.

The Building Committee will meet on Sunday, January 22, following the Church School.

We are only a couple weeks away from hearing the Gospel reading about Zacchaeus, the reading that precedes the pre-Lent readings and themes that help us to be prepared for the coming Great Lent and our journey to the Cross, Burial and Resurrection of our Lord, according to the Scriptures. Every day offers us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for a holy season such as this, even as it offers us the opportunity to be prepared for the One who is coming unannounced, "as a thief in the night." Let's shake off the sleepy slumber of sin today, prepare ourselves today and every day for Christ and His Kingdom. This means making the effort to be "a holy people" doing work that is pleasing to God, turning away from sin, and looking confidently for His Kingdom.

Beginning on Saturday, February 4, we will offer the Resurrection Vigil on Saturday evenings at 6:00pm. There will be alteration of the weekday service schedule from time to time, primarily the observance of weekday Divine Liturgy services on the Great Feasts and other of the services of the Daily Office according to the rank of the day. There may not be a repeated pattern of the services as there has been recently, so be sure to rely on the bulletin and calendar as you plan to join in the Divine Services at the Holy Temple.

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

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.

Tone 4 Troparion * *(for SS Paul and John)*

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Thy mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace
through the prayers of venerable Paul and John!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

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!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Venerable John "the Hut-Dweller")*

Longing for poverty in imitation of Christ,
thou didst abandon thy parents' wealth, wise Father John;
grasping the Gospel in thy hands, thou didst follow Christ God,
unceasingly praying for us all.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Venerable Paul of Thebes)*

Today we gather and praise thee with hymns
as an unwaning ray of the spiritual Sun;
for thou dost shine on those in the darkness of ignorance,
leading all ^mankind to the heights,
venerable Paul, adornment of Thebes and firm foundation of the fathers
and ascetics.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps 11/12:7)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)

Epistle Colossians 3:12-16

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. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)

Gospel Luke 18:18-27

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Only those who are baptized Orthodox Christians making preparation by fasting and a recent confession should approach to receive Holy Communion. Confession (the Mystery of Repentance) is always available, only needing communicate one's need with the priest and making arrangement to participate in this Holy Mystery. It is always assumed that following the Vigil or Great Vespers (or other services at the Church during the week) time is available for those prepared to offer their confession. Again, one only need ask so that it may be done. When a second priest is serving on Sunday morning, their may be time before or at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, but this must not be assumed to be available, but communicated with the priest. It is almost always impossible for a single priest to provide time for confessions on Sunday morning without making effort to amend his routine for the traditional prayers, which He may be willing and able to do, but this should not be assumed.

GREAT VESPERS OR VIGIL WILL BEGIN AT 6:00PM ON SATURDAY FOR THE WINTER MONTHS AND AFTER THE SPRING TIME CHANGE. Also, there will be a choir practice from week to week after Great Vespers (see bulletin or check with Anna Arnold).

Subscribe to the **Google Group** stcyprianofcarthageoca@googlegroups.com to send and receive email among subscribers to the group. Announcements may be made from time to time to the google group as well as the parish email list – which means you will receive two of the same email.