

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Forerunner

June 25th, 2023

Assigned Readings

Romans 6: 18-23

Matthew 8: 5-13

Saints of the Day:

The future Saint John was born on June 4, 1896, in the village of Adamovka in Kharkiv province. He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to Yugoslavia. He was tonsured a monk in 1926 and later that year ordained a hierodeacon by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky). Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him hieromonk on November 21, 1926.

Hieromonk John was consecrated bishop on May 28, 1934, with Metropolitan Anthony serving as principal consecrator, after which he was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai. Twelve years later he was named Archbishop of China. Upon his arrival in Shanghai, Bishop John began working to restore unity among the various Orthodox nationalities. In time, he worked to build a large cathedral church that was dedicated to Surety of Sinners Icon to the Mother of God, with a bell tower and large parish house. Additionally, he inspired many activities: building of churches, hospitals, and orphanages among the Orthodox and Russians of Shanghai. He was intensely active, constantly praying and serving the daily cycle of services, while also visiting the sick with the Holy Gifts. With the end of World War II and the coming to power of the communists in China, Bishop John led the exodus of his community from Shanghai in 1949.

In 1951, Archbishop John was assigned to the Archdiocese of Western Europe with his cathedra in Paris. During his time there, he also served as archpastor of the Orthodox Church of France, whose restored Gallican liturgy he studied and then celebrated. In 1962, Archbishop John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco. He was able to bring peace to a fractured community such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed. He reposed during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the new cathedral.

Announcements

July 9th: Annual Parish Picnic is being graciously hosted by Bill and Marie Evanina, dinner is provided. See Matushka Kyra about appetizers to bring. Swimsuits are encouraged, as they have a very nice pool. Please sign up at the candle desk. Thank you to Bill and Marie for their continued hospitality.

Our June Collection for St. Francis of Assisi soup kitchen was successful, please see Fr. Nathan with suggestions for the next collection effort.

Fr. Nathan will be traveling with his family from 7/17 through 7/24. An update on services for the 22nd and 23rd will be in next week's bulletin as well as emergency contacts.

Upcoming Services:

July 8th Great Vespers – 5:00 pm.

July 9th Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am.

July 15th Great Vespers – 5:00 pm.

July 16th Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the firstborn of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 5 Troparion (St. John)

Thy care for thy flock in their sojourn
prefigured the supplications that thou dost ever offer up for the whole world.
Thus do we believe, having come to know thy love,
O holy hierarch and wonderworker John.
Fully sanctified by God through the ministry of the all-pure Mysteries,
and thyself ever strengthened thereby, thou didst hasten to suffering,
O most gladsome healer.// Hasten now also to the aid of us who honor thee with all our heart.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

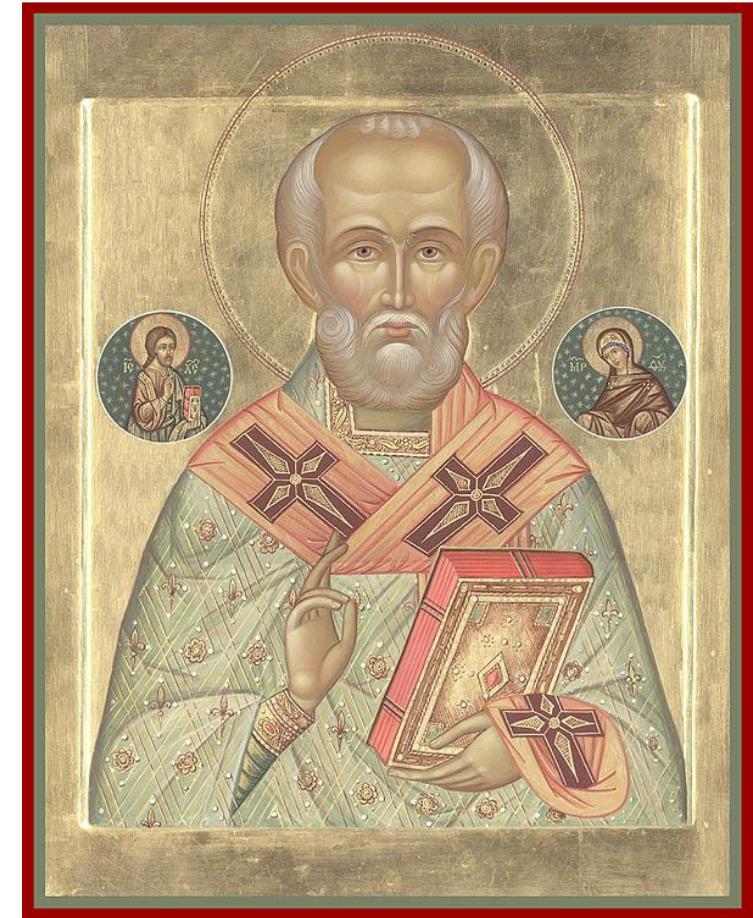
On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 8 Kontakion (St. John)

Chosen wonderworker and superb servant of Christ, thou pourest out in the latter times
inexhaustible streams of inspiration and multitudes of miracles.
We praise thee with love and call out to thee,//
Rejoice, O holy hierarch John, Wonderworker of the latter times.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Thom
Priest John	Julie
Priest James	Joan
Matushka Gloria	Vera
Matushka Myra	Helen
Matushka Nancy	Marie



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