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VENERABLE JOANNICIUS THE GREAT

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:41-56

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Troparion (St. Joannicius)

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! O our holy father Joannicius, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (St. Joannicius)

Today we celebrate together your honored memory, and we faithfully beseech you, O holy Joannicius that we may find mercy with the Lord!

OCA 2024 Stewards Sunday – Today

The annual appeal to support OCA programs and ministries is happening today.

"We are given the opportunity to combine charitable giving with a concrete expression of thanksgiving to God by offering our support to the Stewards of the OCA. I exhort all of you to consider giving generously in support of the many missions of our Church's departments and in support of our common vision for the proclamation of the Gospel and the propagation of the holy Orthodox Christian faith in North America, unto the upbuilding of the everlasting kingdom of God and the salvation of many souls." Excerpt from Met. Tikhon

Please consider donating cash or a check to OCA at Coffee Hour or online at www.oca.org

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Memorial Prayers - Memory Eternal + Većnaja Pamjat +

We pray today for the soul of the newly departed George Franke, a close friend of Fr. John. We offer prayers also for the souls of the departed on the anniversaries of their repose: Gabriel (Fr. John and Pda. Kitty's Godson), Nancy (Pda. Kitty's aunt), Barbara (Mark Damjan's mother), Alvin (Valerie Klaassen's husband), and Barbara (Ruth Schmidt's sister). Grant rest eternal with the Saints, O Lord, to the souls of the departed.

Preparing for the Holiday Bake Sale – Today

- Many thanks to the volunteers who came to yesterday's work session to prepare Sarma for the December 14 Bake Sale. Helping hands are needed today to pack them for sale in serving size containers. Join in the community effort during Coffee Hour.
- The Sisters are accepting baked goods of all varieties, especially homemade cookies for the "Cookies by the Dozen" sale. Items will be frozen until Bake Sale day.
- Pre-orders for Nutrolls, Poppyseed Rolls and frozen Apple Strudels will be accepted through Nov. 24: <https://st-luke-oca-sisterhood.square.site/#items>. Pick up Dec. 14-15.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, November 20 at 7PM on Zoom

Come join us to discuss "For the Life of the World". Fr. John will email his notes and link.

Advent Retreat – Saturday, November 23 – 10AM-5PM

Fr. Sergius of St. Tikhon's Monastery will present a retreat on "Acquiring the Mind of Christ" at St. Mary Orthodox Church at 909 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. Details can be found at www.nativityofthetheotokos.org.

Christmas Charity Project Update – December 1 – 8

We will join with Women Giving Back as we did last year to buy gifts for children tots to teens. We can donate new unwrapped gifts worth at least \$25 or \$25 Gift Cards in early December to give moms time to "shop" for their children before Christmas.

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 7 – 11AM-5PM

Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Church at 10620 River Rd, Potomac, MD will host a festive event featuring a variety of local vendors, artisans, and craftspeople selling their wares. They encourage others to become vendors and share their own unique products and services. For details contact ChristmasMarket@peterpaulpotomac.org.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

May God bless Hunter Fancovic on his 5th birthday, Bryce Kecman on his 6th birthday, Ellie Bragulla on her 8th birthday and Altar Server John Costello on his 18th birthday. We extend birthday greetings also to Katarina Fancovic, Deacon Stefan, Serge Romanchak, Linda Marie Sepelak, and Helene Watts. Mnogaja ljeta!