

# SAINT PAUL ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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**September 4, 2016 – Tone 2**

11<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Observing the Beginning of the Church New Year (September 1)



## **The Church New Year: September 1**

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the *Indiction*. The term *Indiction* comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

# TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

## TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

Troparion, Resurrection, Tone 2: When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory to Thee!

Glory...

Troparion, New Year, Tone 2: O Creator of the Universe, / Thou didst appoint times by Thine own power; / bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord. / Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy cities: // and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us.

Now and ever...

Kontakion, New Year, Tone 2: O Christ our King, Who dwell in the highest, Creator and Maker of all things, visible and invisible, Who have fashioned days and nights, seasons and years: Bless now the crown of the year; preserve and keep in peace Orthodox hierarchs, this city and your people, O greatly Merciful One.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**Epistle** – 1 Timothy 2:1-7 *For the Church New Year*

Timothy, my son: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and humankind, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**Gospel** – Luke 4:16-22 *For the Church New Year*

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

## PRAYER BEHIND THE AMBO:

O MASTER, LORD OUR GOD, source of life and immortality, the author of all created things both visible and invisible, who has placed all seasons and years in your power, and who directs all things with your most wise and all-gracious providence: we thank you for the bounties which you have poured out upon us during that portion of our life which is passed; and we entreat you, all-bountiful Lord, bless the crown of this year with your goodness; preserve us and multiply the days of our life in health, and grant us progress in all virtues; bestow your good things from above upon all people, as well as health, salvation and prosperity in all things good for our salvation. Deliver

your holy Church, this city and all cities and lands from every evil assault, and grant them peace and tranquility. Grant also that we may always offer thanksgiving to you: the Father who is before all eternity, together with your only-begotten Son and all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, God glorified in one essence, and that we may sing praises to your all-holy name unto ages of ages.

**9/4 ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Thank you to all who made our “Back to School Sunday” such a success. Thank you to Audra & Feo, Pete & Jann (pizzas), Mary R. & Karen & Dave (salads), Cheryl & Don T (fruit platter **IMO BARBARA TRAVIS-COBB & VERY** special anniversary cake), Delphine & Jim (ice cream), Mary T & Colleen (pop), Farah (danishes). Thanks to those who assisted in cleanup after our gathering. Finally **THANK YOU** to Subdeacon David, Val L., Chris M., Mary R., Kelly T., Milo R., Colleen P., Farah S., Jann & Pete P., Mary T., Cheryl T., Delphine C., Lucas & Stephani H., Karen R., J. Timpko, Chris A., Mariann & Doug L. our “special” friends to each of our 20 students.

If you have any extra produce from your garden, please bring to church and place in basket on table next to candle stand. Those of us with no gardens will say thank you by enjoying your produce at a meal and by leaving a donation for the church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tamara & Dan Aleksynas on the birth of their son NATHAN DANIEL (9lbs, 1 oz.). Both mom and baby are doing well – Nathan joins sisters, Blake & Dillon

### **AUGUST 28 DONATIONS:**

**For Health of (FHO): PANZOFF FAMILY-** ANGIE PANZOFF; **FHO PETROFF FAMILY** - PETE & JANN PETROFF; **FHO & GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE AT ST. PAUL'S** – HELEN & SANDRA ARNAUT; **FHO ALL THE CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL - HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR** – LAZAR FAMILY, DAVID & KAREN REHN, DONALD & CHERYL TRAVIS; **FHO NOAH, EDDIE, & SOPHIA** – JIM & DELPHINE CONNOR; **FHO KAREN & DAVID ON THEIR 40<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIV. & THEIR HEALTH & WELL BEING** – DONALD & CHERYL TRAVIS, LAZAR FAMILY

**In Honor of OUR 40<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** – DAVID & KAREN REHN

**In Memory of (IMO): LEO KYKO** – LEE & GRACE KYKO (pray for the soul of LEO-6month anniv. of his death)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

SEPT 11– LADIES GUILD MEETING

11 - ODO MEAL AT STS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

18 – BKFT. BBQ HONORING GRANDPARENTS

25 – Church Council Mtg.

OCT 9 – Annual fundraiser – “A Celebration of 47 Years of Orthodox Faith at St. Paul Orthodox Cathedral” – Park Place