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ST. JOHN (MAXIMOVITCH), ARCHBISHOP OF SHANGHAI & SAN FRANCISCO

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TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

Troparion – Tone 3

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 first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 8

Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind, thou hast given thy people a powerful legacy: the robe and sash of thy most honored body, which remained incorrupt throughout thy seedless childbearing; for through thee time and nature are renewed!// Therefore we implore thee: “Grant peace to thy people and to our souls great mercy!”

Kontakion – Tone 3

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.

Kontakion – Tone 4

O Pure One, full of the grace of God, thou hast given thy sacred robe as a garment of incorruption to all the faithful, with it thou didst cover thy holy body, O divine protection of all mankind. We celebrate its enshrinement in Blachernae with love and we cry aloud with awe:// “Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians.”

Prokeimenon – Tone 3

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

St. John (Maximovitch), Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco

Our Father among the Saints John (Maximovitch), Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco (1896-1966), was a diocesan bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR) who served widely from China to France to the United States. Saint John departed this life on June 19 (O.S.) / July 2 (N.S.), 1966, and was officially glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad on July 2, 1994. His glorification was later recognized for universal veneration by the Patriarchate of Moscow on July 2, 2008.

Life: The future Saint John was born on June 4, 1896, in the village of Adamovka in Kharkiv province to pious aristocrats, Boris and Glafira Maximovitch. He was given the baptismal name of Michael, after the Holy Archangel Michael. In his youth, Michael was sickly and had a poor appetite, but he displayed an intense religious interest. He was educated at the Poltava Military School (1907-14); Kharkiv Imperial University, from which he received a law degree (in 1918); and the University of Belgrade (where he completed his theological education in 1925).

He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to Yugoslavia. There, he enrolled in the Department of Theology of the University of Belgrade. He was tonsured a monk in 1926 by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) of Kharkov (later the first primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia). Metropolitan Anthony later in 1926 ordained him hierodeacon. Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him

hieromonk on November 21, 1926. Subsequent to his ordination he began an active life of teaching in a Serbian high school and serving, at the request of local Greeks and Macedonians, in the Greek language. With the growth of his popularity, the bishops of the Russian Church Abroad resolved to elevate him to the episcopate.

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 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. He often would walk barefooted even in the coldest days. Yet to avoid the appearance of secular glory, he would pretend to act the fool.

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. Initially, he helped some 5,000 refugees to a camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines, while he travelled successfully to Washington, D.C., to lobby to amend the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States. It was while on this trip that Bishop John took time to establish a parish in Washington dedicated to Saint John the Forerunner.

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. He was the principal consecrator of the Orthodox Church of France's first modern bishop, Jean-Nectaire (Kovalevsky) of Saint-Denis, and ordained to the priesthood the man who would become its second bishop, Germain (Bertrand-Hardy) of Saint-Denis.

In 1962, Archbishop John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco, succeeding his long time friend Archbishop Tikhon. Archbishop John's days in San Francisco were to prove sorrowful as he attempted to heal the great disunity in his community. He was able to bring peace such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed. Deeply revering Saint John of Kronstadt, Archbishop John played an active role in preparation of his canonization. He reposed during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966, while accompanying a tour of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the new cathedral.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

SERVICES

Service Schedule for the week of July 2

Sunday July 2 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Saturday July 8 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday July 9 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

DONATIONS

Weekly Giving

June 25 – 64 adults, 15 youth, \$3,151

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BELOVED PASTOR EMERITUS, FATHER PAUL! Today, July 2nd, is his 101st birthday! We extend our love and gratitude for his many decades of spiritual guidance and service to the parish, and pray that God will grant him good health for years to come. Mnogaya Leta!

The Parish Council has come up with new parameters for Coffee Hour. When originally started several decades ago in the church basement, Coffee Hour was simple (coffee, tea, bagels, rolls, donuts) and gathered the parish family together for fellowship and friendship. Lately Coffee Hour has advanced to a level of serving a full meal, which is not only costly and stressful to prepare, but is taking away from attendance at church services. Please refer to the COFFEE HOUR section at the end of the bulletin to review the new parameters. The parameters are also posted in Daria Hall. Note that we have assigned two hosts and a helper each week. This will allow the refreshment costs will be shared by the two hosts and won't be too expensive for one host. Please review the schedule below, and if there is a conflict with your assigned date please let Darice know as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding, participation, and the wonderful fellowship that has been built during Coffee Hour!

Sign-up sheets for our upcoming St. Vladimir Feast Day celebration July 15-16 are in the back of the church. Archbishop Michael will be attending that weekend to celebrate with us. We are anticipating approx. 150 people will be attending services and the banquet.

1. Sign up to attend the banquet after Hierarchical Liturgy on Sunday July 16. We need to know by next Sunday how many people will be attending so we can properly prepare. Deacon Bohdan Chaikivskyi will also be ordained to the holy priesthood on July 16, so the parish will celebrate this occasion as well!
2. Sign up for the potluck supper after Vespers on Saturday July 15.
3. There is a list of items needed for the banquet on July 16. Please sign up next to the item(s) you can bring.

The FOCA Club has scheduled an upcoming fundraiser of making and selling pierogies. If you want to learn or help, following is the schedule. Please let Father know if you will be helping.

Thursday July 20 – 6:00 PM Dough making

Friday July 21 – 9:00 AM Make the filling

Saturday July 22 – 9:00 AM Rolling out, filling, pinching, and cooking

We need some men with muscles to help roll out the dough as it can be a bit stubborn! Pierogies will be sold on July 22 when we are finished making them, as well as on Sunday July 23 until we are sold out.

A Parish "Directory" with photos and identifying names of all parishioners is in the works. This will help us all with "putting a face to the name"! When you are at Daria Hall for Coffee Hour, please see Awet Tesfa to get your picture taken.

The Ladies Altar Society is creating and publishing the first Parish Cookbook – with your help! **We are interested in your favorite recipes**, ethnic recipes, recipes from your grandparents, parents, children, relatives and friends, and Lenten recipes. They can include Appetizers, Main Meals, Side Dishes, Soup, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages. In addition to recipes, the Cookbook will include a Helpful Hints section. In order for the Cookbook to be a success, we will need many recipes! Each recipe should include your name, who you may have received the recipe from, and your phone number (phone number is only if we have questions and will not be published in the Cookbook). Please give your recipes to Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Nancy Mitsos. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Father Paul – July 2

Luke Ortiz – July 3

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

If you do not see your birthday listed above during your birthday week, please let Darice know and she will add it to the schedule!

COFFEE HOUR

Please remember the Coffee Hour Helpers do not bring any refreshments for Coffee Hour, but are there to assist in setting up for Coffee Hour. Hosts are responsible for: Providing the refreshments, Setting up in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM with guidance from the Helper, Cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing and drying dishes, Taking out the trash. If you have any questions please contact Melody Stavisky, Alla Strauss, or the Helper assigned to your Coffee Hour date.

COFFEE HOUR PARAMETERS:

1. Plan on providing refreshments for 50 people.
2. Food items are limited to: 4 doz. Bagels/breads (2 doz. per host)
4 doz. Donuts/pastries (2 doz. per host)
Fruit
2 gallons water for coffee (1 gallon per host)
Green Salad
Sugar-free dessert/pie
Tortilla chips & salsa

NOTE: For Fasting Coffee Hour:

Bagels (except egg & cheese bagels) and some breads (rye) are non-dairy.

Oreos and most apple pies are non-dairy.

Hosts may provide homemade non-dairy breads and/or desserts.

3. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese/Tofu cream cheese, butter/margarine, or milk is needed.
4. The church will provide coffee, tea, assorted coffee creamers, peanut butter, jelly, paper products, water bottles, and juice.
5. Host(s) may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) with advance notice. The host(s) will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.
6. Hosts take home or give away ALL leftover refreshments so the freezer and refrigerator do not get clogged with unused food.

(The last name listed is the Coffee Hour Helper)

July 2 Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Anna & Leon Brasowski, Melody Stavisky
July 9 Nancy Mitsos, Karina Kotelnicki, Darice Keyes
July 16 ST. VLADIMIR FEAST DAY BANQUET
July 23 Tyler Burger, Sami Bachir, Nina Laushell
July 30 Nour Ragab, Eleni Athanatos, Francine Meyer
Aug. 6 **FAST** Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Gabriella Plesa, Alla Strauss
Aug. 13 **FAST** Trudy Ellmore, Herman & Francine Meyer
Aug. 20 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Vera Pschenyczny, Awet Tesfa
Aug. 27 Ladies Assumption Altar Society
Sept. 3 Tahara & Germain Ortiz, Alan & Mimi Berck, Alla Strauss
Sept. 10 Olga & James Bates, Walter & Tanya Tribbey, Darice Keyes
Sept. 17 Jessica & Blake Kilgore, Svetlana Sosedov, Nina Laushell
Sept. 24 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
Oct. 1 Guy Radcliffe, Paul & Patti Denko, Francine Meyer
Oct. 8 John Cassar, Christina DiDonato, Alla Strauss
Oct. 15 Ramazi Shubitidze, Ilonica & Corneliu Balasa, Nancy Mitsos
Oct. 22 Tony Vashkevich, Manny & Lourdes Montiel, Awet Tesfa
Oct. 29 Nina Laushell, Alex Godun, Darice Keyes
Nov. 5 Tamara Karkusova, Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky, Francine Meyer
Nov. 12 Natalia Kolomatskaia, Matthew & Kris Bohush, Alla Strauss

Nov. 19 **FAST** Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun, Darice Keyes
Nov. 26 **FAST** Gebrekvistas Amleset, Awet Tesfa
Dec. 3 **FAST** Nicholas Torrisi, John Honey, Nina Laushell
Dec. 10 **FAST** Victoryia Baranava, Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt, Nancy Mitsos
Dec. 17 **FAST** Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Melody Stavisky, Darice Keyes
Dec. 24 **FAST** Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Alla Strauss
Dec. 31 Nebiat Tesfa, Luwam Tesfa, Francine Meyer