



## 2019 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Topics

### Junior Division (Grades 7–9)

1. Martyrs of the Church and some of the early monastics are both described as “athletes.” What does it mean to be an athlete for Christ?
2. On January 30th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom. Select one of these Church Fathers and discuss his contribution to the Church.
3. Discuss the significance of water in the Church – Baptism, Theophany, holy water, etc. – and what this suggests about our responsibility for the natural world.
4. Discuss the new commandment of John 13:34: “Love one another, even as I have loved you...” What does it mean to love one another as Christ loved us? In 1 Timothy 6:10, St. Paul writes, “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” How should Orthodox Christians relate to money and wealth?

### Senior Division (Grades 10–12)

1. Many of the Church’s services employ objects from the natural world (such as wheat, wine, oil, or water) in order to confer a blessing upon the faithful. Why does the Church do this, and what does this suggest about our responsibility for the natural world?
2. From ancient Greece to the present, politicians have aligned themselves with religious concepts and constituencies. How is an Orthodox Christian to discern whether today’s politicians do this out of genuine piety or in order to manipulate the electorate?
3. The hymns of the Church contain the whole of its theology. Pick one hymn from the Lenten or Holy Week period and describe how it speaks to you personally.
4. Describe how science and technology should always be at the service of humanity and, ultimately, of God, in harmony with His purposes.
5. In view of St. Paul’s exhortation in Colossians 3:16, “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,” discuss the importance of being biblically literate today.

# HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

## SUNDAY LITURGICAL GUIDE

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### The Second Antiphon

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Save us, O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh. we sing to You, Alleluia.

Only begotten Son and Word of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us.

### Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

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When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

### The Small Entrance

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Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

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### Holy Trinity Dismissal Hymn

Ev-lo-gi-tos i Chri-ste o The-os i-mon, o pan-so-fus tus a-li-is a-na-thi-xas, ka-ta-pem-psas af-tis to pnev-ma to a-gi-on, ke thi af-ton tin i-ku-me-nin sa -gi-nef-sas, fi-lan-thro-pe tho-xa Si!

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You made the fishermen all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

### Kontakion

A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you; Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

### Hymn

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

## The Readings

### This reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the II Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### The Reading is from Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do

not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia

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We have seen the true light; we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found the true faith, worshiping the undivided Trinity, for the Trinity has saved us.

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**Hymn:** Blessed be the name of the Lord, from now and to the ages.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

<b>Sunday, October 7</b>	8:45 AM	Othros
	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday, October 10</b>	5:30 PM	Paraclesis
	5:45 PM	Junior Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, October 11</b>	6:00 PM	Adult Choir Practice
<b>Friday, October 12</b>	<b>St. Symeon the New Theologian</b>	
	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, October 13</b>	6:00 PM	Great Vespers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The St. Katherine's Philoptochos Society** will have a General Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the Coffee Hour room. At 6:00 we will have snacks and socialize and the meeting will start at 6:15. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. If you need a ride or have any questions, contact Elizabeth Render at 206-3639. We hope to see everyone there!
- **Hope & Joy Fall Festival - Saturday, October 20th at 6pm**  
Our Hope and Joy children are cordially invited to our Fall Festival hosted by Tommy and Stacey Dombalis' home located at 127 Holliday Road, Columbia, 29223. Our children will enjoy food, crafts, s'mores, and more!
- **GOYA Game Night - Sunday, October 28th at 5pm**  
Our GOYANs will be meeting at Frankie's Fun Park (140 Parkridge Drive, Columbia, 29212) at 5pm for a game of putt-putt. This will be followed by dinner and discussion at Zorba's 6169 Saint Andrews Road, Columbia, 29212] at 6pm.
- **Tuesday Morning Fellowship:** We will resume our Breakfast Fellowship at 7:30 AM and Weekly Adult Fellowship at 11:00 AM with Father Michael on October 23rd.

## Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria

These holy Martyrs were Romans of high rank in the service of the Emperor Maximian, to whom it was reported that they did not take part in the festivals of the idols. When he called them into his presence, they confessed their Faith in the one God. He had them arrayed in women's clothes and paraded through the streets in mockery. They were afterwards scourged, from which Saint Bacchus died. This was about the year 296. Saint Sergius was then taken to Resapha in Syria, where he was tortured and beheaded. His tomb in Resapha became a very famous shrine, to which pilgrims came from as far away as Western Europe; Resapha was later renamed Sergiopolis in his honour.