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The Propers for today: Troparion of Resurrection, Tone 7 (page 156), Troparion of the Archangel, Tone 4 (page 265); Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone 7 (page 157), Kontakion of the Archangel, Tone 2 (page 265); Prokeimenon and Alleluia of the Resurrection, Tone 7 (page 158) and of the Archangel, Tones 4 and 5 (page 266).

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to him forever!

Scripture readings: Epistle: Eph 2:14-22 & Heb 2:2-10 Gospel: Lk 8:41-56 & Lk 10:16-22

Sunday, Nov. 8 **24th Sunday after Pentecost / Archangel Michael and All Angels**
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Nov. 15 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Today's Gospel reflections (Lk 8:41-56) . . .

What word or phrase struck me as I heard the reading?
What idea or image came to mind?
What story did I hear being told, in my own words?
What really touched me in this reading?

In the coming week, reflect on the fact that it was the faith of Jairus and the woman afflicted with hemorrhages that caused the healing of the daughter of Jairus and the woman.

You can now donate online directly to St. John Parish using the QR code above.

Special collection: Today we will again have a special collection for St. Mary Hospitality House. The GCU will match our donation amount up to $500.

Sorry: This bulletin cover was meant for next Sunday, Nov. 15. Next Sunday's bulletin will have the cover meant for today.

Calling all kifli (kolaczki) bakers: If you'd like to contribute to our Holiday Foods Sale by baking some kifli cookies, please make them using 2" squares of dough, so they will all be uniform in size. Bring to the church prior to the sale date of Saturday, Dec. 19.

Welcome to new parishioners and visitors: The faithful of St. John the Baptist Parish would like to welcome new parishioners and visitors. We are happy that you have joined us on our spiritual journey and we hope that you feel welcome.

Please remember in prayer all parishioners of St. John Parish, especially sick and shut-in parishioners and friends: Christine Boros, Steve Boros, Bob Dirda, Chris Hannes, Daryl Hannes, Linda Hritz, Mike Hritz, George Homa, Father Michael Huszti, Frances Koleszar, Lynn Ann Lepole, Mark Lepole, B.J. Lysic, Mary Jane Molnar, Jonna Nesbella, Linda Parker, Allen Potoma, Mitzi Sauvinsky, Tony Sauvinsky, Pat Schabel and Bunny Stanislaw. And please pray for Bishop Robert Pipta and our administrator, Father Jan Maturkanic.

PRAYERS TO OUR BEATIFIED BISHOPS: Please use the handout prayer cards in the bookrack for text.

Nut roll baking dates: The dates for our next fall nut roll bakings are Saturdays, Nov 28 and Dec 5. Help is needed all day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Offertory 11/1/2026	
Offertory	$710.00
Candles	$30.00
St. Mary Hospitality I	$95.00
Visitors	$30.00
Nut rolls	$1,115.00
Total	**$1,980.00**

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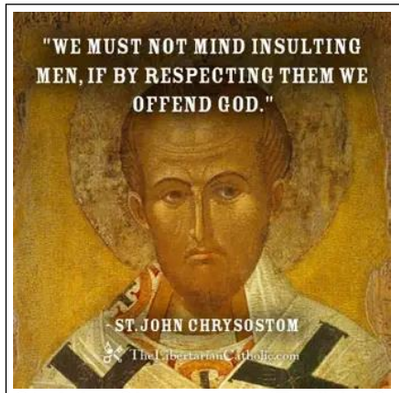

St. John Chrysostom (English: *Golden-mouthed)* was a Church Father who served as Archbishop of Constantinople. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, particularly on the poor, his *Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*, and his ascetic sensibilities.

He is honored as a saint in the Catholic and Eastern churches, as well as in some others. Byzantine Catholics, hold him in special regard as one of the Three Holy Hierarchs (alongside Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nazianzus). Along with them and Athanasius of Alexandria he is also regarded by the Catholic Church as one of the four Great Greek Church Fathers.

We celebrate his feast on November 13.

The Nativity Fast, in preparation for the feast of the Nativity on Dec. 25, is one of the minor fasts of the Church. This fast of 40 days was introduced in the 12th century. Counting back 40 days from the feast of the Nativity, the fast begins on the evening of Nov. 14 - the feast of the holy apostle Phillip. As a result, it is traditionally called **Philip's Fast** or the **Philippian Fast.**

This fast is not penitential, but is rather a fast of preparation, like the pre-Communion fast. By abstaining from certain foods, we are opening up a "space" in our lives through asceticism and obedience, into which God may enter.

Customs vary, but in general the traditional Christmas fast calls for the faithful to observe strict abstinence (no meat, fish, dairy or other animal product, wine or oil) on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, and a lesser abstinence (no meat, fish, dairy or animal products) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fish is allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, but no other animal products.

Several popular feasts fall during the first three weeks of the Christmas Fast: the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple on Nov. 21, the feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6, and the Maternity of Holy Anna (Conception of the Theotokos) on Dec. 8 or 9. As a result, in many places the Christmas Fast either does not begin until December 10, or becomes stricter at that point.

In the Byzantine Catholic Church, this fast may be observed voluntarily, partially or in its entirety.

The final day of fasting before the feast of the Nativity is particularly strict. On this day - either Dec. 24, or the preceding Friday if Dec. 24 falls on a Saturday or Sunday - the Royal Hours are celebrated, and the faithful are encouraged to fast if possible until after Vespers, which may be combined with the Divine Liturgy. After this service, it is traditional in many places to hold a meal called the Holy Supper, which is meatless but festive.