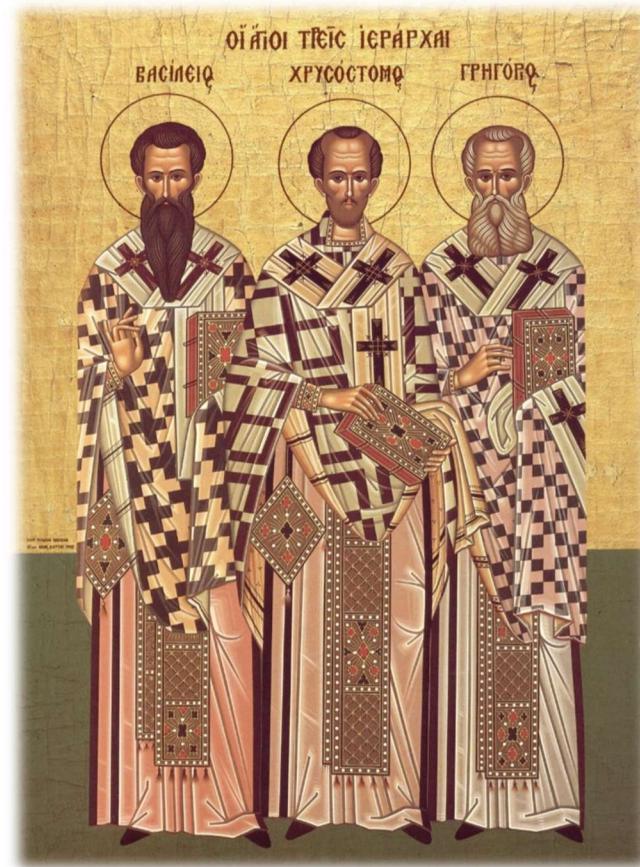


# The Feast of Three Hierarchs

This combined feast day of the Three Hierarchs [Sts. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom] , January 30, was instituted in the eleventh century during the reign of Emperor Alexius Comnenus. Once, a debate arose among the people concerning who among the three was the greatest. Some extolled Basil because of his purity and courage; others extolled Gregory for his unequaled depth and lofty mind in theology; still others extolled Chrysostom because of his eloquence and clarity in expounding the Faith. Thus some were called Basilians, others Gregorians, and the third were called Johannites. This debate was settled by divine providence, to the benefit of the Church and to the even greater glory of the three saints. St. John of Euchaita had a vision in a dream: At first all three of these saints appeared to him separately in great glory and indescribable beauty, and after that, all three appeared together. They said to him: "As you see, we are one in God and there is nothing contradictory in us; neither is there a first or a second among us." The saints also advised Bishop John to write a common service for them and to order a common feast day of celebration. Following this wonderful vision, the debate was settled in this manner: January 30 would be designated as the common feast of these three hierarchs.

~ From the Prologue of Ochrid, written by St. Nicholai of Zicha, former Rector of St. Tikhon's Seminary

*“Let us Attend!”*



*“Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, the God-bearing Fathers, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology, praising the changeless Trinity!...”*

A PARISH BULLETIN OF  
ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH  
Olyphant, Pennsylvania  
30 January 2022 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Feast of the Three Hierarchs

**Bulletin, Sunday, 30 January 2022**

**32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom.** Hieromartyr Hippolytus, and those with him (268–270). Ven. Zenon the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Zeno, Hermit, of Antioch, disciple of St. Basil the Great (5th c.). Martyr Theophilus the New in Cyprus (784). Rt. Blv. Petar (Peter), King of Bulgaria (967). The “TINOS” Icon of the Mother of God (1823).

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15–17 (Sunday); Hebrews 13:7–16 (Hierarchs)

Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28 (Sunday); Matthew 5:14–19 (Hierarchs)

*Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.*

**Schedule of Services:**

**Wednesday, 2 February 2022: Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple; Divine Liturgy, 9:30AM. Blessing of Candles.**

**Sunday, 6 February 2022: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost. Sunday of Zacchaeus. Divine Liturgy, 9:30AM. Followed by Coffee Hour Agape.**

**Announcements** ~We warmly welcome back to All Saints Fr. David Hester and Khouria Anne, and we thank Father for serving and preaching this morning. God grant you many blessed years.

~ A warm welcome as well to all visitors. Please join us for coffee hour Agape fellowship downstairs following the Liturgy.

~ Today is the Feast of the Three Great Hierarchs, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and Saint John Chrysostom. In many Orthodox countries these Saints are the Patrons of teachers, scholars, and those at study. We pray for all teachers and students that they emulate the lives and seek to grow in the wisdom that comes through the prayers of these three great Saints of the Church.

~Wednesday is the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple. This is one of the twelve Great Feasts that commemorates the infant Christ being brought on the fortieth day after his birth to the Temple so that His Mother and St. Joseph may offer his life to God. As Orthodox, we mirror this action set forth in the Law of Moses by bringing our children to be offered a new life in Christ through Holy Baptism and Chrismation. We bless candles to remember that Christ is the Light of the World, that gives life to all those in darkness and shadow. Let us gather together in Church on Wednesday to celebrate this Feast together.

~ Father Nicholas Solak continues to serve as our parish Administrator. If you would like a visit from Father Nicholas or know someone who would benefit from a visit please be in contact with Father Nicholas (570.350.1482).

**In eternity they all agree, You invoke one, all three help;  
You hymn one, all three hear; You glorify one, all three rejoice.  
Three men, one whole; Three hierarchs, one work; Three  
names, one glory; To all three of them, Christ is the Head.**