

## Announcements

- ✘ **New Liturgy Books**— Recently, we received our shipment of the 2019 Edition of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom books (hardcover). They contain the 2016 translation approved by the Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese. They are now available for use and are located in our pew pockets. They are also available for purchase at \$25 each. To purchase your own copy, please see one of our ushers.
- ✘ **2019 Stewardship Forms & Envelopes**— If you did not receive your new Stewards Packet in the mail, please let Sarah Cleopatra Kritikos know, and she will provide one. Steward Envelopes will be distributed once Cleo receives your completed forms.
- ✘ **Post Epiphany House Blessings**— Fr. Alexander is available by appointment to bless your homes and or businesses before Great Lent begins.

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+ **St. Theophan the Recluse, an excerpt from Thoughts for Each Day of the Year: According to the Daily Church Readings from the Word of God**

*“No one who has received life from the Lord can say that he does not have a single talent—everyone has something, and not just one thing; everyone, therefore, has something with which to trade and make a profit.*

*Do not look around and calculate what others have received, but take a good look at yourself and determine more precisely what lies in you and what you can gain for that which you have, and then act according to this plan without laziness.*

*At the Judgment you will not be asked why you did not gain ten talents if you had only one, and you will not even be asked why you gained only one talent on your one, but you will be told that you gained a talent, half a talent or a tenth of its worth.*

*And the reward will not be because you received the talents, but because you gained.”*

## To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

*Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

# Ss Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific



February 3, 2019  
16th Sunday of Matthew

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Commemoration of: Symeon the God-Receiver; Anna the Prophetess  
Stamatios, John & Nicholas of Chios

**Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns**

*Here keharitomeni* (Presentation of our Lord) Tone 1  
*Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.* (AgesInitiatives.com)

*Effrenestho ta urania* (Hymn of the Day) Tone 3  
*Let the heavens rejoice, let all the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown His might with His arm, the Lord has shown His might with His arm. He has trampled death down by death becoming first to be born of the dead, from the depths of Hades He has delivered us, and He granted to the world His great mercy.*

*Here keharitomeni* (Presentation of our Lord) Tone 1

*Tu Stavru Su* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8  
*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover mankind.*

**Kontakion**

*O mitran parthenikin* Tone 1  
*For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Symeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.* (Kevin Lawrence)

**Epistle Reading**

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

BRETHREN, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

**Today**

✘ Sunday, 2/3– 16th Sunday of Matthew; Sunday School Teachers Meeting 12 p.m. in the Conference Room

**This Week**

- ✘ Tuesday, 2/5– Bible Study on Gospel of Mark: 5 to 6:30 p.m. (final of series– upcoming series T.B.A.)
- ✘ Wednesday, 2/6– Glasscock Baptism 10 a.m.
- ✘ Thursday, 2/7– Strategic Planning Meeting 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- ✘ Friday, 2/8– Study Byzantine Chant 1:30 to 3 p.m.;
- ✘ Saturday, 2/9– Reader's Vespers 5:30 p.m. (Fr. Alex at H.S. Soccer Championships)
- ✘ Sunday, 2/10– Sunday of the Cananite/St. Haralambos; House Blessings in Central Oahu