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### **Schedule for the Week of November 24 - 30, 2019**

<b>Sunday</b> Nov 24	<b>Martyrs Menas, etc.</b>
<b>Thursday</b> Nov 28	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Moleben, 11:00 AM</b> <i>Also, the Beginning of the Nativity Fast</i> <i>Начало Рождественскаго Поста</i>
<b>Saturday</b> Nov 30	<b>5:30 PM Vigil</b>
<b>Sunday</b> Dec 1	<b>Martyrs Plato and Romanus</b> <b>8:15 AM Nocturns, Hours, Confessions</b> <b>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия</b>

перенесения мощей святого в Константинополь где он был архиепископом, 30 января, когда он чествуется вместе со святителями Василием Великим и Григорием Богословом.

Архелай, старейшина города Антиохии, страдавший проказой на лице, пришел к святому Иоанну с просьбой об исцелении. Наставив его в истинах веры, Иоанн повелел ему омыть чело водой, которую пьют братья в монастыре. Сделав это, больной очистился от проказы и, оставив мир, стал иноком.

### **REFLECTION**

Punishment and reward! Both of these are in the hands of God. But, as this earthly life is only a shadow of the true life in the heavens, so punishment and reward here on earth are only a shadow of true punishment and reward in eternity. The principle persecutors of the saint of God Chrysostom were Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria and Empress Eudoxia. After Chrysostom's martyrlic death, bitter punishment befell them both. Theophilus went mad, and Eudoxia was banished from the imperial court by Emperor Arcadius. Eudoxia soon became ill with an incurable disease. The empress finally died in corruption and agony. But what happened to Chrysostom after his repose? Reward -- such reward as only God can give. Adeltius, the Arabian bishop who received the exiled Chrysostom into his home in Cucusus, prayed to God after Chrysostom's repose that He reveal to him where John's soul was to be found. Adeltius then had a vision while at prayer. It was as though he were out of himself, and was led through the heavens by a radiant youth who showed him the hierarchs,

### **Святитель Иоанн Златоуст Архиепископ Константинопольский**



Сын благочестивых родителей, мудрый философ и красноречивый оратор, Иоанн всю свою жизнь посвятил спасению душ человеческих, имея особое попечение о немощных и убогих.

Иоанн Златоуст оставил

после себя Церкви многоценное сокровище – проповеди и церковные беседы, высоко ценимые во всем христианском мире. Святой угодник Божий преставился 14 сентября (406 года) – в день праздника Воздвижения Животворящего Креста Господня, поэтому Церковь совершает его память 13 (26) ноября, 27 января – в день

pastors and teachers of the Church in order, calling each of them by name-but he did not see John. Then that angel of God led him to the passage out of Paradise, and Adeltius was downcast. When the angel asked him why he was sad, Adeltius replied that he was sorry that he had not seen his beloved teacher, John Chrysostom. The angel replied: ``No man who is still in the flesh can see him, for he is at God's throne with the Cherubim and Seraphim." (Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich, *the Prolog of Ochrid*)

### **Многими скорбями надлежит нам войти в царствие Божие**

“Для верующего во Христа неизбежно терпеть скорби, потому что ‘все, желающие жить благочестиво во Иисусе Христе, будут гонимы” (2 Тим. 3,12)

“Всякая скорбь не случайна, но посылается нам от Бога и есть Его отеческое наказание, которым наказывает нас не от гнева, но от любви, как учит апостол: “Господь, кого любит, того наказывает” (Евр. 12,6)... Люди, наученные диаволом, наводят нам беды и скорби, но попущением Божиим, ибо ни люди, ни диавол не могут нам сделать, если им Бог не попустит. Попускает же им для нашего наказания...

Всякая скорбь и беда бывает от греха; и если бы греха не было, не было бы и скорби. Поэтому посылается скорбь, чтобы грех очистился; и когда очистится грех, который стал причиной скорби, отнимется и самая скорбь. И должно покаянием, исповеданием перед Богом, молитвой и верой очищать грехи; и скорбь и печаль благодатию Божиею отнимется” (Свт. Тихон Задонский).

### **ABOUT PERSECUTION OF THE PIOUS**

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). "In fact, all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Timothy 3:12).

The Lord Jesus prophesied this and by His example He proved it. The apostles also said this and by their examples they proved it. All the God-bearing Fathers of the Church,

confessors and martyrs said this and they proved this by their example. Therefore, is there any need to doubt that, through a narrow door, one enters the kingdom of God? Should we hesitate for a moment, that "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God?" No, there is no basis nor justification for doubt. Can sheep live among the wolves and not be attacked by them? Can a candle burn in the midst of crosswinds and not sway back and forth? Can a good fruit-bearing tree grow along side the road and not be disturbed by passersby? Thus, the Church of pious souls cannot but be persecuted and be persecuted by heathens, by idolaters, by heretics, by apostates, from passions and vices, from sin and trans-gressions, from the world and by demons. So it is that not one devout soul can remain without persecution, be it externally or internally, until it is separated from the body and the world. Someone might oppose this and prove it otherwise according to his calculation and according to his logic. But, in this case, neither the mind nor the logic of one man is of any avail. Thousands who were crucified speak otherwise, thousands burned alive cry out otherwise, thousands who were beheaded prove otherwise and thousands who were drowned witness otherwise. O my brethren, the Christian Faith is mighty not only when it agrees with sensory reasoning and sensory logic but when, and especially when, it contradicts sensory reasoning and sensory logic. Those who want to live a godly-life will be persecuted. This the apostles prophesied at the beginning of the Christian era and twenty Christian centuries render a multi-voiced echo to confirm the truth of the prophecy.

*O resurrected Lord, grant us light that we may be pious to the end and give us the strength to endure persecution to the end. To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.*

*(Prologue of Ochrid)*

### **Благочестивые мысли:**

Священное Писание для каждого из нас должно быть учебною книгою и первой настольною во всю жизнь.

Что телесная пища для поддержания наших сил, то же чтение писания для души. (Свят. Иоанн Златоуст)