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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022
THE THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY PENTECOST

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SANCTITY-OF-LIFE WEEK

Sunday, January 23:	11:00 a.m. – Sunday Divine Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• * <i>For the Intention of our Holy Spirit Parish</i>• + <i>Michael and Hedwig Bacasa by Joseph and Dolores Bacasa, son</i>
Monday, January 24:	8:30 a.m. – First and Third Hour
Friday, January 28:	8:30 a.m. – First and Third Hour 6:30 p.m. – Divine Liturgy
Sunday, January 30:	<i>The Thirty-sixth Sunday After Holy Pentecost and The Feast of The Three Holy Hierarchs</i> 11:00 a.m. – Sunday Divine Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• * <i>For the Intention of our Holy Spirit Parish</i>• + <i>George Carr by Miss Mary Anne Meredith</i>

Epistle: 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

MARCH FOR LIFE CONDUCTED ON FRIDAY....

This past Friday, January 21, the 49th annual March for Life was held in Washington, D.C. as a demonstration against abortion and a plea for the Supreme Court to overturn the 1973 Roe versus Wade decision which legalized abortion in the United States. Continue to pray for the end of the destruction of the innocent children.

SOLEMN OBSERVANCE NEXT SUNDAY: THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS.....

The Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs will be celebrated with fitting solemnity next Sunday, January 30th, as our Byzantine Catholic Church venerates in common three of its most illustrious saints: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom. Saint BASIL was the Archbishop of Caesarea, Cappadocia in Asia Minor. He is referred to as Basil “the Great” by virtue of his eminent erudition and his full dedication to the Christian cause. Saint GREGORY from the town of Nazianzen in Cappadocia was the Archbishop of Constantinople. He is called “the Theologian” because of the articulate way that he capably defended and expounded the doctrines of the Christian Faith. Saint JOHN CHRYSOSTOM was from Antioch, Syria, and he also became the Archbishop of Constantinople, the capital city of the Byzantine Empire. He was renowned for his eloquent oratory and his mastery of preaching the Word of God, and he thus was known as “Chrysostom,” which means “golden-mouthed” in Greek. In commemorating these three holy luminaries, we are reminded that the Lord Jesus established His Church, whose care He has entrusted to spiritual leaders whom He has chosen, beginning with the apostles. These three great high priests of the fourth-century Christian Church received universal renown as staunch pillars of the Byzantine Church and intrepid defenders of the teachings of Jesus Christ, Who is Himself THE Great High Priest. The Feast of the Three Consecrators exemplifies the fact that we must pray always for our spiritual leaders, especially the hierarchs who are the direct successors of the holy apostles. It is their specific task to guard the sacred deposit of faith, to teach and preach the Word of God, to guide the Church of Christ, and to shepherd the People of God. These are awesome responsibilities and monumental spiritual tasks. They therefore need, require, and deserve our constant help, support, and fervent prayers to God in their behalf.

PRAYER INTENTIONS.....

Remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, for an end to the Covid pandemic, and for a dissolution of the hostile environment along the Russian-Ukrainian border.