And God said "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Yesterday we heard God's decree, "Let there be light." To-day it is, "Let there be a firmament." There appears to be something more in this. The word is not limited to a simple command. It lays down the reason necessitating the structure of the firmament: it is, it is said, to separate the waters from the waters. And first let us ask how God speaks? Is it in our manner? Does His intelligence receive an impression from objects, and, after having conceived them, make them known by particular signs appropriate to each of them? Has He consequently recourse to the organs of voice to convey His thoughts? Is He obliged to strike the air by the articulate movements of the voice, to unveil the thought hidden in His heart? Would it not seem like an idle fable to say that God should need such a circuitous method to manifest His thoughts? And is it not more conformable with true religion to say, that the divine will and the first impetus of divine intelligence are the Word of God? It is He Whom Scripture vaguely represents, to show us that God has not only wished to create the world, but to create it with the help of a co-operator. Scripture might continue the history as it is begun: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth; afterwards He created light, then He created the firmament. But, by making God command and speak, the Scripture tacitly shows us Him to Whom this order and these words are addressed. It is not that it grudges us the knowledge of the truth, but that it may kindle our desire by showing us some trace and indication of the mystery. We seize with delight, and carefully keep, the fruit of laborious efforts, whilst a possession easily attained is despised. It is not that it grudges us the knowledge of the truth, but that it may kindle our desire by showing us some trace and indication of the mystery. We seize with delight, and carefully keep, the fruit of laborious efforts, whilst a possession easily attained is despised. Such is the road and the course which Scripture follows to lead us to the idea of the Only Begotten. And certainly, God's immaterial nature had no need of the material language of voice, since His very thoughts could be transmitted to His fellow worker. What need the organ of speech, for those Who by thought alone could communicate Their counsels to Each Other? Is God's intelligence are the Word of God? It is He Whom Scripture vaguely represents, to show us that God has not only wished to create the world, but to create it with the help of a co-operator. Scripture might continue the history as it is begun: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth; afterwards He created light, then He created the firmament. But, by making God command and speak, the Scripture tacitly shows us Him to Whom this order and these words are addressed. It is not that it grudges us the knowledge of the truth, but that it may kindle our desire by showing us some trace and indication of the mystery. We seize with delight, and carefully keep, the fruit of laborious efforts, whilst a possession easily attained is despised. Such is the road and the course which Scripture follows to lead us to the idea of the Only Begotten. And certainly, God's immaterial nature had no need of the material language of voice, since His very thoughts could be transmitted to His fellow worker. What need then of speech, for those Who by thought alone could communicate Their counsels to Each Other? Voice was made for hearing, and hearing for voice. Where there is neither air, nor tongue, nor ear, nor that winding canal which carries sounds to the seat of sensation in the head, there is no need for words: thoughts of the soul are sufficient to transmit the will. As I said then, this language is only a wise and ingenious contrivance to set our minds seeking the Person to Whom the words are addressed.

On the Hexaemeron
St. Basil the Great, Homily III, Point 2

January 27, 2019 – Recovery of the relics of John Chrysostom

Marciana the empress; New-martyr Demetrius of Constantinople; Venerable Peter of Egypt

Matins Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2):
When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee; O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom (Tone 8):
Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty; it has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, Intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!
Kontakion for the Presentation of Christ (Tone 1):
Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. Hear this, all ye people.

Epistle Reading: The Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

This Week at All Saints

Wednesday, January 30: Adult Catechesis, 7:30 PM (Confession available before & after)
Saturday, February 2: Divine Liturgy for the Presentation of Christ, 10 AM
Saturday, February 2: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

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News and Announcements

An Inheritance of Holiness: On Thursday, January 31 Guardian Angel will be sponsoring a two part presentation in honor of the celebration of the Feast of The Three Hierarchs. The first part will be dedicated to learning about the attributes of the 3 mothers of the Three Hierarchs, each of whom has been canonized a Saint like their sons. The second part of the speech will be about the powerful advice the 3 Hierarchs have written related to nurturing healthy Christian families within our homes. The evening will begin with Paraklesis at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Supervised childcare will be provided (ages 3-12). Please RSVP your attendance and childcare to frontdesk@gaods.org. Please see Dcn Walid with any questions.

Youth Group Meeting: On February 17th following Sunday School, we are going to have a youth group get-together which will include mission games, quizzes, music and stories from Africa. We’ll have a break for eating pizza. The meeting theme is missions and is open to all youth group members (13 +) and will last about 2 hours. Bring your questions and a friend. RSVP to Freve's at carolyn.freve@gmail.com.

Mission Team Chicago: is pleased to announce its 22nd Annual Mission Benefit to support OCMC at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines on Thursday February 28 at 6:30 PM. Jesse Brandow, missionary to Guatemala and southern Mexico will be the featured speaker. Please visit MissionTeamChicago.org for more information.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr Nicholas Dahdal and Fr Constantine Nasr are leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land this September 30 through October 10, 2019. A flyer with additional information is attached to the bulletin board. Please see Dcn Walid with any questions.