

# January 27

G. ✙ *Translation of the Relics of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom from Comana to Constantinople.*



This transfer was done in 438, thirty years after the repose of the hierarch. The Constantinopolitan people, extremely loving and respecting St. John Chrysostom, hearing a sermon by St. Proclus, his student and successor (see Nov. 20) on the day of the commemoration of the hierarch about his lofty virtues, asked to have the relics of Chrysostom transferred to Constantinople. Proclus convinced Emperor Theodosius II the Younger to fulfill the wish of the pious people. The holy relics, placed in a silver chest, were met by the emperor, the imperial court and church clergy in the city of Chalcedon and from there by imperial ship forwarded to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople. The Emperor with tears over the relics of the hierarch then asked forgiveness for his mother Eudocia, on whose account the saint was imprisoned. Today the relics of St. John Chrysostom are in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. Some believe that the crusaders brought them there (see Nov. 13).

## *Troparion, Tone 8*

**Grace shining forth from you lips like a burst of fire  
Has enlightened the universe.  
It has shown to the world the treasure of poverty.  
It has revealed to us the height of humility.  
Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, //  
Pray to the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.**

## *Kontakion, tone 1*

**The honorable Church is mysteriously glad,  
In the return of your honorable relics,  
Hiding them as gold of much value!  
Through your prayers, O John Chrysostom, //  
Abundantly grant healing grace to those singing to you.**

**Paramoia** 1) and 2) see 1 and 2 for Jan. 25. 3) Pr. 29:2. Wis. 4:1,14; 6:11, 17-18, 21-23; 7:15-16, 21-22, 26-29; 10:9-10, 12; 7:30; 2:1, 10-17, 19-22; 15:1; 16:13,8. Pr. 3:34. **Matins Gospel, and at the Liturgy** see Jan. 25. **Epistle:** Heb. 7:26-28; 8:1-2; sel. 318.

**According to the Ustav [Typikon], after Matins “holy oil from the holy lampada is given to the brethren”, i. e. the anointing is with the oil from the lampada hanging before the icon of St. John Chrysostom.**

*Ven. Peter of Egypt*, disciple of Ven. Lot (see Oct. 22) practiced asceticism in the Fourth Century and died in peace about 400.

*Martyr Demetrius* served as a footman in a hostel in the city of Galata near Constantinople. The Turks tried to seduce him into Mohammedanism. Because of false denunciation of him wounding a Turk and for unwillingness to reject Christ, after being tortured he then was beheaded at the age of 25 years in 1784.

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p 52.  
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