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### SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE—Tone 1 [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion] Afterfeast of the Meeting

Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily; The Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernigov; Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus in Cilicia and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius; The *Search of the Lost Icon* of the Most-holy Theotokos

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

### \* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead \*

Tues, Feb 7	7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
Sat, Feb 11	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	<u>Panihida</u> : Paul Machyowsky Sr. (Annual) offered by the family Priest John Kozak (Annual) offered by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers
Sun, Feb 12	<b>SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON—Tone 2</b>	
9:00 a.m.	St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 1 Cor 6:12-20	Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

### \* What's Up in Our Parish \*

**Church School Classes** will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

There will be a **Special Parish Council Meeting** on **Monday, February 6**, at 7 p.m., in the hall; all members are requested to attend.

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church on **Tuesday, February 7**, at 7 p.m.

Join the **Senior R Club** for a fascinating **Evening of Chocolate & Wine Tasting** in the church hall on **Saturday, February 11**, at 7:30 p.m. Take part in an educational and delicious *Chocolate 101* class, learning the differences between dark, milk and white chocolates and tasting wines that pair with them. Cost is \$15 (bring your own glass). Space is limited, so make your reservations NOW! For tickets, see or call Allison Steffaro (732-698-1952). If you love the "food of the gods," this event is for you!

The **St. Anne's Guild Annual Sweetheart Bake Sale** will take place in the church hall after the Liturgy **next Sunday, February 12**. Buy some sweets for that special someone or just be good to yourself. All proceeds will be used to finance the needs of the church. Donated baked goods are requested; see Kathy Cooper or call her at home (732 390-1859).

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for **next Sunday, February 12**, following the Coffee Hour. Mark your calendars and plan to stay for this gathering where we will review parish life and hear reports on very relevant parish matters. **All parishioners** should attend, as this meeting is quite important in the day-to-day life of this community. Please remember that to have a voice and a vote, you must be a member in good standing, as defined by the *Statute of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA)*. This includes living a life in harmony with the Holy Canons of the Church; receiving the Sacraments of Holy Confession & Communion at least once a year; and regularly fulfilling all financial obligations, as may be established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies and this parish. (**NOTE: A copy of the 2011 Annual Report is now available for you to take home and review. Don't forget to bring it with you next week.**)

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, February 16**, at 7 p.m.

The **Altar Society** will hold its **Annual Blini Batter Sale** on **Sunday, February 19**, during Coffee Hour. Price is \$5 per quart. Please place orders with Joan Pisuk (732-254-1519) or any Society member by **Wednesday, February 15**. (**NOTE TO MEMBERS: Assistance is needed to pour the batter on Saturday afternoon, February 18, at 3:30 p.m.**)

The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** on **Thursday, February 23**, to the **Showboat Hotel & Casino**. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the church parking lot on Whitehead Avenue. The cost for the trip will be \$30, BUT each attendee will receive back \$30 in "slot" cash. Refreshments will be served on the bus. For reservations and further details, please call Janice Meade at (732) 257-8671. Tickets go quick—don't wait too long!

Our **Annual Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale** is now underway. This yummy fundraiser will help raise money for this year's mission team. With Great Lent still three weeks away, we know it's hard to think of Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail already; however, candy orders, with payment in full (no sales tax), must be in by **Sunday, February 26**, to get them processed on time. Brochures are available from Susan Witkowski. Delivery will be on **Sunday, March 18**, four weeks before Pascha. Put a smile on a loved one's or a friend's face with an Easter basket filled with tons of delicious chocolate and jellybeans! Thank you in advance for your support.

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## \* News That Matters \*

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**STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **145**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next Sunday by **Gregory Sprogis**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Deerson**.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES** go out this week to **Sandra Saurman, Lauren Grace Trebino, Joan Pisuk** and **Jane Zelasko**. May the Lord continue to fill their lives with joy, peace and love for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**FOOD CARDS** are on sale every Sunday in the hall for use in the following area supermarkets: *A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite* and *Stop & Shop*. Help your church by using them, instead of cash, to purchase your weekly groceries. **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

**MEMORY ETERNAL** The servant of God, **Protopresbyter Joseph Kreta**, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday evening, February 2, the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord. Although Father Joseph will be well remembered for his many pioneering efforts in the Diocese of Alaska, where he founded *Saint Herman's Theological Seminary* in Kodiak and succeeded in getting 29 churches listed on the *National Register of Historical Landmarks*, he was also a member of our diocese for many years. Shortly after his ordination into the priesthood, Fr. Joseph helped establish *Saint John Chrysostom Mission* in Queens, NY, the East Coast's first all-English language parish. He also served as Dean of the New York City Deanery and as a member of the Diocesan Council. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and former parishioners. May the tender love and care of Christ surround them with comfort and peace—Vechnaya Pamyat!

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** If you have not yet had your home blessed, contact Father David within the next three weeks to arrange a mutually convenient date and time for him to visit.

**COFFEE HOUR REQUEST** There is a need for volunteers for this ministry this month, **OTHER** than representatives of the **Parish Council**, the **Altar Society**, the **Men's Club**, the **St. Anne's Guild** and the **Senior R Club**. See any member of Parish Council to find out what's required to host. Unfortunately, if no one comes forward, Coffee Hour will be **CANCELLED**.

**THE FLOWERS** adorning the icons of the Meeting of Our Lord and the Publican and Pharisee on the center tetrapod today were given by **Jane Zelasko** in recognition of a "significant" birthday of hers and her twin sister, **Joan Pisuk**, tomorrow. We express our appreciation for such a beautiful offering. Thank you from all of us.

**MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS** As Orthodox Christians, it is as natural for us to pray for the departed as it is for those who are still alive. Our Church teaches that the departed are no longer able to rectify their lives as they could on earth; hence, their only hope is for us to pray for them and to do good deeds in their name in order to cover any unrepentant sins that they might have brought into the next life. As an act of love and mercy, the Church has set aside five Saturdays this year, called *Memorial (Soul) Saturdays*, to publicly commemorate her departed children: **February 18** (Pre-Lent); **March 10** and **17** (Great Lent); **June 2** (Eve of Pentecost); and **October 20** (Demetrius Saturday). The Liturgy on each of these days will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form was included in last week's bulletin to list the names of loved ones who have departed this life in the hope of the resurrection unto life eternal. (*There are also extra copies available at the Candle Desk.*) Please write their Christian baptismal names (first names only). Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. Remember: do not consider your dearly departed as dead—they are very much alive, only in another place. If they repose in glory, your prayers for them will come back to you, as those of the saints. Our bright and joyous faith teaches that someday, you will again see them in a renewed form.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER** Please pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Maria Albino	Elaine Ashton	Ivan Shidlovsky
Anna Silvanovich	Irene Boulle	Lisa Beard
Matushka Barbara Pavelchak	Edward Romanofsky	Gregory Nosol
May Piorkowski	Walentyina Posluszny	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Carl Coleman	Alan Zenkert	David T. Floyd
Adriana	Michael Dargento	Patrick Lohr
Protopresbyter Joseph Kreta	Julia Glazer	Keith Sudder
	Joseph Casale	Priest Paul Rivers
	Donna Casale	Patrick Baldwin
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Timothy Stepan
	Dorothy Swenticky	Michael Gregus
	John Cameron	Peter Shaw
	Sarah Hall	Jacqueline Martinez
	Katherine Tarzewski	Karen Bonet
	Denise Yager	David Gambert
	Martha Drobnak	Fred Bush
	Dorothy Sopchak	Travis Hartman
	Margo Stewart	Elizabeth Brent
	Barbara Wyluda	Kyle Abbott
	Arlene Krell	
	Beverly Vietti	Priest Sean Levine
	Adam Huba	Gary Amatrudo Jr.
	Thea Casale	Steven Moore
	David Hebert	
	Robert Smith	
	Thomas Roche	
	Theresa Rogozenski	
	Olga Romanofsky	
	Alyssa Rosatelli	
	John Bihuniak	
	Larry Kimpert	
	Patricia Cottrell	
	Elaine Schwartz	
	Athene Demitry	
	Anne LaMonica	
	Timothy Magee	
	John Centrello	
	Nancy Filak	
		Charles Csenica
		Barbara Parhizgar
		Mikola Zakrewsky
		Kim Walker
		Dennis Silowka
		Benedetto Pelleriti
		Alexandre Kurtanidze
		Darren Flynn
		Beth Williscroft
		Malcolm Bradford
		Rina D'Amico
		Barbara Longo
		Charlene Sofer
		Brenda Foster
		Paul Pavlik
		Stavroula Parks
		Priest Herman Schick
		Subdeacon Basil Quinn
		Archpriest Thomas Edwards
		Eva Fedash
		Olga Kozlov
		Bishop NIKON (Liolin)
		Archpriest Alexander Atty
		Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt
		Melissa
		Anna Janiszewski
		Archpriest Paul White
		Myrna Woznica
		Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti
		Daniel Parker
		Jean Catherine Brooks
		Samuel Garretson
		Jami Porzi
		Richard Baylor
		Joseph Posluszny
		Betty Carson
		Gilson Costa

To place a name on this list, notify Fr. David or Starosta. Prayer still works miracles and wonders, for as St. James says: *"The sincere and effectual prayer of a righteous person does much good."*

**THANK YOU** to the **Senior R Club** for taking down the Christmas tree and other holiday decorations last Sunday and putting the church back in proper order. Less than 45 minutes from beginning to end—fantastic! This is truly an exemplary organization whose members can be counted on to get things done.

**SERVING ON PARISH COUNCIL** As we continue to grow as a community, we can always use more help, especially on the Parish Council. Many people have already answered the "call to action" by getting involved and volunteering their own personal

time and talents. However, there is much more to be done. Even if you have not been on the Council before, but have thought about it, now is the time to seriously consider joining; speak with Sonja Harris (732-257-6774) or Jay Pelleriti (732-257-4478). Together, we can all make this God-protected community a positive stepping stone in our future.

**CANDLES FOR SALE** Candles that were blessed on the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord this past Thursday are available for purchase. If interested, please see anyone at the Candle Desk.

**THE DEADLINE** to submit all info for next Sunday's bulletin is **Thursday evening**. Get in touch with Fr. David at the rectory or contact our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)).



*This is a **FAST FREE WEEK**, in which any foods can be eaten every day, including Wednesday and Friday. The reason for this is so that we might not boast, like the Pharisee, in keeping all the fasting "rules." By eating anything we want, we are reminded of paradise and the way to regain it fully in our lives. Fasting is only a means and an aid on the path of salvation; it is not a ticket to heaven.*



Today is **Orthodox Scout Sunday**, the day we honor all Boys and Girl Scouts and their leaders and recognize the shaping role scouting has on our children and youth.

As Orthodox Christians, we should hold in high esteem our scouts and what they represent. Following the example of Jesus Christ Himself, they are taught to live a life of service to others, especially those less fortunate than themselves. There is also a strong emphasis on pursuing one's faith and being an active participant and leader in one's religious community. What a wonderful organization to be a part of—one that is committed to personal spiritual growth and an unfailing desire to help those in need. Scouting is not just an activity; it is a way of life.

Let us, therefore, celebrate all the accomplishments of our Scouts and pray that they continue to follow the Scout law and work toward being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. May all their efforts guide them to know, love and serve the Lord now and throughout their lives.

***Glory to Jesus Christ!***

***Glory Forever!***