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

Martyr Tryphon of Campsada near Apamea in Syria; Martyrs Perpetua, a woman of Carthage, and the Catechumens Saturus, Revocatus, Saturninus, Secundulus and Felicitas; Ven. Peter Galata the Hermit near Antioch in Syria; Ven. Vendemianus the Hermit of Bithynia; Ven. Bridget of Ireland; St. Seriol the Abbot of Penmon; Martyr Elias the New of Damascus; SS. David, Symeon and George the Confessors of Mytilene; St. Basil, Archbishop of Thessalonica; St. Tryphon, Bishop of Rostov; St. Tryphon of Pechenga or Kola; Newmartyr Anastasius of Nauplion; New Hieromartyr Archpriest Peter Skipetrov of Petrograd

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

## WORSHIP & STUDY

TODAY	12:30 p.m.	Great Vespers with Blessing of Candles at <i>Annunciation Church</i> in Brick
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil with Blessing of Candles at <i>SS. Peter &amp; Paul Church</i> in Manville
Mon, Feb 2	<b>THE MEETING (ENTRY) OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE [Blessing of Candles]</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Epistle: Heb 7:7-17	Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
Divine Liturgy		
Sat, Feb 7	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida for <b>Paul Machyowsky Sr.</b> (Annual) offered by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession
Sun, Feb 8	<b>SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON—Tone 2</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Afterfeast of the Meeting;</b> Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates; Prophet Zechariah	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 1 Cor 6:12-20	Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

## WITHIN THE PARISH

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

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church on **Tuesday, February 3**, at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars and save the date for a pre-Lenten gala, as **Friday, Feb 6**, will be a **Russian Cabaret Night**. This fun-filled event, hosted by the **Senior R Club**, will start at 7 p.m. at the **Ria-Mar Restaurant** on Whitehead Avenue (up the street from the church). Food, beer/wine, dancing and plenty of entertainment will be included in the evening's festivities. The deadline to purchase tickets from Carol Deerson, Allison Steffaro and Sandra Saurman is **TODAY**; cost is \$55 for adults and \$25 for children, ages 10 and under. (You can also make reservations by E-mailing Sandy at [ssaurman@msn.com](mailto:ssaurman@msn.com).) There'll be good times for all!

The **Annual Altar Society Blini Batter Sale** will be held in the hall **next Sunday, Feb 8**, following Liturgy. The cost will be \$6 per quart. (**NOTE:** All pre-orders will be available for pick-up on **Saturday, February 7**, between 3:45 and 4 p.m.)

The **Parish Council** will meet in the church hall on **Monday, February 9**, at 7 p.m., to review the 2015 budget for the upcoming *Annual Parish Meeting*. Its next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 16**, at 7 p.m., in the hall.

In support of *St. Andrew's Camp* in upstate NY, our parish will be hosting a **Blini Luncheon Fundraiser** in the hall on **Meatfare Sunday, February 15**, from 2-6 p.m. This delicious event will feature blini and all that goes with them (Yum!), as well as entertainment by *Nell & Stacis* and our own *South River Balalaika Orchestra*, dessert, coffee, tea, soda and a 50/50 raffle. The tickets are now on sale at \$30 per adult; \$25 for students and adults over 65; and \$10 for children 10 and under. For reservations, RSVP Phil Rogozenski (908-331-1297 / [progozinsk@aol.com](mailto:progozinsk@aol.com)) or Kathy Cooper (732-986-5914 / [cooperfam1@comcast.net](mailto:cooperfam1@comcast.net)). This is the only sleepaway camp in the diocese for our children and it needs our financial assistance. His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, has asked that we do our part in sustaining the camp for future generations. If you have or know someone who has attended *Saint Andrew's*, come and be a part of this wonderful family affair. **(NOTE: Baked goods, as well as general help, are being solicited by Kathy Cooper and Natasha Rogozenski; see or contact them.)**

The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** on **Tuesday, February 17**, to *Resorts Casino & Hotel*. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the church parking lot on Whitehead Avenue. The cost of the trip will be \$30, but each attendee will receive back \$25 in "slot" cash. Also included are refreshments on the bus. For reservations and further details, get in touch with Janice Meade by E-mail ([JaniceEMeade@aol.com](mailto:JaniceEMeade@aol.com)) or phone (732-257-8671). Get on board and book as early as possible, as this trip is very popular and sells out quickly. Come out for an enjoyable day of games and fun!

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be in the hall on **Sunday, March 8**, immediately following Coffee Hour.

The **Confession of Church School Children** will take place on the **Fourth Saturday of Lent, March 21**, from 5-6:30 p.m., and following Vespers. The kids will commune as a group during the Liturgy on **Lenten Youth Sunday, March 22**. Afterwards, the **St. Anne's Guild** will host a **Communion Breakfast** for the entire parish.

## BITS & PIECES

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **85**; envelope offerings were **\$1,572**.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS** The Epistle will be read next week by **Subdeacon Paul Machyowsky**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Edwards**.

**HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR** Volunteers are needed 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**. Please see Greg Messeka to find out what's required to host.

**REST IN PEACE** Our sister in Christ, **Dorothy Swenticky**, fell asleep in the Lord last Sunday. May God be with her family and friends at this time, especially her cherished daughter, **Diane Dreyer**. We pray that she'll be strengthened by His many comforts and find peace in His eternal love in the days ahead.

**REMEMBER THESE DATES** Beginning of Great Lent (**Feb 23**)...Daylight Saving Time Begins (**Mar 8**)...Feast of the Annunciation (**Mar 25**)...Palm Sunday (**Apr 5**)...Holy Pascha/Easter Sunday (**Apr 12**)...Provdnoye/Easter Cemetery Visitation (**Apr 19**).

**SOUL SATURDAYS** are the days the Holy Church has designated to remember all Orthodox Christians who have departed this life. This year, Memorial (Soul) Saturdays will be **March 7, 14 & 21, May 30** and **October 24**. Liturgy on Saturday morning will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening, at which time the names of all deceased parish and family members will be read. Enclosed in last Sunday's bulletin was the form for you to list all those you want mentioned. (*Extra copies are available at the Candle Desk.*) Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. Everyone is encouraged to attend these services and offer prayers, not only as a sign of love and respect, but to ask those who have passed away to intercede before the Lord to protect us and our loved ones on earth until such time that we, too, can enjoy the fruits of blessed immortality.

**BULLETIN OMISSION** A name was omitted from last Sunday's bulletin thanking the members of *Team Dziemian* for cleaning the church in January: **Jeremy Posluszny**. We apologize for this error; it was certainly not intentional. His efforts in this ministry were truly appreciated.

**NO CELL PHONES** Please remember that ringers on cell phones should be **OFF** during church services.

**MEMORY ETERNAL** The handmaid of God, **Duniasha Lomjaria**, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, January 6. We share this loss with all of her family and friends, especially her beloved son, **Eremia**, daughter-in-law, **Katie**, and granddaughter, **Nia**. May they all find comfort and peace in prayer and faith—*Vechnaya Pamyat!*

**IOCC SEEKS SUMMER INTERNS FOR U.S. AND GREECE** Do you have a desire to acquire firsthand exposure to the operations of a faith-based worldwide humanitarian relief and development organization? If so, then think about becoming an intern for **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** this summer. IOCC is offering opportunities for those interested in construction and restoration projects in Oklahoma, New Jersey, Louisiana and Colorado. For those who want to work in communications, there are openings in Athens, Greece. Internships are available to U.S. residents, 18 years or older, who are undergraduates, advance degree students or recent college graduates; a 10-12 week, full-time commitment during the months of May through Sept is required. Applications are now being accepted until **Saturday, February 28**. For additional info on eligibility requirements and how to apply, go to [www.iocc.org/internships](http://www.iocc.org/internships). Dare to make a difference in 2015!

**A BELATED WELCOME** to our two interns from *St. Vladimir's Seminary* in Yonkers, NY: **Wes Pulley** and **Andrew Cannon**; both were Protestant ministers before deciding to follow Christ in the Orthodox Church. Throughout this semester, they will be involved in many aspects of parish ministry and administration, as they develop their pastoral skills in faith and hope. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see them; they are looking forward to getting to know you!

**2014 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** Thanks for your faithfulness in giving your tithes and offerings. For the 2014 tax year, a contribution statement will be prepared **by request only**. A sign-up sheet is now available at the Candle Desk. Your year-end statement will be ready for you within two weeks. **(NOTE: The statement will include donations made in 2014 from Wed, Jan 1 through Sun, Dec 28. Any offerings made after the 28<sup>th</sup> will be credited to 2015—NO EXCEPTIONS!)**

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** go out this week to **Diane Dreyer, Sandra Saurman, Joan Pisuk** and **Jane Zelasko**. We wish them all good health and much joy for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**LET US KEEP THEM IN OUR PRAYERS** Please pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, for God knows the names and ages of all who need His love and mercy:

**Departed**

John Centrello	Robert Zapora
John Basara	Barry Baleshta
Nadezhda Hromova	Olga Stefik
Gloria Santiago-Soave	Nicholas Muzyka
Nancy Myzhevych	Dorothy Swenticky
Duniasha Lomjaria	

**Servicemen**

Ivan Shidlovsky  
 Priest Sean Levine  
 Elizabeth Brent

**Sick**

Aunika Browne	Darren Flynn	Beth Williscroft
Thomas Verdon	Beth Giordano	Nancy Filak
Sara Cseh	Mary Carol Burchill	Michael Dargento
Edward Walton	Matushka Dorothy Sulich	Sandra Webster
Kaitlyn Fox	Ruth Curtis	Amelia Rugala
Iwan Jakimtschuk	Mary Louise Viquez	Ellen Dargento
Natalie Matz	Kathleen Kushwara	Olga Miller
Dorothy Sopchak	Josefa Calero	Allen Mioduszewski
Katherine Tarzewski	Theodore Christie	Sophie Hyland
Ginny Wilmer	Walentyna Posluszny	Kathleen Keimer
Karen Tarallo	John Cameron	Tamara Diaczenko
Edward Romanofsky	Pearl Blower	Elaine Ashton
Dawn Zirch	Gloria Soto	Michael Pelleriti
Joseph Basara Jr.	Jack Rhoades	Gina Krusius
Martha Drobnak	Donna Kara	Anna Elagin
Sergio Dubowski	Sergei Andreyev	Gregory Sitze
Zinna Kusnirik	Vladimir Batenko	Charles Csenica
Dean Prestino	Pauline Dziemian	Kenneth Crowley
Gaynelle Crowley	Kendall McNamara	Gabrielle Huba
Myrna Woznica	Pamela Inman	James D'Amore Jr.
Aspasia Alfaro	Dorothy Vernak	Jonathan Clayton
Beth Van Orden	Victor Rugala Jr.	Aidan Brown
Rina D'Amico	Simon Koslov Jr.	Mari Favire
Deborah Krusius	Jane D'Amore	Wendy Packard

Remember to let Fr. David or Starosta know if someone should be included or removed from this list. Thank you.

**BRING A FRIEND** along with you to church. Encourage your relatives to attend services faithfully. It is our Christian duty to help others find Jesus. Apostle Andrew brought his brother Peter to the Lord...let us follow his example!

**THANKS** to **Bruce & Joyce Hillyer, John & Carrie Hillyer** and **Thomas & Audrey Pituk** for their recent church donations in memory of **Dora Hydu**; we are very grateful.

**BELATED CONGRATULATIONS** to **Joseph & Gloria Basara** who celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past Wednesday. In the light of the Lord's eternal love, may this couple continue to find comfort and joy for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** is extended to the **Muzyka Family** on the falling asleep of father, grandfather and great-grandfather, **Nicholas**, last Sunday. (*Nick was a former parishioner.*) May their faith in the Resurrection uphold them in this time of sorrow. Memory Eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** If you have any announcements for next week's bulletin, contact Father David at the rectory or get in touch with our Bulletin Editor, James P. Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)). The deadline is **Thursday evening**.

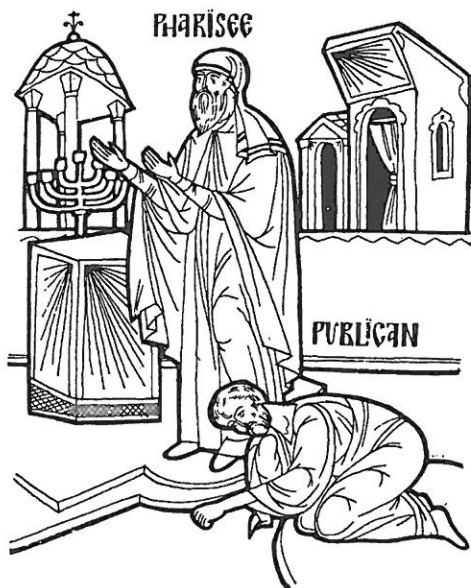


The week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is **FAST FREE**, meaning that all foods can be eaten every day, including Wednesday and Friday. The Holy Church instituted this dispensation to not only lead us gradually towards the stricter abstinence of Great Lent, but to remind us of paradise and how we can regain it fully in our lives. By acting contrary to the pride of the Pharisee, who vainly praised himself for fasting twice a week, we are acknowledging that fasting is only a means or aid on the path of salvation; it is not a "ticket to heaven" for anyone who "keeps the rules" without expressing humility.

So, enjoy all the bounties of God this week as we begin to make changes in our lives, both physical and spiritual, on our way to Holy and Great Lent.



It is the tradition of the Holy Church on the great feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple to **bless candles** for devotional use. In remembrance of St. Simeon's proclamation that Christ is "*the Light to enlighten all Gentiles*," you are encouraged to participate in this marvelous custom by bringing candles you have purchased to be blessed after Liturgy **tomorrow**. Then burn them at home during the post-festal period or throughout the year and rejoice that the Light comes to us where we dwell.



In the case of that Pharisee who was praying, the things he said were true. Since he was saying them out of pride and the tax collector was telling his sins with humility, the confession of the last was more pleasing to God than the acknowledgment of the almsgiving of the first. It is more difficult to confess one's sins than one's righteousness. God looks on the one who carries a heavy burden. The tax collector, therefore, appeared to Him to have had more to bear than the Pharisee had. He went down more justified than the Pharisee did, only because of the fact that he was humble. If this Pharisee had been sinful, his prayer would have added iniquity to iniquity, but the Lord purified the tax collector of his iniquity. If just by praying, the Pharisee's prayer provoked God's wrath then, as a result of that provocation, the prayer of the tax collector proved all the more potent.

*St. Ephraim the Syrian*

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**GLORY FOREVER!**