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32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.

Leavetaking of the Theophany. St. Savva I, first Archbishop of Serbia (1237). The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu: Isaiah, Savva, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others (4th-5th c.). St. Nina (Nino), Equal-to-the-Apostles, Enlightener of the Georgians (355).

Birthdays & Anniversaries for January

Birthdays: Gregory Krenitsky (1/9); Paula Stavisky (1/17); Dr Eli Stavisky (1/22);

Nameday: Emilia Hart (1/1); Emilia Krenitsky (1/1); Matushka Emilia Shepherd (1/1); Maximus Shepherd (1/21); Gregory Krenitsky (1/25); Savina Shepherd (1/30)

Anniversary:

Baptism:

Travelers:

Prospora Schedule: HELP! We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. *The Church has a prospora kit if you would like to borrow it. Last of the Prospora today.*

Jan 21

Jan 28

Counting: HELP! Please sign up and help our Maura Elko count.

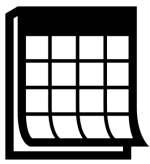
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Visitors: PLEASE JOIN US FOR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for lunch at the agape meal to replenish our supplies PLEASE SING ALONG! Singing the hymns and responses to the litanies throughout the services is encouraged!

Please welcome Fr Barnabas Fravel serving Diving Liturgy today as Fr Michael and his family are away for the weekend.

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by prayer, fasting, and a recent (monthly) confession. If you have questions please ask Fr Michael! Visitors, if you did not introduce yourself to Fr Michael at Vespers, please refrain from Holy Communion.*



Service Schedule

SAT, Jan 20th: Great Vespers & Matins w/confessions 4:50PM

SUN, Jan 22nd: @ 9:10 AM - Hours and Divine Liturgy

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662).

SAT, Jan 27th: Great Vespers & Matins w/confessions 4:50PM

SUN, Jan 28th: @ 9:10 AM - Hours and Divine Liturgy

34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

House Blessing Season is coming! Please schedule with Fr to have your house blessed. If several people live in an area, we can all be a part of each other's housing blessings. We can do 4 or 5 in one day. Start at one house and travel to the next and end at a house where we can have a meal together. There are parishoners who would like to have the joint house blessings as discussed. If you would like to do this for the Dalton/Clark Summit Area - please see Joseph Hart.

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

Catechumen/Inquirers/Continuing ED Class: Every Saturday at 2:30-4:00 We had our intro to the Ecumenical Councils yesterday and it was a great discussion. Come & See!

Bible Study: Every Thursday 11am - Noon. Bring a sack Lunch. I am working my way through Romans if you want to join me.

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

Parish Council Meeting: 21JAN22 All are invited. Please come and see the great things our parish council is doing and the vision we have.

Annual Parish Meeting: IAW our bylaws; the annual parish meeting will be held on the second Sunday of February. 11Feb24. An Agenda will go out after the new year. The office of Treasurer will be voted on. Right now we have Maura Elko appointed as treasurer until then. Currently, Maura has been nominated to fill the position. If you would also like to run, please see Fr Michael & Tammy Wytovich. Also, please review the parish bylaws for eligibility. We also will need two auditors to replace Beverly and Sandy Pregman who did a wonderful job! **REMINDER: TO BE COUNTED AS A VOTING MEMBER YOU NEED TO BE PARTAKING OF COMMUNION REGULARLY AND MONTHLY CONFESSIONS.**

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: Matushka and Fr will attend the Diocesan Assembly Jan 25th & 26th.

MOVIE NIGHT COMING! During the fast of Great Lent we will have a Movie Night every Saturday after Vespers. Line up of the movies will be coming out soon.

Pre-Lenten Womans Retreat: COMPASSION: From God to Us - from Us to Others given by Presbyteria Kerry Pappas. Saturday, March 2nd at 10 am at Holy Trinity in Stroudsburg. Talk to Matushka if interested.

Envelopes: Fr is working on tracking down the envelopes as they should have been delivered by now. We are also moving to a tithing unit e.g. a husband and wife will be one tithing unit and will no longer have to different assigned numbers.

Poinsettias: Please take them home.

Parish Prayer List

Newly Departed:

Departed: *Helen Wirhanowsky (1/10); Marie Morek (1/15); Ned Matechak (1/20); Helen Sokol (1/25); Margaret Jadick (1/29); Margaret Cushner (1/29);*

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests Michael Evans, John Nightingale, & Theodore Orzolek*

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek, The children of God Abigail and Nathan.*

Servants of God *Patricia Jones, Anne Buday, Mary Krevko, Gregory Krevko, Emily Krenitsky, Gregory Krenitsky, Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchyk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak, Elizabeth Jackson, Justin Kane, Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky, Ekaterina & Anna, Joe & Kelly Cigna, George, Natasha (and her unborn child), & Rosa Coyoy, Paul & Ann Newmeyer, Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd, Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart, Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Debra, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky, Maura Elko*

Seekers - *Paul, Christopher, Eugene, Mike*

Catechumen - *Jason Vo, Santo Joseph Cerminaro, Mikayla Brown*

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
\$200	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
\$500	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$750	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
\$1000	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
\$1500	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, **and** all the blessings we receive through her.

January Income: \$4,448.00

January Expenses: \$7,731.82

Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,225.62

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,902.49

TITHING Assessing our personal giving for the coming new year. Tithing is the practice of returning to the Lord a portion of the financial treasure He has blessed us with in this life. We offer our gifts in gratitude for His. This principle is found in both the Old and New Testament scriptures. Tithing is what is returned to Him and is different for each family/household. The giving chart above offers a starting point for giving based on a range of weekly incomes along with a range of giving levels beginning at 10%, the ideal for a Christian tithe if one is capable, down to 2%. Our goal as we journey through life is to offer increasingly more of what God has given us back to Him, just as we give more of our heart. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matt 6:21). This, of course, is done freely and out of love for God and His Church, not in response to an outward rule (Freely you have received, freely give - Matt 10:8). May this chart be helpful for you in prayerfully determining your level of giving this coming new year, challenging yourself to tithe to God the good portion of His financial blessings.



Words of Wisdom

From the Saints & Teachers

Today Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Ephesians 6:11 Christ Himself as the Armor of God. St Jerome: From what we read of the Lord our Savior throughout the Scriptures, it is manifestly clear that the whole armor of Christ is the Savior himself. It is he whom we are asked to “put on.” It is one and the same thing to say “Put on the whole armor of God” and “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” Our belt is truth and our breastplate is righteousness. The Savior is also called both “truth” and “righteousness.” So no one can doubt that he himself is that very belt and breastplate. On this principle he is also to be understood as the “preparation of the gospel of peace.” He himself is the “shield of faith” and the “helmet of salvation.” He is the “sword of the Spirit,” because he is the Word of God, living and efficacious, the utterance of which is stronger than any helmet and sharp on both sides. **Epistle to the Ephesians 3.6.11.**

Luke 18:36–39 The Blind Man’s Cry for Mercy The Blind Man Knows that Jesus is the Son of David and Messiah. St Cyril of Alexandria: The blind man must have understood that the sight of the blind cannot be restored by human means but requires, on the contrary, a divine power and an authority such as God only possesses. With God nothing whatsoever is impossible. The blind man came near to him as to the omnipotent God. How then does he call him the Son of David? What can one answer to this? The following is perhaps the explanation. Since he was born and raised in Judaism, of course, the predictions contained in the law and the holy prophets concerning Christ had not escaped his knowledge. He heard them chant that passage in the book of the Psalms, “The Lord has sworn in truth to David, and will not annul it, saying: ‘of the fruit of your loins I will set a king upon your throne.’” The blind man also knew that the blessed prophet Isaiah said, “There will spring up a shoot from the root of Jesse, and from his root a flower will grow up.” Isaiah also said, “Behold, a virgin will conceive and bring forth a son, and they will call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” He already believed that the Word, being God, of his own will had submitted to be born in the flesh of the holy Virgin. He now comes near to him as to God and says, “Have mercy on me, Son of David.” Christ testifies that this was his state of mind in offering his petition. He said to him, “Your faith has saved you.” **Commentary on Luke, Homily 126.**