



FROM THE AMBON

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February 11th, 2024 - 36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3.

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (ca. 316). Ven. Dimitri

(Demetrius), Wonderworker of Priluki (Vologdá—1392). Rt. Blv. Great Prince Vsevolod (in Baptism Gabriel), Wonderworker of Pskov (1138). Righteous Theodora, wife of Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (ca. 867).

Birthdays & Anniversaries for February

Birthdays: Barbara Sevensky (2/14); Stephen Krenitsky (2/26)

Nameday: Blaise Shepherd (2/3);

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.*

Feb 11

Feb 18 Emilia Hart

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

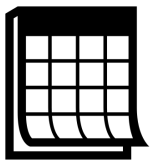
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THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH FOR THAT WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF TALENTS LAST SUNDAY!

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!

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, Feb 17th: Great Vespers & Matins w/confessions 4:50PM

SUN, Feb 18th: @ 9:10 AM - Hours and Divine Liturgy

37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Sunday of Zacchaeus.

SAT, Feb 24th: Great Vespers & Matins w/confessions 4:50PM

SUN, Feb 25th: @ 9:10 AM - Hours and Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 5. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.

SAT, Mar 2nd: Great Vespers & Matins w/confessions 4:50PM

SUN, Mar 3rd: @ 9:10 AM - Hours and Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 6.



Words of Wisdom

From the Saints & Teachers

Today Readings

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

1 Timothy 1:15a (ACCS Col-Phl): 1:15a Sure and Worthy of Full Acceptance

What the Apostles Received. Athanasius: What the apostles received, they passed on without change, so that the doctrine of the mysteries (the sacraments) and Christ would remain correct. The divine Word—the Son of God—wants us to be their (the apostles’) disciples. It is appropriate for them to be our teachers, and it is necessary for us to submit to their teaching alone. Only from them and those who have faithfully taught their doctrine do we get, as Paul writes, “faithful words, worthy of full acceptance.” Festal Letters 2.7.

Matthew 15:21 (ACCS Mt 14-28): 15:21 Going to Tyre and Sidon

The Mother of the Gentiles. Epiphanius the Latin: After our Lord departed from the Jews, he came into the regions of Tyre and Sidon. He left the Jews behind and came to the Gentiles. Those whom he had left behind remained in ruin; those to whom he came obtained salvation in their alienation. And a woman came out of that territory and cried, saying to him, “Have pity on me, O Lord, Son of David!” O great mystery! The Lord came out from the Jews, and the woman came out from her Gentile territory. He left the Jews behind, and the woman left behind idolatry and an impious lifestyle. What they had lost, she found. The one whom they had denied in the law, she professed through her faith. This woman is the mother of the Gentiles, and she knew Christ through faith. Thus on behalf of her daughter (the Gentile people) she entreated the Lord. The daughter had been led astray by idolatry and sin and was severely possessed by a demon. Interpretation of the Gospels 58.

Parish Prayer List

Newly Departed:

Departed: *Andrew Kurtzo (2/4); Helen Buranich (2/6); Anna Zupko (2/6); Jean Wasko (2/7); Ann Freeman (2/18); Walter Pritchky Sr. (2/28); Alexandra Teczko (2/14); Fema Pasternak (2/14); Martha Matechek (2/21)*

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, Michael Sokol; Michael Krenitsky; The children of God Abigail and Nathan.*

Servants of God *David Barsigian, 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 Pritchky, Michael & Euphemia Keklak, Justin & Elisabeth Kane, Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky, Ekaterina & Anna, Joe & Kelly Cigna, George, Natasha, Rosa, & Lucia 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, Brayden, & JoAnne

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.

February Income: \$8,619.67

February Expenses: \$2,168.30

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.

Announcements - Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events



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

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

Monthly Panikhida: 24FEB24 @ 4PM

Annual Parish Meeting: IAW our bylaws; the annual parish meeting will be held on the second Sunday of February which is TODAY! All are invited. Only those who are in good standing will be considered voting members.

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.

Nerf & Pizza: Saturday, March 9th 11am - 3pm Calling all St. Michael's youth! Join us for an afternoon of Nerf gun battles and Old Forge pizza! Ages 9 and up. Bring your own Nerf gun and a friend - darts and goggles provided. Questions? Contact Jason Hart - jasonhart4@gmail.com

B. THE SIGN OF THE CROSS ACCOMPANIED BY THE BOWING OF THE HEAD IS MADE:

1. Upon entering or leaving the temple;
2. At every petition of the litanies;
3. During the exclamations (ecphonies) of the priest or reader when giving glory to the Holy Trinity: "Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;" "In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit," etc.;
4. During the following exclamations of the priest or bishop during divine services:

At the Divine Liturgy during:

- a. "Let us stand aright. Let us stand with fear ...;"
- b. "Singing the Triumphant Hymn ...;"
- c. "Take, eat ...;"
- d. "Drink of this all of you ...;"
- e. "Thine own of Thine own ...;"
- f. At the ending of the Creed during the words: "... and the life of the world to come. Amen."

At the reading or singing of:

- a. "Come let us worship ...;"
- b. The Trisagion;
- c. The "Alleluias" at the kathismas and after the psalms at the Hours;
- d. At the end of each stikheron, troparion or psalm;
- e. At the name of the Most holy Theotokos in the petition: "O God, save Thy people ...;"
- f. Throughout the Canon from the 1st to the 9th Ode, at each bidding before the troparia whether to the Lord, Theotokos or the saint.

At Matins during:

- a. At the singing of the theotokion;
- b. At every refrain during the words "... we magnify thee;"
- c. At "Glory to Thee who hast shown us the Light ...;"
- d. At "Glory to Thee, O Christ God our hope ..." and after it, at the end of the dismissal (benediction);
- e. At the exclamations "Let us pray to the Lord!" and preceding any kind of a prayer, particularly before the Prayer of the Molieben.

NOTE: When moving about the temple one must make the sign of the Cross and bow his head towards the royal doors, especially if one crosses over from one side of the temple to the other (as from South to North).