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February 13, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE—Tone 1 (Beginning of the Lenten Triodion)

Ven. Martinian of Caesarea in Palestine; SS. Zoe and Photini; St. Eulogius, Archbishop of Alexandria; Ven. Stephen the Myrrhusher and Prince of Serbia; St. Timothy, Archbishop of Alexandria; St. Castor the Hieromonk and Missionary of Karden; St. Modomnoc, Bishop of Ossory; St. Joseph the Abbot of Volokolamsk

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

♦ SERVICE & STUDY SCHEDULE ♦

Sat, Feb 19
6:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Panihida for **Paul Machyowsky Sr.** (Annual) offered by **the family**
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by General Confession

Sun, Feb 20
9:00 a.m. **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON—Tone 2**
Divine Liturgy St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily
Epistle: 1 Cor 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

♦ LIFE OF THE PARISH ♦

Choir Rehearsal will resume in the church **this Tuesday, February 15**, at 7 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

The **25 Week Club Appreciation Dinner**, hosted by the **Men's Club**, will be held in the parish hall on **Thurs, February 24**; doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets holders are entitled to attend for FREE; guests are welcome for \$15 each. (**NOTE: Jay Pelleriti must know by this Mon, February 14** how many guests will be coming, so that the caterer can plan the meal accordingly; please call/text him at 732-216-8121 or E-mail him at poetheart7753@aol.com.) Come out and enjoy good food, drinks (BYOB) and cash/gift prizes; it promises to be a fun night!

Sunday Coffee Hour is a time of fellowship and socializing—a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation. Our parish has a wonderful tradition of connection and hospitality and Coffee Hour is a very integral part of that camaraderie. For this ministry to resume, starting **Sunday, Mar 13**, we need volunteers to host. It's simple—it includes coffee and bagels and anything else you want to bring. There's a sign-up sheet and guidelines posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Let's keep this custom going!

A **Lenten Retreat** of the **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)** will be hosted by **our parish** on **Saturday, April 9**. (**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!**) All young adults, ages 18-25, are invited to attend a day of lectures, discussion and fellowship. Save the date—additional information will be forthcoming.

♦ NEWS YOU CAN USE ♦

FOR THE RECORD Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **73**.

PRIVATE/PERSONAL CONFESSIONS are heard by Father David on **Saturday evenings**, starting at 6 p.m. **General Confession** is held following Great Vespers on the **first and third Saturdays** of the month. (*Refer to the Service & Study Schedule in the bulletin for changes.*) Those of you who regularly commune can participate on whichever weekend is more convenient. Note that you are **NOT** required to go twice a month—only once.

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS One of the most venerable traditions in the Orthodox Church is the commemoration of the departed in our liturgical prayers. Since Apostolic times, the Fathers have constantly taught us that our intercessions, offerings and good deeds can help those who have fallen asleep. It is also of great consolation for us, the surviving friends and relatives, to be able to pray for them and, thus, remain in a bond of everlasting love. We remember the deceased at every Liturgy. In our liturgical calendar, Saturdays are dedicated, in a special way, to prayer for the dead, since on that day God not only rested from His work, but Christ lay in the tomb. In accord with this, the Church has established special days of universal commemoration commonly known as *Memorial (Soul) Saturdays*. This year, there are five such Saturdays: **Feb 26** (Pre-Lent); **Mar 19** and **Apr 2** (Great Lent); **June 11** (Eve of Pentecost); and **Oct 22** (Demetrius Saturday). Liturgy on each of these days will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form to list the names of those you want mentioned at these services was included in last week's bulletin; there're also copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. Saint Gregory the Theologian, after celebrating the funeral service for his beloved brother Caesarius, concluded his eulogy with the following words: *"Part of my funeral gift is now completed. The remainder we'll pay by offering every year, as long as we live, our honors and memorials for him!"* We should emulate Saint Gregory by remembering our departed loved ones, especially on these Memorial Saturdays, and pray that those who come after us will continue this beautiful and praiseworthy custom by including us, as well.

PLEASE PRAY for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

Departed

Mary Ann Mecom	Paul Pachucki
Emma Tzortzinis	Frederick Basara
Ronald Madden	Natalie Demidenko
Archpriest John Bohush	Jean (Spedding) Joyce
Anthony Illenye	Lucia Bennett
Ralph (Bodgie) Meade	Terese Wisniewski

Servicemen

Priest Sean Levine
 Todd Adams
 Mark Lopez
 Nathaniel Simpson

Sick

Kaitlyn Fox	Beth Giordano	Kelsey Fischer
Jay Pelleriti	Victor A. Rugala Jr.	Michael Dargento
Barbara Trojan	Donna Truglio	Ellen Dargento
Marisa Stryker	Wil Bowser	Mario Troyani
John Bihuniak	Edward Boshko	Gertrude Samuel
Debbie Williams	Veronica Genito	Kathleen Keimer
Beth Van Orden	Richard Bumgardner	Jonathan Dzoba
Jamie Arango	Marianne Ford	Aidan Brown
Karyn Migut	Andrea Londensky	Gregory Staples
Virginia Staples	Christine Marie Parker	Stephen Suelling
Riley Dolan	John Makarewicz	Joyce Major
Alan Diaz	Doris Gorman	Alan Zenkert
Michelle Telesca	Buddy Watson	Stefania Lazor
Bronwyn Smith	Carol Luongo	Suellen Shimski
Daria Bishara	Joshua Torosyan	Robin Suelling
David Sommers	Theodore Gentili	Karen Meade
Robert DiPaolo	Margaret DeVito	Alexey Nerush
Peter Pero	Nikolai Schijan	Janice Sadlon
Thomas Pituk	Ann Jenkins-Frison	Jay Sommers
Concetta Canon	Joseph Turick	Lynn Bush
Jacques Roscel	Joseph McIlhinney	Sandra Saurman
Julianna Bihuniak	Laurissa Solar	Stanley Rakowski
Leon Brasowski	Maryann DeFrancesco	Gloria Celkupa
Brian Carter	Lexi Porambo	Teri Szelli
Robert Lombardo	Theodore Brown	Janet Lombardo
Ronald Hendricks	Wayne Modzelewski	Carly Byrne
Lynn Clair		

Contact Fr. David or Starosta if you'd like to add or remove a name from this list, remembering the words of St. James in his Epistle (5:16): *"Pray for one another, that you may be healed."*

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE DIOCESE Visit the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org. In addition to episcopal statements, schedules and documents, events and happenings at the parochial level, such as parish anniversaries, lectures and conferences, are also posted. Check it out!

WITH GRATITUDE we acknowledge the following contributions to the *Church General Fund*: **Mira Dostanich** (in memory of **Elaine Boshko**); **Harry & Janice Meade** (in memory of **Thomas & Helena Christie**); and **Ronald & Paula Mindzak** (in memory of the **departed parents** of the **Bihuniak & Mindzak Families**). Such expressions of love are sincerely appreciated—God bless!

2021 DONATION STATEMENTS will be issued this year **BY REQUEST ONLY**. Any parishioner who'd like one for tax purposes should put his/her name on the sign-up sheet located at the Candle Desk. Questions? Contact Jay Pelleriti by E-mail (poetheart7753@aol.com) or phone (732-216-8121). We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued stewardship.

HOUSE BLESSINGS will be scheduled this year **by request only**, due to the continuing pandemic. If you have a day that would be best to invite Fr. David and Basil Kozak for this annual blessing, please leave a message with Father via phone or E-mail.

CANDLES FOR SALE Candles that were blessed on the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple two weeks ago are available for purchase. If you are interested, please see anyone at the Candle Desk.

BELATED BEST WISHES to **Louis & Brenda Adams** who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary earlier this month. Their life-long love is marvelous to see, joyous to celebrate and a tribute to their faith. May they continue to cherish one another for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

INFO FOR VISITORS (AND PARISHIONERS, TOO!) There're service books in the pews that you may borrow and follow along with; if you get lost, ask your neighbor to help you find the page. As you can see, we stand for most of the service. If you're not accustomed to this, please feel free to sit; no one will mind. However, you should still stand during the Scripture readings, the Little & Great Entrances, the Creed, the Anaphora, the *Our Father* and during the distribution of Holy Communion. Throughout all the services, you will see people making the Sign of the Cross and bowing. Feel free to follow suit, if you are comfortable; again, no one will mind either way. You may venerate (kiss) the icons and purchase a candle to light. Commemoration slips for living and reposed family members and friends are available at the Candle Desk. At the end of the service, you may come forward to venerate the Cross, if you wish. Finally, anyone who wants to receive Communion must be an Orthodox Christian. We hope this info is helpful.

ONLINE GIVING Give online through our website, www.saintpeterandpaul.org, and click on the *Donate* icon. Now giving is easier than ever!

THE 2022 ANNUAL PARISH ASSESSMENT is **\$220** per registered individual.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS Fr. David is available for pastoral visitations. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound, call the rectory.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED We are looking to become more connected as a parish by sending out important announcements, updates, death and sickness notices and other pertinent info via E-mail. If you've not already provided your E-mail address, we invite you to do so; just send a blank E-mail to Father David at dfmg@aol.com with "E-mail List" as the subject. Thank you.

READER CORNER If you would like to learn to read the Hours and/or Epistle, see or contact Basil Kozak (917-697-8058).

BULLETIN DEADLINE All notices must be submitted to either Fr. David or Starosta James Kornafel by no later than **Thursday evening** in order to be in next Sunday's bulletin. You can reach Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net), phone (732-462-3388) or fax (732-845-3515). Note that any announcements that come in after the deadline have no guarantee of being included.



*One of the dominant features of Great Lent is fasting from certain foods. These preparatory weeks before the Fast will lead us gradually towards stricter abstinence. This week, however, is **FAST FREE**; the usual Wednesday and Friday fasts are not observed, so that we might not boast, like the Pharisee, in keeping the fasting "rules." By eating anything we want, we are reminded that fasting is only a means and an aid on the path of salvation; it is not a ticket to heaven.*