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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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JANUARY 29, 2023

33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OF
ZACCHAEUS



The Meeting of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (Feb 2) is described in the third Gospel (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the Divine Child was brought to the Temple at Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple for forty days. At the end of the time of her purification, the mother went to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb, two turtledoves, or pigeons to the Lord as a sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity. Out of humility, however, she fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

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At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he beheld the promised Messiah. By divine inspiration, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very mo-

ment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the Law.

Saint Simeon received the divine Child in his arms,¹ and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was an 84-year-old widow, Saint Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel (February 3), "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day." She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the Divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

Before Christ was born, the righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous persons of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet Him in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons by the holy bishops Methodios of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilokhios of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splen-

didly until the VI century.

In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. Giving thanks to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast.

Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: Saint Andrew of Crete in the VII century; Saint Cosmas Bishop of Maium, Saint John of Damascus, and Saint Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the VIII century; and Saint Joseph, Archbishop of Thessaloniki in the IX century.

Today we also commemorate the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos known as "the Softening of Evil Hearts" or "Simeon's Prophecy." The Mother of God is depicted without her Child, and seven swords piercing her breast: three from the left side, three from the right, and one from below.

A similar Icon, "Of the Seven Swords" (August 13) shows three swords on the left side and four from the right. The "Softening of Evil Hearts" is also commemorated on August 13.

The Icon "Simeon's Prophecy" symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy of the righteous Elder Simeon: "a sword shall pierce through your own soul" (Luke 2:35).

In Constantinople, the Emperors would celebrate the Feast Day at the Blakhernae church during the All-Night Vigil. This custom continued until the Fall of the Byzantine Empire.

Church School Calendar

Saturday February 4

Saturday March 4

Saturday April 8 (Lazarus Saturday)

Saturday May 6

Saturday June 3

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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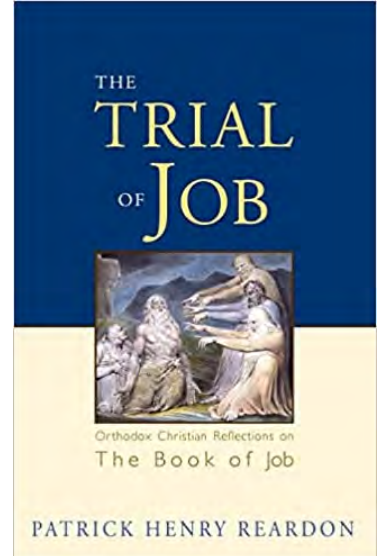
FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES RETURN IN FEBRUARY

We will be studying the book *The Trial of Job: Orthodox Christian Reflections on the Book of Job* by Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon.

Book pickup will take place on January 26th.

We will be splitting our coverage of the book. The first four weeks of study are scheduled for the following Thursdays: **2/2, 2/9, 2/16, and 2/13**. The class dates for after Great Lent will be announced.

Please contact **Subdeacon Leon Felon** at **440 666-7601** if you have any questions.



Attention Ladies:

This is an open invitation to all ladies of St. Theodosius to

JOIN THE ST. THEODOSIUS ALTAR SOCIETY!

We are a service organization dedicated to raising funds for items that may be needed for the altar. We welcome fresh ideas and new faces!

There will be a sign-up sheet at coffee hour. Don't hesitate!



IT IS TIME FOR THE 2ND ST. THEODOSIUS LADIES' BRUNCH!

Ladies of St. Theodosius Parish, the **Ladies' Brunch** is upon us again! On Sunday, February 12th, 2023, at 12:00 PM, join us at the **The South Side** to partake in food and drink and Christian fellowship!

To RSVP contact **Erin Zawolowycz** at **216 337-6868**

Boys' Night Out

Gentlemen! Boys' Night Out is set for February 19th, at 5:00 PM at

Pioneer

2407 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113 * Contact **Dan Morris** if you plan to attend!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 1/29/2023

Deceased

Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky

Irene Alisauskas

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Victor Ponomarenko

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Simeon Cambouris

Marion Wojnarowski

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Daniel Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Michael O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joseph Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Peter

Gayle Vidovich

Elizabeth Balasz

Christina Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Andrew (*Nephew of Deborah Finley*)

Alexandra and **Child Eva** (*sister of Nicholas K.*)

John and Family

Frances

Tatjana

Arlene Neal

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z.*)

Melvin Timm

Michael and **Nichole** Zolikoff and **unborn child**

Jennifer Humphrey

Linda

Dennis

Danitza Pozderac

Barbara

Chrystophora

Katherine

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com

Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 29

John 21:15-25
1 Timothy 4:9-15
Luke 19:1-10

Monday, January 30

Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17
Deuteronomy 10:14-21
Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
John 10:9-16
Hebrews 13:7-16
Matthew 5:14-19
1 Peter 2:21-3:9
Mark 12:13-17

Tuesday, January 31

1 Peter 3:10-22
Mark 12:18-27

Wednesday, February 1

1 Peter 4:1-11
Mark 12:28-37

Thursday, February 2

Composite 6 - Exodus 12, 13; Numbers 8; Leviticus 12
Isaiah 6:1-12
Composite 7 - Isaiah 19:1, 3, 4-5, 12, 16, 19-21
Luke 2:25-32
1 Peter 4:12-5:5
Mark 12:38-44
Hebrews 7:7-17
Luke 2:22-40

Friday, February 3

2 Peter 1:1-10
Mark 13:1-8

Saturday, February 4

2 Timothy 2:11-19
Luke 18:2-8

Sunday, February 5

Composite 2 - Proverbs 10, 3, 8
Composite 4 - Proverbs 10; Wisdom of Solomon 6, 7, 8, 9
Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15
Matthew 28:16-20
Hebrews 13:17-21
Luke 6:17-23
2 Timothy 3:10-15
Luke 18:10-14

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Sunday, January 29

33rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of Zacchaeus
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, January 30

Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Tuesday, January 31

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries
Cyrus and John

Wednesday, February 1

Forefeast of the Meeting. Martyr Tryphon of Lampsacus near Apamea in Syria (250)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Thursday, February 2

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Friday, February 3

Afterfeast of the Meeting

Saturday, February 4

Afterfeast of the Meeting. Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 436-440)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, February 5

34th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour