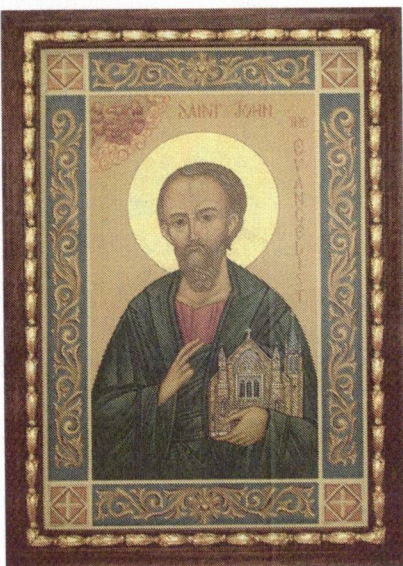


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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23 )  
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

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***We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshiping with us.***

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,  
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

***The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshiping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.***

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**DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2025**

**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 11**

**SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN &  
LEAVE-TAKING OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST**

**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

***Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... (***Refrain***)

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

***Refrain:* Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee. (***Refrain***)

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation.

**Chant Third Antiphon - *Apolytikion of the Presentation of Christ.***

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN)**

The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.



## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## **APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

## **APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, Will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and great mercy.

## **KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

***My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.***

***For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.\****

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)**

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Sing PROKEIMENON for the PRESENTATION, in recognition of Leave-taking of Feast.

## THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### MEGALYNARION OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE THREE

*O Theotokos, \* thou hope of all Christians; \* keep and shelter and preserve \* them that set their hope in thee.*

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful contemplate a prefiguring: Every male child that openeth the womb is holy unto God. Therefore, do we magnify the first-born Word, the Son of the Father Who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who hath not known wedlock.

### KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia!

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### **"SUPER BOWL SUNDAY MEAL - TODAY"**

COME JOIN US TODAY AFTER DIVINE LITURGY FOR A  
SUPER MEAL OF 3 SOUPS (CHICKEN, CHEESE AND  
CHILI) AND SANDWICHES W/FIXINGS and DESSERTS.



## FEBRUARY/MARCH SERVICES

February 8th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

February 9th Sunday — SUNDAY OF PHARISEE & PUBLICAN

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

\*\*\*\* **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL** \*\*\*\*

COUNCIL MEETING TO FOLLOW

*\*\*February 12th Wednesday—Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.*

February 15th Saturday — Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30am  
Great Vespers 5PM

February 16th Sunday — SUNDAY OF PRODIGAL SON

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

**“OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BEGIN AFTER LITURGY “**

*\*\*February 19th Wednesday—Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.*

February 22nd Saturday — Saturday of Souls 10AM  
Great Vespers 5PM

February 23rd Sunday — MEATFARE/ JUDGEMENT SUNDAY

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

*\*\*February 26th Wednesday—Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.*

March 1st Saturday— Great Vespers 5PM

March 2nd Sunday — CHEESE FARE/FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

MARCH 3rd MONDAY — First Day of GREAT LENTS

**Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:**

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Debbie, Shannon, Aiden, Justin, Sassic Family, Harriet, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Trish, Cindy, Joann, Marlene, George, Julianna, Ray, and Lori.

Catechumens Breana, Jessica, Nicholas

**For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:**

Prayers are offered in memory .

***Anyone desiring prayer for one who is ill*** and in need of our prayers should contact Joann Rossman by Wednesday of the week and will be included under the LIVING until each is well.

***Anyone desiring prayer for “recently departed”*** should give the first name to Joann by Wednesday of the week. The name will be printed one time in the bulletin and included in Sunday’s prayers.

***TRISAGIONS*** are offered for the departed as have been received previously.  
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***THOUGHT FOR THE DAY***

**“Self-control and love rid us of impassioned thoughts, By controlling anger and desire we quickly do away with evil thoughts.”**  
**(Metropolitan Hierotheos)**

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**TRISAGIONS TODAY FOR.....**

Joanne Engle’s daughter —Pam

Joann Rossman’s father—Joseph Kavchok

Ann Hilton’s father—John Wapner



## HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL ONE?

**T**he years of life seem to follow a similar pattern for all of us. Our youth is spent planning, dreaming and charting a course for the journey that will find us striving to achieve our goals and ambitions. Our "golden years" are often spent reflecting upon all that we originally set out to do. The successes and failures that come our way are found in that period in between.

We all want our lives to be successful; we want to be remembered as being a person who made the world a better place. Unfortunately, many of us use the wrong criteria to gauge our personal accomplishments. Our true motivation must be living a life that is pleasing to God. He does not measure "success" in terms of financial and material gain. No, "fame and fortune" mean little to our Heavenly Father. Many of the Church's saints had very little, and many whose good works and deeds were known only to God heard the blessed words of the Lord -- **"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"** -- when they passed on to their eternal reward.

God does not expect great things from us, but He looks to us to do small things in a great way. In the Parable of the Last Judgment, those who had done all of the charitable acts of mercy were genuinely surprised that the Lord put so much emphasis on such simple gestures of compassion. Still, these are the things that are deemed important in God's eyes.

Has your life been a successful one? Have you dedicated your life to doing God's will? If you have, rest assured that a place in God's Kingdom awaits you. There could be no greater testimony to the ultimate success of your life!

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