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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

Please check weekly schedule
for specific days (last page).

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should be submitted to:

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JANUARY 15, 2023

31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SS PAUL OF THEBES AND
JOHN CALABYTES
THE HUTT-DWELLER



Saint Paul of Thebes was born in Egypt around 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. Left orphaned, he suffered many things from a greedy relative over his inheritance. During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Decius (249-251), Saint Paul learned of his brother-in-law's insidious plan to deliver him into the hands of the persecutors, and so he fled the city and fled into the wilderness.

Settling into a mountain cave, Saint Paul dwelt there for ninety-one years, praying incessantly to God both day and night. He sustained himself on dates and bread,

which a raven brought him, and he clothed himself with palm leaves.

Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), who also lived as an ascetic in the Thebaid desert, had a revelation from God concerning Saint Paul. Saint Anthony thought that there was no other desert dweller such as he. Then God said to him, "Anthony, there is a servant of God more excellent than you, and you should go and see him."

Saint Anthony went into the desert and came to Saint Paul's cave. Falling to the ground before the entrance to the cave, he asked to be admitted. The Elders introduced themselves, and then embraced one another. They conversed through the night, and Saint Anthony revealed how he had been led there by God. Saint Paul disclosed to Saint Anthony that for six-



ty years a bird had brought him half a loaf of bread each day. Now the Lord had sent a double portion in honor of Saint Anthony's visit. The next morning, Saint Paul spoke to Anthony of his approaching death, and instructed him to bury him. He also asked Saint Anthony to return to his monastery and bring back the cloak he had received from Saint Athanasius. He did not really need a garment, but wished to depart from his body while Saint Anthony was absent.

As he was returning with the cloak, Saint Anthony beheld the soul of Saint Paul surrounded by angels, prophets, and apostles, shining like the sun and ascending to God. He entered the cave and found Abba Paul on his knees with his arms outstretched. Saint Anthony mourned for him, and wrapped him in the cloak. He wondered how he would bury the body, for he had not remembered to bring a shovel. Two lions came running from the wilderness and dug a grave with their claws.

Saint Anthony buried the holy Elder, and took his

garment of palm leaves, then he returned to his own monastery. Saint Anthony kept this garb as a precious inheritance, and wore it only twice a year, on Pascha and Pentecost.

Saint Paul of Thebes died in the year 341, when he was 113 years old. He did not establish a single monastery, but soon after his end there were many imitators of his life, and they filled the desert with monasteries. Saint Paul is honored as the first desert-dweller and hermit.

In the twelfth century Saint Paul's relics were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Peribleptos monastery of the Mother of God, on orders of the emperor Manuel (1143-1180). Later, they were taken to Venice, and finally to Hungary, at Ofa. Part of his head is in Rome.

Saint Paul of Thebes, whose Life was written by Saint Jerome, is not to be confused with Saint Paul the Simple (October 4).

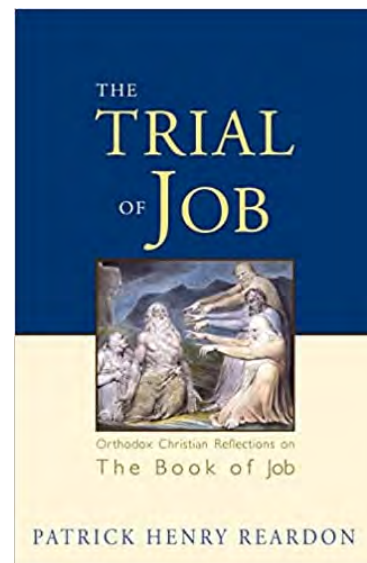
FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES RETURN IN FEBRUARY

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.



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: **Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com**

Matching Campaign Success!

Our Matching Campaign is a great success!

A Grand Total of

\$63,620.72 was raised.

Special Thanks to *Parish Council President Nisi Pozderac* for generously initiating this campaign.

May God bless everyone who contributed!

Church School Calendar

Saturday February 4

Saturday March 4

Saturday April 8 (Lazarus Saturday)

Saturday May 6

Saturday June 3

Fr. Jan will be blessing homes. He asks that anyone wishing to have their home blessed call him at (440) 732-8182 or email him at st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com to make the arrangement.



EVENT COMMITTEE NEEDED

The *Parish Council* is asking for parishioners to form an **Event Committee**. This committee would be in charge picnics, potlucks, and any kind of other events associated with the church hall and the kitchen. They would plan, organize, and approach other parishioners for help as needed (this committee would be in charge of the *planning*, not all the *doing!*). Anyone interested should contact *Wayne Vidovich* at **440 989 6165**

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*Please join ZOE for Life!®
at
Archangel Michael Orthodox Church
for a Prayer Service with Archbishop Nathaniel as we
Pray for the Unborn Children*



***Sunday, January 22, 2023
6:00 pm
5025 East Mill Road
Broadview Heights 44147***

Prayer Service & Presentation will also be Live Streamed

***Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm
Archbishop Nathaniel
Romanian Orthodox Episcopate***



*Registration is Free, but required in order to receive a Zoom link.
Please register using the link below before January 15th
<https://forms.gle/MTqZdA4QkXMAF3wr8>*

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 1/15/2023

Deceased

Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky

Gregory Ponomarenko

Irene Alisauskas

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Victor Ponomarenko

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*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

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.*)

Nicholas (*cousin of Fr. John Zdinak*)

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

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan

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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 15

John 20:19-31
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 18:18-27

Luke 6:17-23

James 3:1-10

Mark 10:2-12

Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15

Matthew 11:27-30

Hebrews 13:17-21

Luke 6:17-23

Wednesday, January 18

James 3:11-4:6

Mark 10:11-16

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10

Mark 10:23-32

Monday, January 16

James 2:14-26

Mark 9:42-10:1

Saturday, January 21

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23

Luke 16:10-15

Tuesday, January 17

Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15

Matthew 11:27-30

Hebrews 13:17-21

Thursday, January 19

James 4:7-5:9

Mark 10:17-27

Friday, January 20

Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Sunday, January 22

John 21:1-14

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Luke 18:35-43

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Sunday, January 15

31st Sunday after Pentecost

Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes ("the Hut-dweller"—5th c.)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Monday, January 16

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter

Tuesday, January 17

Venerable and Godbearing Father

Anthony the Great (356)

10:00 AM Funeral for Victor

Ponomarenko

Wednesday, January 18

Ss. Athanasius the Great (373) and Cyril (444), Archbishops of Alexandria

6:00 PM Akathist

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Venerable John Calabytes
"the Hut-Dweller"

Thursday, January 19

Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390-391)

Friday, January 20

Ven. Euthymius the Great (473)

Saturday, January 21

Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662)

5:15 PM 40 Day Memorial for

Gregory Ponomarenko

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, January 22

32nd Sunday after Pentecost

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (96)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour