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ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



FEBRUARY 13, 2022

BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN
AND THE PHARISEE

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Divine Services

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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Repose of Saint Cyril, Equal of the Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (February 14th)
Saint Cyril Equal of the Apostles, Teacher of the Slavs (Constantine in the schema), and his older brother Methodius (April 6), were Slavs, born in Macedonia in the city of Thessalonica.

Saint Cyril received the finest of educations, and from the age of fourteen he was raised with the son of the emperor. Later, he was ordained as a priest. Upon his return to Constantinople, he worked as a librarian of the cathedral church, and as a professor of philosophy. Saint Cyril successfully held debates with iconoclast heretics and with Moslems.

Yearning for solitude, he went to Mount Olympos to his older brother Methodius, but his solitude lasted only a short

while. Both brothers were sent by the emperor Michael on a missionary journey to preach Christianity to the Khazars in the year 857. Along the way they stopped at Cherson and discovered the relics of the Hieromartyr Clement of Rome (November 25).

Arriving at the territory of the Khazars, the holy brothers spoke with them about the Christian Faith. Persuaded by the preaching of Saint Cyril, the Khazar prince together with all his people accepted Christianity. The grateful prince wanted to reward the preachers with rich presents, but they refused this and instead asked the prince to free and send home with them all the Greek captives. Saint Cyril returned to Constantinople together with 200 such captives set free.

In the year 862 began the chief exploit of the holy brothers. At the request of Prince Rostislav, the emperor sent them to Moravia to preach Christi-

anity in the Slavic language. Saints Cyril and Methodius by a revelation from God compiled a Slavonic alphabet and translated the Gospel, Epistles, the Psalter and many Service books into the Slavonic language. They introduced divine services in Slavonic.

The holy brothers were then summoned to Rome at the invitation of the Roman Pope. Pope Adrian received them with great honor, since they brought with them the relics of the Hieromartyr Clement. Sickly by nature and in poor health, Saint Cyril soon fell ill from his many labors, and after taking the schema, he died in the year 869 at the age of forty-two. Before his death, he expressed his wish for his brother to continue the Christian enlightenment of the Slavs. Saint Cyril was buried in the Roman church of Saint Clement, whose own relics also rest there, brought to Italy from Cherson by the Enlighteners of the Slavs.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School meets at 4:45-5:45PM on the following dates:

March 5, 2022 * April 2, 2022 * May 7, 2022 * June 4, 2022

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 due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or 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.

He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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Due to the pandemic, and our financial position last year, we suspended the Food Pantry bags for **Merrick House** (20 bags of groceries for their Moms First program). There are envelopes in the foyer specifically for this, or you can earmark a special offering envelope for the Merrick House Food Pantry. Please consider 'sponsoring a bag' for \$10.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Dan Morris

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (*Beginning of the Lenten Triodion*)

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the *Triodion* (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-

collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).



The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation

for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark's Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior's death and burial.

Faith Enrichment Resumes

Faith Enrichment is back. We will hold class for seven weeks, starting on Thursday, February 17th and ending on Thursday, March 31st.

We will be studying the Book of Genesis, using the book by Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon, *Creation and the Patriarchal Histories, Orthodox Christian Reflection on the Book of Genesis.*"

Please arrive by 10:45 AM so that we can start at 11:00 AM.

Contact Subdeacon Leon (440 666-7601) or Reader Paul Pangrace (440 884-3115) for additional information.

Dear Voting Members of St. Theodosius Parish,

Please set aside some time after Divine Liturgy for **Sunday, February 27th, 2022**, for the purpose of voting for the sale of Copper Stone. We have a letter of intent and things are proceeding quickly. The motion will be to allow Parish Council President Denise Pozderac to sign the purchase agreement on behalf of St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral. The purchase agreement is not yet completed, but we are scheduling the vote now for expediency and in the hopes of getting this out of the way so we can focus on Great Lent. The purchase agreement will be made available upon request once it has made it through legal review. All other details will be made available before the 8 days prior to the actual vote.

Mail-in ballots have been approved by His Eminence, but must be requested in advance by contacting either the parish secretary or Fr. Jan.

We cannot get this done without a quorum, so please make whatever arrangements are needed to be able to stay after Divine Liturgy on February 27th. This will be a short meeting.

Sincerely,
The Parish Council

Venerable Auxentius of Bithynia

Saint Auxentius, by origin a Syrian, served at the court of the emperor Theodosius the Younger (418-450). He was known as a virtuous, learned and wise man, and he was, moreover, a friend of many of the pious men of his era.

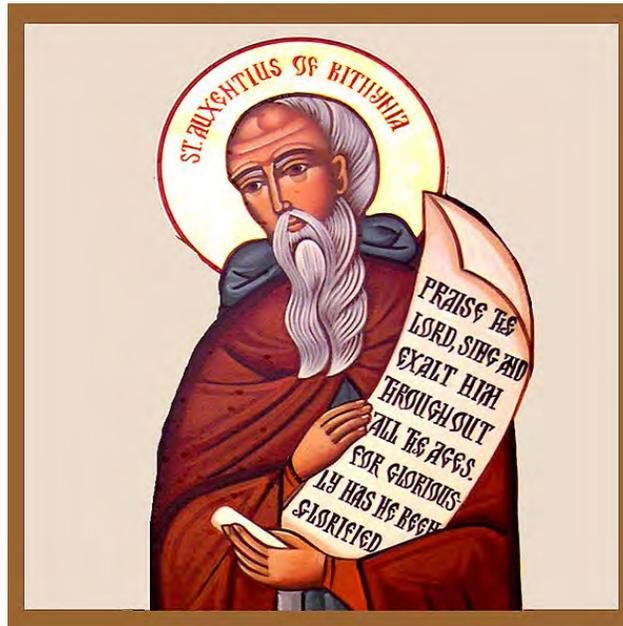
Distressed by worldly vanity, Saint Auxentius was ordained to the holy priesthood, and then received monastic tonsure. After this he went to Bithynia and found a solitary place on Mount Oxia, not far from Chalcedon, and there he began the life of a hermit (This mountain was afterwards called Mt. Auxentius). The place of the saint's efforts was discovered by shepherds seeking their lost sheep. They told others about him, and people began to come to him for healing. Saint Auxentius healed many of the sick and the infirm in the

name of the Lord.

In the year 451 Saint Auxentius was invited to the Fourth Ecumenical Council at Chalcedon, where he denounced the Eutychian and Nestorian here-

sies. Familiar with Holy Scripture and learned in theology, Saint Auxentius easily bested those opponents who disputed with him. After the end of the Council, Saint Auxentius returned to his solitary cell on the mountain. With his spiritual sight he saw the repose of Saint Simeon the Stylite (459) from a great distance.

Saint Auxentius died about the year 470, leaving behind him disciples and many monasteries in the region of Bithynia. He was buried in the Monastery of Saint Hypatius at Rufiananas, Syria.



PRAYER REQUESTS

2/13/2022

Departed:

Subdeacon Leonard Heim

Alexander Ponomarenko

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Dan Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Mary Kay Weber

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Child Benjamin Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

Arlene Czajkowski

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

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

Margaret "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

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

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Michael Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Yvonne "Evie" D'Amico (*friend of SBDN Igor*)

Peter

Andrew Mytrohovich

Greg Galan (*cousin of Betty Balasz, friend of Karen & Subdeacon Darrell Felon*)

Robbie Prock

Gayle Vidovich

Phyllis Gindlesperger

David Magistro (*friend of Reader Eric*)

Nadim Nader (*in-law of Nisi*)

Lonnie Ellis (*husband of Debra Ellis and Father of Nadine and Katie Ellis-Luvison*)

Scott Wagner (*neighbor of Paul & Erin Zawolowycz*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to

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

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 13

Matthew 28:16-20
2 Timothy 3:10-15
Luke 18:10-14

Monday, February 14

2 Peter 1:20-2:9
Mark 13:9-13

Tuesday, February 15

2 Peter 2:9-22
Mark 13:14-23

Wednesday, February 16

2 Peter 3:1-18
Mark 13:24-31

Thursday, February 17

1 John 1:8-2:6
Mark 13:31-14:2

Friday, February 18

1 John 2:7-17
Mark 14:3-9

Saturday, February 19

2 Timothy 3:1-9
Luke 20:46-21:4

Sunday, February 20

Mark 16:1-8
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Luke 15:11-32

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Sunday, February 13

Sunday of The Publican and the Pharisee

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour to follow

Monday, February 14

Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869)

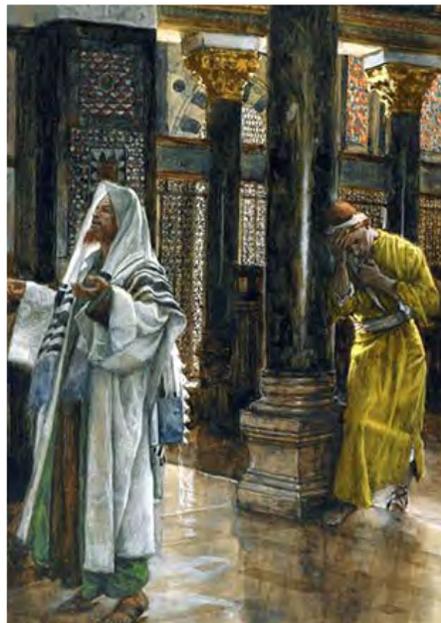
Tuesday, February 15

Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus (ca. 109)

Wednesday, February 16

St. Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Japan (1912)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



Thursday, February 17

Greatmartyr Theodore the Tyro ("the Recruit"—ca. 306)

Friday, February 18

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461)

Saturday, February 19

Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, February 20

Sunday of The Prodigal Son

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour to follow