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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

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

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE
PUBLICAN AND THE
PHARISEE



The "Reigning" Icon of the Mother of God appeared on March 2, 1917, the day of Tsar Nicholas's abdication, in the village of Kolomskoye near Moscow.

In February 1917, an elderly woman named Eudokia saw the Mother of God in a dream telling her to go to Kolomskoye to find a large blackened icon in a church. After the vision was repeated three times, she went to Kolomskoye to search for the icon with the priest Nicholas.

In the basement of the church they found the icon and started wiping off the accumulated dust. Then they were able to see the Most Holy Theotokos wearing a

crown and sitting on a throne. Immediately, Father Nicholas celebrated a service of Thanksgiving and an Akathist.

News of the icon's discovery spread throughout Russia, and there were several miracles of healing from physical and mental infirmities. As time went by, the icon renewed itself and became brighter and brighter.

Particularly striking was the blood-red robe of the Virgin.

Since the icon was revealed just as the Tsar abdicated, many people believed that the Queen of Heaven had assumed royal authority over the Russian land, and so the icon became known as the "Reigning" icon. It was discovered that the icon had come from the Ascension convent in Moscow. In 1812, before Napoleon's invasion, this icon and others were sent to Kolomskoye's Ascension church for safekeeping. Apparently forgotten, the icons were never returned to Moscow.

A Service and Akathist to the "Reigning" Icon were composed with the assistance of His Holiness Patriarch Tikhon (+ 1925). Many copies of the icon were venerated throughout Russia, but these were confiscated by the Soviets. The Service and Akathist to the icon were also forbidden to be served.

The original icon is said to be in the Novodevichii Museum in Moscow, and there is a copy in the Church of the Kazan Mother of God in Kolomskoye.

The "Reigning" Icon, which belongs to the Panachranta type, shows the Theotokos seated on a throne with Her Son.

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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A Word from our Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Nicholas Kozak, has mailed out the 2023 donation statements to individuals this past week. If you did not receive a statement for income tax purposes and need one, please contact him. He is happy to provide you with a receipt.

Boys' Night Out!

Gents, it's once again time for the pre-Lenten Boys' Night Out!

Sunday March 3rd 5PM, at

The South Side (in Tremont)

2207 W 11th St, Cleveland, OH 44113

See you there!



Ladies' Lunch

Saturday, March 9th at **Fat Cats** in Tremont!

12:30pm

Please contact *Sarah Brennan* to let her know you'll be joining!

Txt 330 620-0365 or sarah.e.brennan.1@gmail.com

Saint Leander, the Bishop of Seville

(Feb 27), teacher of the Church, and enlightener of Spain, lived in the VI century, and was the scion of an aristocratic family. His father Severian was a duke and belonged to an illustrious Byzantine clan, while his mother was the eldest daughter of the Visigoth King Leovigild, who reigned in Seville, the capital of the Visigoth Kingdom. At a young age he entered a monastery, and was distinguished for his education and virtues. Therefore, the Church made him a Bishop in the year 579.



He founded a theological school with the aim of spreading Orthodoxy, but also for cultivating the sciences and the arts in general, for the people of that barbaric kingdom. The two royal children Hermenegild and Rekarad, his nephews on his mother's side, were among the disciples of Saint Leander. Hermenegild was raised in the wellsprings of Orthodoxy. His faith in the Church was strengthened, thanks to his pious wife Ingard, the daughter of Sigebert, the King of the Franks. When his father transferred his capital to Toledo, he chose Seville as his home when a persecution of the Orthodox broke out. The heretic Leovigild came into conflict with the Orthodox son of Hermenegild. Such was the intensification of the persecution and the fury of the heretics, as it has been written, that it did not leave anyone free anywhere. Both men, and the land itself, lost their former fertility. The heretical king besieged Seville and threw his son into a dark prison, where he strangled him on the Feast of Pascha in 586.

During this time, shortly before he was exiled along

with other confessors of Orthodoxy, Saint Leander fled to Constantinople seeking the Emperor's help. It was there that he met Saint Gregory Dialogus (March 12) and was united to him by strong ties of friendship. When the persecution of the Orthodox reached its peak, King Leovigild, afflicted with a fatal illness, changed his attitude, inviting Saint Leander to his deathbed and after he repented, he begged him to bring his successor Rekarad to the true Orthodox Faith. The new king, who

heeded his former teacher, was converted and immediately undertook to convene the Third Council of Toledo, where he read to everyone the confessions of faith and the decisions of the Ecumenical Synod of Nicaea, and announced that the united peoples of the Goths and Suevians were returning to the unity of the Church. Saint Leander, who presided at the Council of Toledo, then decided to devote the remainder of his life to instructing his flock, first by his own example, and also through his inspired writings. He also prepared his brother, Saint Isidore, to succeed him as Bishop of Seville, and the Church of Spain. He even helped his sister, Saint Florentia, to become the founder and Igoumeness of forty monasteries and thousands of nuns, composing for them a monastic Typikon which was called "The Canons of Saint Leander." He also organized the Divine Services of the Church of Spain, which were called "Mozarabic."

The Holy Bishop of Seville, after enduring many adversities and trials, surrendered his holy soul to the Lord on February 27, 600 (or 601). His scroll reads: "The Orthodox Faith defined by the Council of Nicaea is the weapon of the Church against the thorns of heresy."

Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don't cook, you can now sponsor a Coffee Hour! By donating \$65 you can sponsor a Coffee Hour, just put it in a white envelope marked "coffee hour" and place it in the collection basket or coffee hour basket in the Hall.



SAINT TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

You are invited to celebrate

ALL THE GOOD

85 years of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary

honoring Mickey Herzak

Please Join

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon,
His Eminence Archbishop Michael,
and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel

Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:00pm: Hierarchical Vespers

6:00pm: Cocktail Reception

7:00pm: Dinner & Celebration

Featuring The St. Tikhon's Mission Choir, Reflections from Alumni & Students, & More!

Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael Orthodox Church
5025 East Mill Road, Broadview Heights, OH

To purchase tickets or make a donation, please visit
allthegood.stots.edu

Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, February 25

Questions or to purchase tickets over the phone, please contact David Getz, Administrative Assistant to the Dean at (570) 561-1818 x101 or david.getz@stots.edu.



GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF
Orthodox Clergy

31 January 2024

Beloved Friends in the Lord,

Greetings! The Orthodox Christian Community of Greater Cleveland and Lorain will soon be honoring the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of the Great Fast. A celebration of this triumph of our Faith will take place on the evening of 24 March 2024, at 4:00pm. This service of Great Vespers will be hosted by Saint Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral (OCA), located at 733 Starkweather Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. His Eminence, the Most Reverend Nicolae, Metropolitan of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas, will preside as well as offer the homily.

Each year, the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy (GCCOC) solicits donations to help underwrite this celebration of our Faith, and this year, donations will be given to International Orthodox Christian Charities for humanitarian relief in Gaza. We humbly ask that you consider providing a contribution to the GCCOC; in return, you will be listed as a "Patron" within the handout at this special service.

If you wish to donate, we ask that you make checks payable to the "Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy," or simply the "GCCOC." Checks can either be given to your parish priest, or they can be mailed to the address below no later than 12 March 2024.

In Christ,
>>>Father Peter Simko
GCCOC Treasurer

2024 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY | PATRON DONATION

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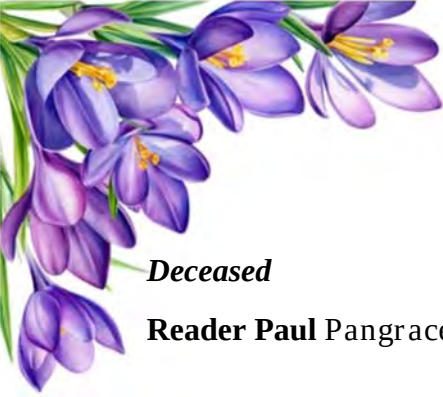
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GCCOC, c/o St. Innocent Orthodox Church, PO Box 38208, Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138



PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 2/25/2024

Deceased

Reader **Paul** Pangrace

Special Intentions:

Fr. Micah Chisholm

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Subdeacon Leon Felon

Reader **Frank** Tkacz

Stephan Chwalyk

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

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*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Aaron and Nadine Drummond (Ellis) & newborn child **Isaac**

Justina Zolikoff

Kathleen LeVine (*friend of Lauren*)

Becky Howland (*Mother of Susan Steingass*)

Daniel Steingass

Melissa and Yohnathan King and **unborn child**

Julie Velikoff

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to **Fr. Jan Cizmar**
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Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182
Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



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Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Questions/Concerns: Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

Jan 7 Gayle and Wayne	Feb 18 Sponsored by William Lynk (Mike and Sarah Brennan to host)
Jan 14 Sponsored by Mat. Ludmila Timko (Mat. Jana to host)	Feb 25 Georgi and Lina
Jan 21 Cindy and Nikol	Mar 3 Sarah and Mike Brennan
Jan 28 Sponsored by William Lynk (Joyce & Judy to host)	Mar 10 (Meatfare) Cathy and Tammy
Feb 4 Sponsored by Greg Born (Georgi and Lina to host)	Mar 17 (Cheesefare) Dan & Lavinia
Feb 11 Shawna	Mar 24 (Great Lent) Jana
	Mar 31 Joyce & Judy

The St. Theodosius Events Committee Requests Your Ideas!

Please share any ideas for events you might have with either Wayne Vidovich or Nicholas Zolikoff. We need your ideas!

Sunday, February 25

Sunday of The Publican and the Pharisee

Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

FOCA Meeting

Monday, February 26

“Mezhetsk” Icon of the Mother of God. St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza (420)

Tuesday, February 27

Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn (1915)

7:00 PM Panichida for Reader Paul Pangrace at Yurch Funeral Home

Wednesday, February 28

Ven. Basil the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius at Decapolis (750)
10:00 AM Funeral for Paul Pangrace

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2024



Thursday, February 29

John Cassian the Roman (435)
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

Friday, March 1

Martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis
(ca. 160-170)

Saturday, March 2

Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (ca. 320)
4:45 PM Church School
5:30 PM Panichida for Mikolay
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 3

Sunday of The Prodigal Son
Martyr Eutropius of Amasea, and with him Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus (ca. 308)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
5:00 PM Boys' Night Out at the South Side