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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  
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FEBRUARY 9, 2025

33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND  
THE PHARISEE



**The Holy Martyr Nikephoros** (Feb 9) (Nikēphóros) lived in the city of Syrian Antioch. In this city lived also the presbyter Sapricius, with whom Nikephoros was very friendly, so that they were considered as brothers. They quarreled because of some disagreement, and their former love changed into enmity and hate.

After a certain time Nikephoros came to his senses, repented of his sin and more than once asked Sapricius, through mutual friends, to forgive him. Sapricius, however, did not wish to forgive him. Nikephoros then went to his former friend and

ferently asked forgiveness, but Sapricius was adamant.

At this time the emperors Valerian (253-259) and Gallius (260-268) began to persecute Christians, and one of the first brought before the court was the priest Sapricius. He firmly confessed himself a Christian, underwent tortures for his faith and was condemned to death by beheading with a sword. As they led Sapricius to execution, Nikephoros tearfully implored his forgiveness saying, "O martyr of Christ, forgive



me if I have sinned against you in any way.”

The priest Sapricius remained stubborn, and even as he approached death he refused to forgive his fellow Christian. Seeing the hardness of his heart, the Lord withdrew His blessing from Sapricius, and would not let him receive the crown of martyrdom. At the last moment, he suddenly became afraid of death and agreed to offer sacrifice to idols. In vain did Saint Nikephoros urge Sapricius not to lose his reward

through apostasy, since he already stood on the threshold of the heavenly Kingdom.

Saint Nikephoros then said to the executioner, “I am a Christian, and I believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Execute me in place of Sapricius.” The executioners reported this to the governor. He decided to free Sapricius, and to behead Nikephoros in his place. Thus did Saint Nikephoros inherit the Kingdom and receive a martyr’s crown.

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.

## Coffee Hour Cheesefare Potluck! (say that ten times fast)

On March 2nd Cheesefare Sunday is upon us, let’s have a potluck to make the most of the last coffee hour before the start of Great Lent. If interested, contact Cathy (412-215-1928) to let her know you are making something and what you are planning on making so she can coordinate. Thank you!

Fyi - our treasurer, Nicholas Kozak has prepared the 2024 **contribution letters**, and they are being mailed. You can contact the office if you have not received yours by February 14th or you have any concerns.

**The Holy Princess Anna of Novgorod** (Feb 10), wife of Great Prince Yaroslav the Wise, gave her children a true Christian upbringing, marked by a strong faith in God; and love of work, integrity and learning.

Her son Mstislav later became Great Prince of Kiev, and her daughter the queen of a western European realm. Saint Anna left the world and went into a monastery, where she ended her days in strict obedience and prayer in the year 1056.



## ALTAR SOCIETY

**Next Meeting: 2/9 after Coffee Hour**

*2nd Sunday of each month:*

3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8

**JOIN THE ALTAR SOCIETY!**

**\$10 Membership**

**See Joyce Tabeling for details**



### **Women's Social Night**

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Michelangelo's Winery

5515 Broadview Road, Richfield

6:30pm

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

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

## **Coffee Hour Quarter 1 2025**

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

January 5	February 2	TBA)
Tammy & Mary	Mat. Jana, (sponsored by	March 9
January 12	Una & John Alexandrovic)	Sarah & Mike Brennan
Wayne Vidovich & Shawna	February 9	March 16
Whitlock	Sarah & Mike Brennan	Georgi & Tsvetelina
January 19	February 16	Galevi (Sponsored by
Joyce Tabeling & Judy	Cathy & Tammy	William Lynk)
Schwind	February 23 (Meatfare)	March 23
January 26	Shawna Whitlock	Joyce Tabeling & Judy
Mat. Zdinak &	(Sponsored by William	Schwind
Nikol Gammalo	Lynk)	March 30
	March 2	Mat. Jana
	PARISH POTLUCK (details	





GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF  
**Orthodox Clergy**

February 5, 2025

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 March 9, 2025, at 5:00pm. This service of Great Vespers will be hosted by St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, located at 6306 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134. His Grace the Right Reverend Irinej, Bishop of Washington-New York and Eastern America, the Serbian Orthodox Church, shall 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 our local ministries – St. Herman's, St. Panteleimon, St. Mary of Egypt, and ZOE for Life! 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 March 2, 2025.

In Christ,  
Pdn. Michael Timko  
GCCOC Treasurer

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**2025 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY | PATRON DONATION**

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as of 2/9/2025



### *Deceased*

**Jose** Cortes

**Eugene**

**Valentine** Winnyk

**Donna** Jacak

**Stephan** Chwalyk

**Robert** Starr

**Grace Mary** Parhamovich

*(mother of Karen Felon)*

### *Special Intentions:*

**Archpriest Jason** Kappanadze

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Subdeacon Roger** Pinta

**Subdeacon Leon** Felon

**Reader Frank** Tkacz

**Reader Daniel** Morris

**Horia** Dascalescu *(Lavinia's brother)*

**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)*

**Jean** Woycitzky Thompson

*(Frank's cousin)*

**Debra** Parhamovich *(sister of Karen Felon)*

**Robert** Martin Prock

**Valentina** Zawolowycz *(mother of Paul Z)*

**Child McKenna** Kranek

**Betty** Balasz

**Jeremy, Yvonne, and Unborn Child**

**Herman** Leslie Levin

**Russell** Schafer

**Sonia** Vorell

**Ivan** Lavrisiuk

**Elisabeth** Lavrisiuk

**Phyllis** Gindlesperger

**Daniela** Raisovich

**Alexander** Medvec

**Mary Ann** Reck



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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## Boys' Night Out!

We're on, gents! Sunday, February 23, 5PM, we will have a

Boy's Night Out at **The Southside**

2211 W. 11 in Tremont

Please let Dan Morris know if you plan to attend. Thank you!



### Sunday, February 9

33rd Sunday after Pentecost  
*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*  
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion  
Leavetaking of the Meeting  
Martyr Nikephoros of Antioch in Syria (ca. 257)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

### Monday, February 10

St. Ioannikios, Father Confessor of the Dormition Holy Mountain Hermitage. Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly, and Martyrs Porphyrius, Baptus and three women Martyrs (202)

### Tuesday, February 11

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (ca. 316)

### Wednesday, February 12

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381)  
5:00 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

### Thursday, February 13

St. Seraphima (Sezhenovo, Russia—1877)

### Friday, February 14

Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (ca. 470)

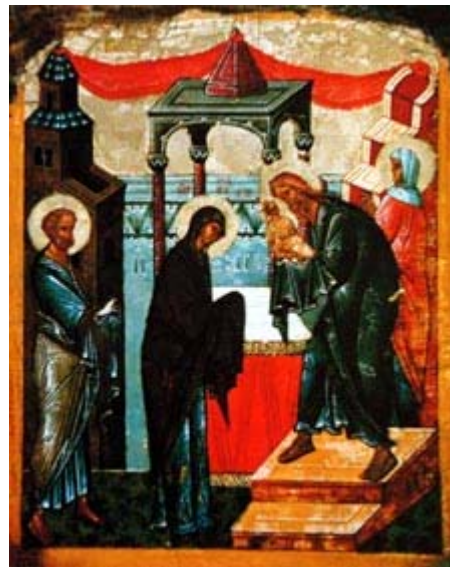
### Saturday, February 15

Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus (ca. 109)  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, February 16

34th Sunday after Pentecost  
*Sunday of the Prodigal Son*  
St. Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Japan (1912)

## BIWEEKLY SCHEDULE 2025



The Leavetaking of the Meeting of the Lord usually falls on February 9, but may be moved if the Feast falls during the period of the Triodion. In that case, the Typikon must be consulted for information on the Leavetaking.

Usually, the entire office of the Feast is repeated except for the Entrance, festal readings, and Litya at Vespers, and the Polyeleos and festal Gospel at Matins. The festal Antiphons are not sung at Liturgy, and the Epistle and Gospel of the day are read.

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

### Monday, February 17

Great Martyr Theodore the Tyro (Recruit) ("the Recruit"—ca. 306)

### Tuesday, February 18

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

### Wednesday, February 19

Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.)  
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

### Thursday, February 20

St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily (ca. 780)

### Friday, February 21

Saint Makarios of Glinsk Hermitage (19c.)

### Saturday, February 22

Saturday of Meatfare Week  
Memorial Saturday  
Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395-423)  
5:00 PM Panichida for Paul Pangrace (1 year)  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, February 23

35th Sunday after Pentecost  
**Meatfare Sunday**  
*Sunday of the Last Judgment*  
Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour  
FOCA meeting to follow