



**Sunday January 28, 2018 SUNDAY OF THE
PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 1.
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. New Martyrs
and Confessors of Russia. Ven. Ephraim the Syrian
(373-379). Ven. Theodosius, Abbot, of Tot'ma
(Vologdá—1568). Ven. Efrem (Ephraim), Abbot and
Wonderworker of Novotórhsk (1053). St. Efrem,
Bishop of Pereyasavl' (Kiev Caves—ca. 1098). Ven.
Palladius the Hermit, of Antioch (4th c.). St. Isaac the
Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh (7th c.).**

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 1/31 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 2/1 Meeting of the Lord Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 2/3 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 2/4 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee Hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jan-28	SULPIZI	SOUDER	LEWIS
Feb 2	MEETING OF THE LORD		
Feb-4	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Feb-11	WALES	WALES	WALES

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!”

Tone 4 Troparion *(New Martyrs of Russia)*

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and
princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of
godless persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.//
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in
Orthodoxy
till the end of the age.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us,//
O only merciful One!”

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!
(Ps 32/33:22)

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps
32/33:1)*

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(New Martyrs of Russia)*

God is our refuge and strength, a help in afflictions that severely befall us.

(Ps 45/46:1)

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15 *(Publican and Pharisee)*

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28-39 *(New Martyrs of Russia)*

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..
(Ps 17/18:47)*

*v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with
David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

Tone 4

*v: The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out
of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:17)*

Gospel Luke 18:10-14 (Publican and Pharisee)

*“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a
tax collector.*

*The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that
I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this
tax collector.*

I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’

*And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise 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, and he who
humbles himself will be exalted.”*

Luke 21:8-19 (New Martyrs of Russia)

*And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come
in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore
do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do
not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will
not come immediately." Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against
nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great
earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there
will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these
things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you
up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and
rulers for My name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for
testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand
on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which
all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or*

resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple The feast of the Presentation or Meeting of the Lord in the Temple takes place forty days following the Nativity of Jesus. The feast celebrates Christ's fulfillment of the Law of Moses calling for all the first born; "whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, be consecrated to God". At this time, we also see His mother Mary undergo the ritual purification offering the sacrifices prescribed in the Law. In the feast Christ's encounters, the Elder Simeon who had long awaited His coming, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, leads the Messiah into the Temple. We will celebrate the feast this on Thursday evening February 1st at 6:30 p.m. with Vespers and Liturgy. Join us!

2018 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY Thank you to Jeff Kendall, Alice Morjana, and all of the faithful of St. Michael's for your time, effort and hospitality offered to our diocesan brothers and sisters. Our parish is blessed to have so many incredible gifts and talents among Her people. May God grant all of the faithful continued prosperity, health, and all good thing for many, many years!

House Blessings House blessings are available. Please see Mat. Daria or Fr. Barnabas at coffee hour for scheduling.

AAC Special Parish Meeting On Sunday, February 11th, during the coffee hour, we will have an all parish meeting to elect a delegate for the OCA All American council (July 23-July 27, 2018). If you are interested in serving as a delegate or an observer, please see Fr. Barnabas or one of our newly elected parish council members.

No Study Group this Week Our weekly study group will not meet this week (2/1/18). We will resume on Wed. Feb 8th, 2018 with "Courage to

Pray” by Metropolitan Anthony. Please feel free to join us on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. All are encouraged to come for continued Adult Education.

Paraklesis Small Paraklesis will continue this Wed. at 6:30 p.m.. Come be a part of the mid-week service of supplication. Note: Small Paraklesis will continue Wednesday evenings until the start of Great Lent.

Fast Free Week The season of Great Lent is quickly approaching (Feb 19th). This coming week (Jan.28th – Feb. 3rd) the Church offers a fast-free week. Please take the opportunity to make good use of those non-fasting foods to make room for the Lenten fasting foods.

2018 Assessments As we progress to our fair share giving of 10% of our operating budget to the National and Diocesan Church, our individual assessments for 2018 are changing. With the approval of our 2018 budget in October, we committed to a level 3 giving as a parish which equates to \$177 per adult for this year or \$44.25 per quarter. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to use them as a reminder. Thank you for your continued support.

Gideon Brasowski's Baptism Congratulation to Stephen and Beth Brasowski on the welcoming their first child Gideon. The Brasowski's would like to invite everyone from St. Michael's to share in his baptism on Saturday Feb. 11th at 11 a.m. The family requests that all RSVP to Beth Brasowski's email, bbrasowski@gmail.com, if you plan on attending.

The Actions of the Liturgy

(Source: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, <http://www.goarch.org/ourfaith/ourfaith7052>.)

The Divine Liturgy may be divided into two major parts: the Liturgy of the Catechumens and the Liturgy of the Faithful, which are preceded by the Service of Preparation.

Although there are many symbolic interpretations of the Divine Liturgy, the most fundamental meaning is found in the actions and prayers.

The Service of Preparation: *Prior to the beginning of the Liturgy, the priest prepares himself with prayer and then precedes to vest himself. The vestments express his priestly ministry as well as his office. Next, the priest goes to the Proskomide Table which is on the left side of the Altar Table in the Sanctuary. There, he prepares the offering of bread and wine for the Liturgy. Ideally, the leavened loaves of bread, and the wine from which the offering is taken, are prepared by members of the congregation. The elements are presented to the*

priest before the service, together with the names of those persons, living and dead, who are to be remembered during the Divine Liturgy. The offering symbolically represents the entire Church gathered about Christ, the Lamb of God. **The Liturgy of the Catechumens:** The Divine Liturgy begins with the solemn declaration: "Blessed be the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit now and for ever more." With these words we are reminded that in the Divine Liturgy the Church becomes a real manifestation of God's Kingdom on earth.

Since the first part of the Liturgy was designed originally for the Catechumens, those being schooled in the faith, had a very instructive quality. The Eucharist also has elements which are in common with other Services. We gather as Christians who share a common faith in the Holy Trinity. We sing and pray as a people united in Christ, who are not bound by time, space, or social barriers. The Little Entrance is the central action of the first part of the Liturgy. A procession takes place in which the priest carries the Book of Gospels from the sanctuary into the nave. The procession directs our attention to the Scripture and to the presence of Christ in the Gospel. The entrance leads to the Epistle lesson, the Gospel, and the Sermon.

The Liturgy of the Faithful: In the early Church, only those who were baptized and not in a state of sin were permitted to remain for this most solemn part of the Liturgy. With the Great Entrance marking the beginning of this part of the Liturgy, the offering of bread and wine is brought by the priest from the Preparation Table, through the nave, and to the Altar Table. Before the offering can proceed, however, we are called upon to love one another so that we may perfectly confess our faith. In the early Church, the Kiss of Peace was exchanged at this point. After the symbolic kiss of Peace, we join together in professing our Faith through the words of the Creed.

Only now can we properly offer our gifts of bread and wine to the Father as our Lord directed us to do in His memory. This offering is one of great joy, for through it we remember the mighty actions of God through which we have received the gift of salvation, and especially the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. We invoke the Holy Spirit upon ourselves and upon our offering, asking the Father that they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Through our thanking and remembering the Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Risen Christ in our midst. The priest comes from the altar with the Holy Gifts, inviting the congregation to draw near with reverence of God, with faith, and with love." Our sharing in the Eucharist Gifts not only expresses our fellowship with one another, but also our unity with the Father in His Kingdom. Individuals approach the Holy Gifts and receive the Eucharistic bread and wine from the common chalice. The priest distributes the Holy Gifts by means of a communion spoon. Since the Holy



Communion is an expression of our Faith, reception of the Holy Gifts is open only to those who are baptized, chrismated, and practicing members of the Orthodox Church. The Liturgy comes to an end with prayer of Thanksgiving and the Benediction. At the conclusion of the Eucharist, the congregation comes forward to receive a portion of the liturgical bread which was not used for the offering.

Prayers for the Departed: *Anna Dahulich*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicky, Cathy Souder*

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: *Mary (Misty) Robinson, Laura Cristina Najemy, Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Leah Reed*

Prayers for Catechumens: *Stephanie Smiertka Riley*

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
28-Jan	Souder/Riley	Bunitsky/Lewis	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha
4-Feb	POT LUCK - Oberto	Elia/Morjana	Finck	Maloney
11-Feb	MEAT FARE	Riley/Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis	Lewis
18-Feb	CHEESE FARE no meat	Sulpizi/Finck	Peck/Peck	Gundersen

Church School Reminder

Jan. 21 Class
 Jan. 28 Class
 Feb. 4 Class
 Feb. 11 Class

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Jan-21 Rafael
 Jan-28 Roel
 Feb-4 Rafael
 Feb-11 Roel