



**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** – Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** – For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**February 01, 2026**  
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**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of February 1, 2026**

Sunday, February 1 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 1

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Vasilijs Bazinovs (15 yrs.) – M/M Anatolij Bazinovs

Panakhya: +Archimandrite Anastasij and Father John Udics (10 Yrs)

**F A S T F R E E W E E K**

Thursday, February 5

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – also making pretzels

Friday, February 6

6:00 PM – Boy Scouts making pretzels

Saturday, February 7

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

Hall: Boy Scouts making pretzels

Sunday, February 8 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Tone 2 – Saint Xenophon

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour – **Souper Bowl Sunday**

**ANNUAL MEETING** – At a Special Meeting on Thursday evening, our Parish Board had decided for the safety of our Parishioners that we would delay the Annual Meeting until Sunday, February 15.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14

## FAST FREE WEEK

Monday – 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13;

Tuesday – 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23

Wednesday – 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31

Thursday – 1 John 1:8-2:6; Mark 13:31-14:2

Friday – 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9

Saturday – 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Luke 20:45-21:4

Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32

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## PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

The Pharisee and the Publican went into the Temple to pray. The one boasted of how strong his soul was; the other showed his wounds to the Physician of Souls. The proud Pharisee said: "O God, I give You thanks that I am not like the Publican". He set himself far above the other man. The other, with downcast eyes, not daring to raise them towards heaven, beat his breast saying, "O God be merciful to me a sinner."



And what did the Lord say? "Amen I say to you that the Publican went down into his house justified rather than the Pharisee because everyone that exalts himself shall be humbled and he that humbles himself shall be exalted."

Greater humility would be of immense value to us because we do not feel our own sinfulness enough. Archbishop Anthony Bloom writes in his book, *Courage to Pray*: "Unless we give up seeking a tangible, shining presence of the Lord, we are going towards our own judgment. If the Lord comes to us, we should receive Him with great joy and humility. But let us be careful not to seek mystical experience when we should be seeking repentance and conversion. That is the beginning of our cry to God: 'Lord, make me what I should be, change me whatever the cost.' And when we have said these dangerous words, we should be prepared for God to hear them... God wants our salvation with the determination due to its importance."

We should not, therefore, be like the Pharisee and falsify our encounter with God. Sometimes the several personalities we present to God are not ourselves. There

is something of us in each of them but the whole person is missing. We should therefore seek to approach God in prayer as we truly are after sincere efforts to know ourselves better

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZELS** - Our Boy Scout Troop, the Peacemakers", are sponsoring a Chocolate covered Pretzel sale for Valentine's Day. There are 5 pretzels per bag for \$5. There are two options: Chocolate only and Chocolate with Peppermint. Orders are being taken by Mark Andreas. Please help support our Troop.

### PYROHY & FOOD SCHEDULE FOR THE BAZAAR

Saturday, February 14

Saturday, February 28

Saturday, March 14

Making Holubtsi – Saturday, March 21

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

January 25 - Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

February 1 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

February 8 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

February 15 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

February 22 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

March 1 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

**BREADS FOR SALE** – All of our frozen breads are available for \$5. See Kathy Duncan if you are interested.

**100th ANNIVERSARY** – will be held on Saturday, July 17th with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts (\$10) polo shirts (\$15 ) and sweat shirts (\$20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

### MEETINGS

**Annual Meeting** – Sunday, February 1

**Parish Board** – Wednesday, February 11 @ 6:30 PM

**KARAOKE NIGHT** – will be at ST. Nicholas Parish (870 Forest St., Dover, DE) from 3 - 5PM on Saturday, February 7. All are invited to attend.

## **CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026**

Thursday February 5 – Saturday, February 7 – Boy Scouts Pretzels (see announcement)  
Sunday, February 8 – Annual Meeting  
Monday, February 23 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Great Fast  
Saturday, March 28 – Spring Bazaar  
Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday, April 12 – Resurrection of the Lord  
Sunday, April 19 – St. Thomas Sunday – Visiting Cemeteries  
Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost  
Monday, June 8 – Apostle' Fast  
Sunday, July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner  
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar  
Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast  
Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

February 1 - Sonya Patronik  
February 8 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur  
February 15 – David and Eve Lazaration  
February 22 - Kathy and Michael Chalfont  
March 1 - Sandy Cramer

## **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

February 1 - Thomas Scholz  
February 8 – Andrew Duncan  
February 15 – John Plachuta  
February 22 – Thomas Sulpizi  
March 1 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick  
March 8 - Linda Hnatow  
March 15 - Jean Roeth

## **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of February 2 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
Week of February 9 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly  
Week of February 16 - Mark & Laura Andreas  
Week of February 23 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
Week of March 1 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi  
Week of March 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan**

Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farrell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Sth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

## REALITY OF SIN

From the very beginning of the human race, we find evasive tactics employed by Adam and Eve. Falling prey to the clever seductive devices of Satan, our first parents attempted to hide from God and "cover up" their sin.

David the King is another good example of an attempted "cover up". He sinned by coveting his neighbor's wife, Bathsheba, and arranging for her husband's death. After trying to maintain an aura of innocence, he was exposed for what he was by the Prophet Nathan. It was only then that he admitted his sin and repented. In his sorrow, he composed some beautiful penitential psalms admitting his weakness and sins.

In Psalm 50, he prays, "O God, have mercy on me. In the greatness of your love. In the abundance of your tender mercies wipe out my offense. Wash me thoroughly from malice and cleanse me from sin, for I am well aware of my malice and my sin is before me always. It is You alone I have offended. I have done evil in your sight"

There is no doubt an admission or compression of guilt can lift a great burden from one's conscience. It is also required for God's forgiveness. The ghost of sin does not disappear easily. It may haunt a person unmercifully until confessed. Only then does that person find relief. "Cover-up" does not work. The Book of Proverbs tells us, "He who conceals his sins shall not prosper, but whoever acquits and forsakes them shall obtain mercy."

Pride is the sower of evil; humility is the antidote, the spiritual cure for this elusive disease. Practicing true humility can radically change our relationship with God for the better. Humility goes with reverent fear of God. It is a realization of who we are in an eyeball to eyeball encounter with our Creator.

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