

**January 24, 2010 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8. Publican and Pharisee. Fast-free week.** Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5<sup>th</sup> c.). St. Gerasim, Bishop of Perm (1441). Martyr John of Kazan (1529). Martyrs Babylas of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). St. Macedonius, Hermit, of Syria (ca. 420). Translation of the relics of St. Anastasius the Persian (7<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Dionysius of Olympus (16<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Philotheus, Founder of the Philotheou Monastery (Mt. Athos, 10<sup>th</sup> c.). Bl. Xenia of St. Petersburg (19<sup>th</sup> c.). **Epistle:** 2 Tim. 3:10-15. **Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14.

**Next Sunday, Jan. 31 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Tone 1. Epistle:** 1 Cor. 6:12-20. **Gospel:** Luke 15:11-32.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Jan. 24, 2010)**

**TODAY**

**11:15 PM Coffee Hour and Church School**

**TUESDAY**

**6:00 PM Vespers**  
**6:30 PM Path to Salvation Class**

**WEDNESDAY**

**9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: reading from Prologue**  
**11:00 AM Reading Group (at Borders Café)**

**THURSDAY**

**6:30 AM Matins**

**FRIDAY**

**4-7:00 PM Fish Dinner**

**SATURDAY**

**5:30 PM 40<sup>th</sup> Day Panikhida for +Job**  
**6:00 PM Great Vespers & Prayers of Confession**

**SUNDAY (Jan. 31)**

**9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Prodigal Son**  
**11:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class**

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**HOUSE BLESSINGS 2010**

House Blessings continue in homes in specific areas of town according to the following approximate dates:

NW Warren/Champion ..... January 21-25  
Cortland ..... January 26-30  
Howland/east to Sharon ..... February 1-6

Please notify Fr. Jonathan to schedule your House Blessing at a specific time when you know you and your family will be home together. Fr. Jonathan will try to call from the cell phone prior to his visit, even if he's only a few minutes away. If your phone number has changed, please let Fr. Jonathan know ASAP to update that information.

**FISH DINNERS – DESSERTS NEEDED**

Please make/donate a dessert if you are able.  
[We usually need about 30 per dinner.]

**SCHEDULE FOR THIS SEASON:**

Jan. 15 & 29; Feb. 12 & 26;  
March 12 & 26; April 23; May 7 & 21

See Denise Higgins, Paul Kapp, or Carol Nicholl for more information or opportunities to serve.

**THE LENTEN TRIODION, OR PRE-LENT**

Today with the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee we begin the season of the Lenten Triodion, or Pre-Lent. The Triodion is so named because of the three-ode canons appointed to be read during this season.

Pre-Lent focuses our attention on the preparations necessary for salvation: humility, repentance, mercy, and faith. It is imperative that we begin to practice these virtues in obedience to Christ's command. "He who does the will of My Father in heaven (shall enter the kingdom of heaven)" (Matt. 7:21). May God bless our efforts as His children!

*The Friend of the Bridegroom*

"He Must Increase and I Must Decrease" (John 3:29-30)

**St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church**  
**Orthodox Church in America**

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Saturday: Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday: Liturgy at 9:30 AM  
Feast Day Liturgy – 9:30 AM Sunday School (after Liturgy)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**01-17-10: 100** (attendance); **\$2,976.00** (collection).  
**01-24-10: candle commemorations – Theotokos:** blessed memory of Helen Rimar; **Altar:** blessed memory of Archbishop Job; **Christ:** -----.

**Please Pray for:**

**Living: Vera** (Campbell, at home); **Chariessa** (Stitchik, sister of Mark Malacky); **Lillian** (Motil, cousin of Pauline Struble); **Charles & Ed** (co-workers of Diane Cholcher); **Kerya** (Brisbine); **Melanie** (Smith, cousin of Vera Campbell); **Aaron** (Meterko); **Helen** (Stan); **Maryann** (Lalli) & **Craig** (Parana, friends of the DiGiacobbes); **Raymond** (Flannery); **Linda** (Cuckovich); **Mary** (Ferko); **Margaret** (Quinn); **Miles** (Cuckovich); **Joseph** (Yez, Sr.) & **Olga** (Obletiloff; both at Trumbull Memorial); **Carol Jean** (Colarich; home from St. Elizabeth's).

**Departed: Archbishop Job** (d. 12/18/09); **Linda** (Keriotis; d. 1/5/10).

**This Month's Charity – January 2010:**

*[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]*

**Monastery of St. John the Theologian (in Hiram, OH)**

**COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- Jan. 29** Fish Dinner
- Feb. 2** Feast of the Meeting of Christ in the Temple
- Feb. 7** Sisterhood Sweetheart Dinner (at Church, following Liturgy)
- Feb. 15** Great Lent begins
- Feb. 21** Sunday of Orthodoxy (Orthodoxy Vespers at St. Nicholas Church, 5 PM)



**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

**1) Church (Sunday) School & Bible Class:**

for all ages, following Divine Liturgy – adults are studying the Divine Liturgy.

**2) Path to Salvation: Route 321**

Tuesdays following Vespers (about 6:30 PM) beginning Feb. 2, specifically designed for newcomers to the Orthodox Tradition;

**3) Classic Literature Reading Group:**

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM, at Borders Café (near the Eastwood Mall) – currently reading *The Odyssey*, by Homer; engaging the culture with the Faith!

**4) St. John's Society (for teens):**

most Sundays at 6:00 PM, for fellowship, mutual education, service, and encouragement!

+ Our **annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Sunday, **February 21**, 2010. At that meeting we will review events of the past year, adopt a fiscal budget for 2010, and consider the work God has placed before us for the coming year and beyond.

+ **Charity of the month, January, 2010: the Monastery of St. John the Theologian in Hiram, Ohio.** Please continue to give as you are able to our charity of the month using the Charity envelope in your envelope packet and after Liturgy in the basket collections.

+ **Holy Resurrection Church (on North Road)** is hosting a luncheon **today** at 12:15 PM. The menu will include pork steak and sausage, mamaliga, etc. All are invited to attend.

**+ 40<sup>th</sup> Day Panikhida for Archbishop Job:**

We will serve a Panikhida next *Saturday, January 30, at 5:30 PM prior to Great Vespers*, upon the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Archbishop Job's repose in the Lord. May his memory be eternal!

**+ PROJECT MEXICO TRIP:**

Several of our young adults are interested in going on the trip with the group from St. Nicholas Church in Mentor, OH; but *it ain't cheap!* Please contribute to the trip by participating in upcoming fundraisers and pledging funds as you are able as our Project participants will be soliciting them.

**+ Sisterhood Sweetheart Dinner – February 7:**

Plan to stay after Liturgy on Feb. 7 for our annual Sweetheart Dinner hosted by the Sisterhood. The dinner will include meatloaf and all the trimmings. *[February 7 is Meat-fare Sunday, the last day before the meat-fast until Pascha.]*

+ This week, the week of the *Publican and Pharisee*, is a **fast-free week** in the Church year. By foregoing the normal Wednesday and Friday fast days we remind ourselves not to twist our spiritual exercises into a source of pride as did the Pharisee (Lk. 18:10-14), but instead to humbly serve God with thanks.

**+ Path to Salvation: Route 321**

- an 8-week class for inquirers, seekers, and newcomers to the Orthodox Tradition;
- beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 PM, following Vespers (concluding March 23);
- though designed for newcomers, anyone is welcome to attend and grow in your understanding and practice of the Faith!

**ETHNIC NIGHT**

**(sponsored by Holy Trinity Orthodox  
Christian Academy and Preschool)**

**Sunday, January 31, 2010 @ 5:00 PM**

**St. Demetrios Center (on Atlantic Street)**

**Featuring an ethnic dinner and entertainment!**

**Tickets: \$12 adults; \$6 children ages 6-12**

**See the flyer on the bulletin board for more.**