

**January 31, 2010 – 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1. Prodigal Son.** New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries (“unpaid doctors”) Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters: Theoctiste, Theodotia, and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt (311). Ven. Nikita of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (1108). Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias, of Egypt (251). Martyr Tryphaenes at Cyzicus. St. Arsenois of Pharos (1877). **Epistle:** 1 Cor. 6:12-20. **Gospel:** Luke 15:11-32.

**Next Sunday, Jan. 31 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Tone 1. Epistle:** 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2. **Gospel:** Matt. 25:31-46.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Jan. 31, 2010)

#### TODAY

11:15 PM Coffee Hour and Church School

#### MONDAY

6:00 PM Vigil of the Meeting of the Lord

#### TUESDAY

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Meeting of the Lord

6:00 PM Vespers

6:30 PM *Path to Salvation: Route 321*

#### WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM Reading Group (at Borders Café)

#### THURSDAY

6:30 AM Matins

#### SATURDAY

8:30 AM Sisterhood Dinner Preparation

9:30 AM Memorial Sat. Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### SUNDAY (Feb. 7)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Last Judgment

11:45 AM Sisterhood Sweetheart Dinner

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### HOUSE BLESSINGS 2010

House Blessings will conclude in homes in the area of Howland/east to Sharon, PA, from February 1-6.

Due to scheduling conflicts, some homes have not yet been blessed according to this year's published schedule. If missed, or previously unavailable, and still desirous of having your home blessed, please contact Fr. Jonathan to bless your home before the beginning of Great Lent on February 15.

### FISH DINNERS – DESSERTS NEEDED

Please make/donate a dessert if you are able.

[We usually need about 30 per dinner.]

#### SCHEDULE FOR THIS SEASON:

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

The Sundays of Pre-Lent in order are as follows:

1. Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14);
2. Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32);
3. Last Judgment (Matthew 25:31-46); also known as “meat-fare” [fasting from meat begins];
4. Expulsion of Adam from Paradise, or Forgiveness Sunday (Matthew 6:14-21); also known as “cheese-fare” [fasting from dairy begins].

The Saturday before the Sunday of Last Judgment is called Memorial Saturday when Divine Liturgy is served remembering all the faithful departed known and unknown.

Later in the evening of Forgiveness Sunday, Forgiveness Vespers is served to begin the season of Great Lent. At the conclusion of Forgiveness Vespers, the Rite of Mutual Forgiveness takes place.

# The Friend of the Bridegroom

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

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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

**01-24-10: 110** (attendance); **\$3,064.00** (collection).  
**01-31-10: candle commemorations – Theotokos:** blessed memory of Karen Tutoki Rulick; **Altar:** birthday of Carol Bobosh; **Christ:** birthday of Anna Mae Stehnach.

#### **Please Pray for:**

**Living: Vera** (Campbell, at home); **Chariessa** (Stitchik, sister of Mark Malacky); **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); **Margaret** (Quinn); **Joseph** (Yez, Sr.; at home)..

**Departed: Linda** (Keriotis; d. 1/5/10); **Lillian** (Motil; d. 1/25/10; cousin of Pauline Struble)

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

*[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]*

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

### **COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- Feb. 2** Feast of the Meeting of Christ in the Temple
- Feb. 7** Sisterhood Sweetheart Dinner (at Church, following Liturgy)
- Feb. 14** Forgiveness Sunday Vespers at 5 PM
- Feb. 15** Great Lent begins
- Feb. 21** Sunday of Orthodoxy; Annual Parish Meeting (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.

+ **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 next Sunday 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.] Ladies, come if you are able to help prepare for the dinner at 8:30 AM on Sat., February 6.*

**+ 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 (tonight)**  
**(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.**

**+ 2009 Financial (Giving) statements** are available in the Church Hall. See Carol Bobosh if you have any questions or comments concerning your statement.

**+ Orthodox Family Fun Night, Saturday, Feb. 6, from 7:00 – 10:00 PM** – at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church Hall (on North Rd.); see the blue flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**+ Weekly Lenten Worship:** during Great Lent this year, in addition to the usual Wednesday evening *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*, we will also serve a *Service of Supplication (molieben) for the Well-being of our Country* every Friday evening at 7:00 PM. Plan to attend this Lent imploring God's mercy on us.