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February 5, 2012

Liturgy is at 10 AM. Today is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Tone is One. The Epistle is 2 Timothy 3:10-15. Gospel is Luke 18:10-14. Martyr Agatha of Sicily.

There is no fasting all this week

The new Parish Council Members will be installed next Sunday after the announcements.

## **Schedule of services and events for the week:**

Monday, February 6, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 7, 8:30 AM – Hours

Thursday, February 9, 8:30 AM – Hours

Saturday, February 11, 6 PM – Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner

Sunday, February 12, 9AM – Church School

Sunday, February 12, 10 AM – Liturgy

Sunday, February 12, 4:15 PM – ASP Training Session

## **Epistle and Gospel Reading for the Week:**

Monday, 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13 – Bucolus of Smyrna

Tuesday, 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23 - Parthenius of Lampsacus

Wednesday, 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31 – Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates

Thursday, 1 John 1:8-2:6; Mark 13:31-14:2 – Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch

Friday, 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9 – Hieromartyr Haralambos

Saturday, 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Luke 20:46-21:4 – Hieromartyr Blaise

Sunday, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32 – Meletius of Antioch

Our next major fund raiser is our Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner. It is set for next Saturday, February 11. Doors open at 6 pm and we start serving at 7 PM. This is one of the largest sources of income we have (and it brings in funds from outside the parish). Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for children between 12 and 18, under 12 are free. BYO wine. Soda will be provided and beer will be for sale. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Your help will ensure the success of this event. We are in need of salads/side dishes and desserts for the dinner. If you can contribute one of these items, please sign up on the sheet in the hall. We are also looking for donations of raffle baskets for this event. Elaine and Paul Toaso will need help with set up starting about 4 p.m. and also for clean up at the end of the dinner. Thank you in advance for pitching in!

## **House Blessings**

Fr. Luke is scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

### **PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:**

- 1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.
- 2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.
- 3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.
- 4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.
- 5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.
- 6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.
- 7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.
- 8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

Our parish is planning a new fundraiser: an International Food Festival. It is tentatively scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>. This one day event would feature many different ethnic foods, activities for children, and music. This is a huge undertaking but it could bring in a large amount of money in one day. However, in order to succeed, we would need everyone to commit to being involved in one way or another. If you are interested in preparing a specific ethnic food to sell or helping in some other way (set up, clean up, cashier, children's activities, publicity and advertising, etc.) please sign up on the sheet in the hall so we can get an idea of how many people are behind this project. Thank you.



Our next ASP Training Session will take place here next Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00—7:00 p.m. (Adult leaders meet at 4:15.) We will be learning about the difficult task of how families are selected to receive ASP services. Please bring \$4 for dinner. Final deposit of \$100 is due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

*The Women’s Knitting Group is open to all whether you know how to knit or not. This group will give an opportunity for the members to bond together in a Christian atmosphere. If you are interested in coming together to learn how to knit and grow closer to your fellow parishioners please contact Suad Behrend at 203.304.1034 or Amy Arifin 914.434.1027. The Knitting Group meets the last Sunday of every month at Suad’s house.*

**DOROTHY DAY SOUP KITCHEN:** *We will be serving our next meal at Dorothy Day on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Serving time is from 1-5:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in coming for any or all of that time, please contact Susan Sulich ([ssulich@yahoo.com/203-746-6008](mailto:ssulich@yahoo.com/203-746-6008)). Turkey cooking night to be announced.*

CAMP NAZRETH 2012 - Please note the following week for our New England Deanery at Camp: We are **Week 1 -- July 15-21, 2012** – New England, New York, New Jersey, Florida and Canada Deaneries

- ❖ **The Fee for Camp has remained the same: \$270/diocesan camper and \$320/non-diocesan camper.** Please also note that as last year the **Camp will not be sending out hardcopies of the registration and application materials**, unless specifically requested. Again, all application materials are available on the Camp Website (see the Registration Forms page). The forms may be printed off by you or your campers. The Camp is just about ready to launch their online registration system. This is another step closer to the goal of being “greener” at Camp. If, however, you need the Camp to send you hardcopies of the application materials, please call or email Fr. Stephen Loposky at 724-662-4840 or [campnazareth@acrod.org](mailto:campnazareth@acrod.org).
- ❖ **Staff applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**
- ❖ **If any parishioners are interested in being on the Camp’s Medical Staff (MD, RN or LPN required), please contact Fr. Stephen Loposky at the Camp.** Please know that the Nurse or Doctor on staff each week will receive a campership for one of their children or for someone whom they designate.
- ❖ Remember also the following dates:
- ❖ 1. Staff Applications are due March 15.
- ❖ 2. Clergy and Volunteer Applications are due June 1.
- ❖ 3. Camper Applications are due July 1.

*The Viridian Electric Power is starting to give back some real monetary benefits to our parish. We have received so far this year over \$400 in rebates from those of you who have signed up for Viridian. The more people we have the more money comes back to the church EVERY month. For each household that signs up, there is about \$2.00 that is giving to the parish. Presently we are receiving about \$46.00 per month. If you have not signed up already, forms are downstairs. Or you may go online to sign up by using our website [www.viridian.com/holytrinity](http://www.viridian.com/holytrinity) (make sure you click **everyday green** for the low rate).*

*Fr. Luke has joined the Lions Club which is a nationally known service organization that supports several projects. One of the many things Lions are known for is helping those with poor eye sight or low vision. There are several of our parishioners who take advantage of the low vision programs that are sponsored by the Danbury Lions Club. Down stairs there is a collection box for used eye glasses, hearing aids and cell phones.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wild Game Dinner – Saturday, February 11*
- ASP Training Session – Sunday, February 12*
- \Music on the Mount concert – Saturday, March 10*

*Because you asked, the parish council is having someone in back to provide change for those wishing to purchase candles. We will need help manning the candle table throughout the year. If you would like to help make change with a friendly face, please see one of the parish council members.*

*As a reminder these are the suggested donations for the candles:*

- 4 hour votive candles..... \$0.50 each.*
- 15 hour votives..... \$1.00 each*
- Tapers white and/or beeswax... \$1.00 each*
- 7 day vigil candles .....\$5.00 each*

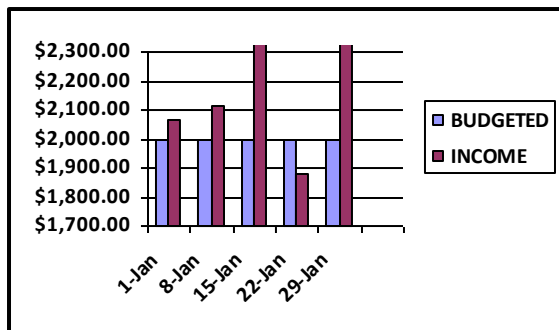
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS DESIGNATED FOR MORTGAGE REPAYMENT. IF EVERY PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTES \$50 EVERY MONTH (\$600/YEAR) TO THE MORTGAGE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET OUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENTS.**

The Parish Council urges parishioners to do your best to help the parish financially. All of parish ministries are funded through your generosity and is essential in the success of the parish. At the semi-annual meeting, it was agreed on for parishioners to use \$50.00 per week as a guideline for giving. If all adult members did so, we would be able to meet our monthly obligations. Of course, some are able to give more some less. In all cases, we thank you for your support for it is essential to the life of your parish. As part of the Parish Council’s efforts to keep the parish informed, the monthly general financial income and expenses will be posted.

Total Receipts including collection from Sunday, January 29 was: \$3541.50

Building Fund Checks: \$280.00	Weekly general collection checks: \$1056.00
Weekly general collection Cash: \$245.50	Mortgage: \$1225.00
Building Fund Cash: \$144.00	Candles: \$76.00
Dues: \$500.00	Soda Machine: \$15.00

**Figure 1 - Sunday Collections**



As a reminder, the **first collection** after the sermon is for the **building fund**. The **second collection** taken after communion is the **general collection**. Please note that the Parish Council asks that parishioners use separate checks for different funds. As a reminder from our semi-annual meeting, we need to average \$2000.00 a week to cover expenses. If we have each adult give \$50.00 a week or \$200 a month we would be able to meet our responsibilities.

Cleaning Schedule

The parish council has hired a cleaning service for \$50.00 a cleaning to come in twice a month to clean the church and the church hall. If you are unable to clean the church during the time assigned for you, you are encouraged to make a donation to the church to help pay for the cleaning service.

Items needed for general church cleaning

- 1) Glass Cleaner 2) Clorox Spot Remover with Bleach 3) Murphy's Oil Soap for the wood floors and pews.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

The dumpster is located at the far end of the parking lot. PLEASE sweep the floors in the basement after coffee hour. Please remember that those who volunteer for coffee hour are only expected to get something simple such as bagels. With everything increasing in prices, please do not feel that you have to feed the entire parish.

- February 5 – Faubel
- February 12 – Bundra
- February 19 – Theodorides
- February 26 - Stasia

READERS SCHEDULE

2/5	Susan Sulich
2/12	Harry Fong
2/19	Susan Paltauf
2/26	Nicholas Mihaly

***Birthdays and Anniversaries***

<b>February</b>	
Leon Guerrero	1
Jerry Kachevsky	5
Andrell (AJ) Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf	14 Anniversary
Sarah Anna Harrison	14
Tatyana Lucas Harrison	14
Kristina Bundra	20
Nicholas Paproski	22

**Scripture Reading for Sunday, February 5 - Prayer Before Reading Holy Scripture**

*O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.*

**The Reading is from 2 Timothy 3:10-15**

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## The Gospel Reading is from Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into 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 like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up 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, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### ***PRAYER LIST For the Living***

Thomas (Krafick)	Stephanie (Fong)	Matthew (Bracey)	Elaine (Toaso)
Pauline (Meath)	Paul (Stagen)	Eugene (Brown)	Patricia (Zeleniak)
Wylie (Meath)	Valerie (Stagen)	Joe (Derevjanik)	James (Rush)
Sally (Hubiak)	Marianna (Parsamyan)	Mary (Derevjanik)	Jerry (Kachevsky)
Helen (Popp)	Greg (Chilek)	Sophie (Tomasini)	Anthony (Noto)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Paul (Willis)	Richard (Stack)	Serge (Mihaly)
Sophia (Buterakos)	Ethel (Montauredes)	Joelle (Alsdorf)	Viktor (Kuziak)
Rebecca (Sahin)	Anne (Popp)	Kathy (Valentine)	Lou (Biondi)
Carol (Wilenchek)	Mary (Kovach)	Irm (Manton)	Tony (Centofanti)
Anna (Salony)	Jennie (Curran)	James (Sapione)	Jeanne (LaPorta)
Andrew (Valentine)	Lynn (Cavallo)	Father Thomas (Blaschak)	Jerry (Arangelovich)
Delia (Stefan)	Dorothy (Brown)	Bill (Kahn)	Louis (Apostol)
Josh (Horner)	Anastasios (Orfanos)	Dorine (DelPo)	Patrick (Meath)
Catherine (Quarberg)	Julia (Zimmerman)	Katherine (Kavallines)	Octi (Bundra)
Marian (Beschle)	Rev. Paul (Dorn)	Bob (Sully)	Thomas (Pellegrino)
Julia (Zimmerman)	Bill (Pellegrino)	Rebecca (McCarthy)	Ann (Rossi)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Barbara (Hollister)	John (Schigel)	Kathy (Koffs)
Samuel (Magri)	Stan	Sonia (Pellegrino)	Steven (Eigenrauch)
Steve (Schell)	Steven (Noto)	Eric (Stefanik)	Pani Helen (Shutack)
Christina (Somoskevich)	Coriolan (Bundra)	Sonya (Spear)	David (Hollister)
Annalisa (Paltauf)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Radu (Timoscsa)	Helen (Kazolas)
Nickolas (Noto)	Carmen (Sanchez)	Debra (Noto)	Donna (Kazolas)
Rose (Hubiak)	Stella (Woodfield)	Tatyana (Nanocchio)	Mike (Walsh)
John (Hubiak)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Cyril (Gutzman)	Sheila (Walsh)
Richard (Guilmartin)	Maria (Pauta)	Marika (Gutzman)	Olga (Saranotski)
James (Buterakos)	Jessica (Cochrane)	Trianna (Gutzman)	Charlotte (James)
Serge (Mihaly, Jr.)	Melissa (Kelly)	Elaine (Cookie Bily)	Naomi (Sherry)
Ricky (Porter)	Fr. Lawrence (Barriger)	Tom (Kasper)	Edna (Kasper)
Sharon	Joshua	Paul	Anastasia (Mihaly)
Fr. Ronald (Hazuda)	Carolyn (Paulin)	Jeff (Stagon)	Laurel
Katarina (Mihaly)	June (Paulin)	Sayaka	David (Bennet)
Mary	Jason	Katie	Rob (Paltauf)
Andrea (Paltauf)	Francisco (Villa)	Paola (Villa)	Tabata (Villa)
Natash (Villa)	Raymond (Brien)	Daria	Ken (Zaengle)
Bob (Popp)	Nicholas (Noto)	Bobby (Bennet)	Barbara
Grayson	Al (Lenoce)	Wanda	April
Richard (Stewart)	Tina	Ryan	George (Popp)
Taylor (Freitas)	Tess (Grimaldi)	Linda (Ney)	Ray
Ann (Salony)	Peter (Gard)	Leia	Alex
Lillian	Melissa	Terry	Aidan
Connie (Somoskovec)	Andres (Villa)		

### ***For the Departed***

Metropolitan Nicholas	June (Elrod)	Anna (Logressa)	Rose (Procacci)
Marilyn (Berardsley)	Cina (Daskalakis)	Phyllis (Duclos)	Michael (McKenna)
Frank (Finui)	John	Giovanni (Villa)	John (Kasper)
Serge (Kachevsky)	Mary (Pawchyk)	Helen (Rowland)	Karen (Elrod-Williams)
Deacon William (Friedel)	Thomas (Loucas)	Lucinda (Pauta)	Philip (Duffy)
Shirley (Trainor)	Bishop Andrew	Rex (Doug) Sunderland	Victor (Kuziak)

## HOMILY

### About death as sleeping

"Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him" (St. John 11:11).

The Lord of life calls death "sleeping." O what an inexpressible comfort that is for us! O what sweet news for the world! Physical death, therefore, does not mean the annihilation of man rather only sleeping from which only He can awaken; He Who awakened the first dust to life by His word.

When the Lord cried out: "Lazarus!" (St. John 11:43), the man awoke and lived. The Lord knows the name of each of us. When Adam knew the names of every creature of God, why would not the Lord know each one of us by name? Not only does He know but He also calls us by name. O, the sweet and life-creating voice of the only Lover of mankind! This voice can create sons of God from stones. Why, then, can He not awaken us out of our sinful sleep?

It is told that a certain man raised a stone to kill his brother. But, at that moment, it seemed to him that he heard the voice of his mother calling him by name. He only heard the voice of his mother and his hand began to quiver. He dropped the stone and was ashamed of his evil intention. The voice of his mother awakened him from committing a deadly sin. If the voice of a mother saves and awakens from death, how much more, then, the voice of the Creator and Life-giver!

Whenever the Lord cried out to someone who was dead in the body [physically dead] all of them awoke and arose. But, everyone did not awaken and arise among those who were dead in the soul [spiritually dead] when the Lord cried out to them. But, for this awakening, for this resurrection, the agreement of the will of the deceased is necessary. Judas! Do you betray with a kiss? "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" (St. Luke 23:48). That is how the Life-creating Voice cried out, but the dead man [Judas] remained dead and the sinner did not awaken. "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (Act of the Apostles 9:4). The same Life-creating Voice cried out and he who was asleep in sin awakened and the dead man became alive. In truth, deeper is the sleep of sin than the sleep of death and the one who is asleep [in sin] does not easily awaken.

O Sweet Lord, awaken us from the sleep of sin; awaken O Lord!