



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL  
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**January 24, 2021**

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Tone 1; Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman**

**Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14 Tone: Sheet**



*Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.*

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM**

**SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)**

**SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)**

**Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:**

**Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM**

**Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and  
9:30AM until 10:00AM**

**Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM  
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.**

**Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young**

**Address or Name Change/New Phone Number – Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.**

**Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be in writing by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.**

**Parish Council meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.**

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon  
or by Appointment on other days**

**\*\*\*\*Please Note \*\*\*\***

**Mass Offerings , Sorokousty**

**Mother's Day, Father's Day**

**Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young  
not the Church ! Thank You...**

**Baptism** Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

**Marriage** – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

**Sick Calls** – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

**In your Estate planning** – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

**Stewardship** - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

**Special Share in the Eucharist \*– Bread & Wine**

offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.

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**Eternal Light** \*– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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**Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp**\* also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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**All start on Monday to Sunday!**

**\*Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A **Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

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*(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)*

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality. Amen



*Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered*

01/23	Saturday		No Liturgy
01/24	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Peter Lypen req. by wife & family
01/25	Monday	6:00 PM	+Antonina Zanowiak 9 <sup>th</sup> day req. by John & Helen Zanowiak
01/26	Tuesday	10:00 AM	+John Kohut
01/27	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+Helen Tichy req. by Stefania & Raymond Savoysk
01/28	Thursday	10:00 AM	+Brenia, Fetzko & Horney families req. by Melanie M. Sokolski
01/29	Friday	10:00 AM	Health of Michael Smerznak
01/30	Saturday	10:00 AM	The Feast of the Three Holy and Great Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom +Deceased of the Jenks, Nesevitch & Krynitzky Family
01/31	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Michael Pawlyk req. by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>None Offered</i>		
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Stefan Zanowiak &amp; +Micheal Symochko by John &amp; Helen Zanowiak &amp; Family</i>		
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>Good Health John Malinak</i>		
Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates None Offered		Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 2/15/21-2/21/21 3/8/21-3/14/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/1/21-2/07/21 2/15/21-2/21/21 3/1/21-3/7/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/15/21-2/21/21

**2020 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)**

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.  
Please bring your dues book to the church hall ***dues will not be collected in the rectory***  
Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.  
**Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !**  
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!  
*Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!*

**\*\*\*\*Notice \*\*\*\*** The Men's room **is closed for renovation** till further notice. Ladies bathroom will be used by everyone.

## 2020 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of January continues and hope to complete the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2020**.

This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower. Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification.

Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support.

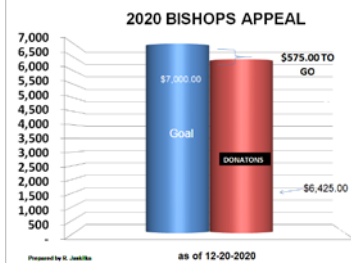
You have received by mail your request for support.

Please help this fund as you have in the past.

**Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!**

**There will be collectors to take your donation for 2020 in the church hall or mail it in to church !**

**Donations \$6,425.00 or 90.4% to go \$575.00 This week \$0.00.**



**The 2020 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to:**

**"The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford" and send or bring your donation to the church.**

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

**Do not use Paypal for your donation !**

Since every parish in the diocese has been assessed a target for this campaign, **please do not send your gift directly to Stamford.** Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. We have met our goal over the last nine years and have not had to put any additional strain on our parish's treasury. While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

This Year 2020 because of Covid-19 we are beginning the Charities Appeal in September which is later than other years. Hopefully now by God's grace as Autumn approaches we all will be blessed with good health in our homes and our community.

### SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Epistle - 2Timothy 3: 10-15 ~ Gospel - Luke 18:10-14 - Tone 1

***The hymns of the Church say, "Let us flee from the boastfulness and the pridefulness of the Pharisee who just kept the rules externally, and let's learn from the Publican's tears."***

Today we begin the Lenten Triodion, which means that Great Lent, the year's most intense period of spiritual discipline, will begin in a few weeks. During the coming season of Lent, we will prepare to follow our Lord to His cross and glorious resurrection at Pascha. The kind of prayer that we need in Lent, and every day of our lives, is that of the tax collector. The kind of prayer that we must avoid in Lent, and every day of our lives, is that of the Pharisee.

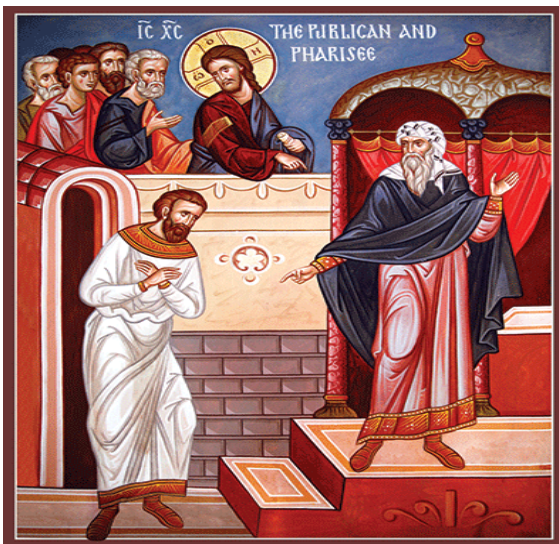
Why is the publican, and not the Pharisee, justified before God by his prayer? Because he prays in humility, from a broken and contrite heart that God does not despise. Indeed, the prayer of the publican shows that he was praying from his heart. The prayer of the Pharisee shows that he was nowhere near his heart.

The prayers of the Church are all like the publican's prayer. The Church is our Mother. Her goal for us, her children, is our salvation, to heal us in our mind, our soul and our body; and so, she teaches us to pray like the publican: "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner." She teaches us to accept God's judgment against us: "O Lord, laying aside all excuse, we sinners offer to Thee as to our Master this supplication: have mercy on us." For, God does not judge us to condemn but to save us. He judges us to show us our sin, our sickness, so that if we will but confess it and pray as did the

publican, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner," He can treat us and heal us as the Great Physician.

In humility, in the confession of our sins, we unite ourselves to Christ. When we unite ourselves to Christ, we unite ourselves to His death that He suffered on behalf of all and for all, and united to His death, we are united to His Holy Resurrection, and we are granted by His grace to become partakers of the divine nature. Then, we pray to God in thanksgiving, in the "Eucharistia" of the Church. But even in thanksgiving, we do not pray in the conceit of the Pharisee but in the humility of the publican: "I thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast not rejected me a sinner, but Thou hast made me who am unworthy, worthy to become a communicant of Thy life-creating mysteries."

On Christmas, Christ, the Light of Heaven who is the Light of the world, was born of a Virgin in a cave in ways past nature, and the prophetic word of Immanuel, God with us! was fulfilled. On the Feast of Theophany, the second feast of light, the heavens were opened at the baptism of Christ, and the path leading upward to God was revealed in the depths of the Jordan. On the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, the Theotokos, whom St. Gregory Palamas identifies in one of his sermons as the tongs of Isaiah's vision, who gave to Isaiah the burning coal from the altar, gives that burning coal, Christ her Son and our God, to the righteous Elder Simeon. He takes the Light of that burning coal into his arms and holds him to his heart and gives thanks to God: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Israel."





The Light of Heaven, Christ God, is with us! The heavens have been opened. Our Joshua, Jesus Christ, will lead us there. His Holy Mother, the Theotokos, gives the Light to us in Holy Eucharist, as she gave the Light to the righteous Simeon in the temple. And, we, taking up the light of Christ as our Cross, make ready to follow Him to His Cross, the death of our ego and our spiritual pride, and the resurrection of our soul made alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ's Holy Resurrection.

With this Gospel of the Publican and the Pharisee, we open the Lenten Triodion. With these pre-Lenten Gospels, the Church helps us to lay aside our pride and to clothe ourselves in the humility of the Publican and the Prodigal Son (next Sunday), that the eyes of our soul may open to see the path of salvation that descends into the Jordan and ascends to God in union with Christ Immanuel, God With Us! Through sincere, humble confession of our sins, in the mind of the publican and the prodigal, God leads us through the fast of Great Lent as on the path to Golgotha, and as we crucify our ego to His Cross, He raises us up in the victory of His Cross to the heavens that have been opened, that we may partake of the Tree of Life in the joy of His Holy Pascha.

Nowhere and at no time does the Church ever direct us to pray like the Pharisee but always like the Publican: "LORD, have mercy on me, a sinner"; always like the blind man of Jericho; always like the Canaanite woman: "LORD, Son of David, have mercy on me!" It is the prayer, I believe, of the one who is striving to unite himself to Christ in the likeness of His death. It is the prayer of the one who embraces the LORD's command: deny yourself, lose your life for my sake and the Gospel's, and take up your cross and follow Me. (*Excerpts from <https://www.sthermanmpls.org/homilies>*)

If last Sunday's Gospel story of Zaccheus is telling us that the goal of Great Lent is to climb the ladder of the virtues to get ready to receive the Bridegroom into the house of our heart when he comes on Pascha Midnight, this Sunday's Gospel story of the Publican and Pharisee is telling us that the wood of the ladder of the virtues that we climb must be the wood of the Cross, the wood of divine humility that burns with the divine compassion of God's Holy Spirit in which Christ God gave himself up for the life of the world. If our pious deeds of Great Lent are not rooted in the pursuit of humility and compassion, our Lenten effort, like the Pharisee's, is in vain, for our virtue will still be rooted in the rotten seed of self-love and we will be no closer to God at the end than we were at the beginning, no matter how much we may have prayed and fasted.

***Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! And learn humility from the Publican's tears!***

**From Saturday vespers—Tone 1**

*"O faithful, let us not pray as the Pharisee, for those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. Let us humble ourselves before God, and with the publican let us say: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner."*

**Matins: Psalm 50, Then, in Tone VIII: Glory ..., The gates of repentance, do Thou open unto me, O Giver of Life, \* for early in the morning my spirit seeketh Thy holy temple, \* bearing the temple of my body all defiled. \* But as One who art compassionate \*\* cleanse it by Thy loving-kindness and mercy. Now & ever ..., Guide me on the paths of salvation, O Theotokos: \* for I have polluted my soul with shameful deeds \* and wasted all my life in slothfulness. \*\* but by thine intercessions \* do thou deliver me from all impurity. In Tone VI: Have mercy upon me, O God, \* according to Thy great mercy: \* and according to the multitude of Thy compassion \* blot out my transgressions. In Tone VIII As I the wretched one ponder the multitude of evil deeds I have done, \* I tremble for fear of the dread day of judgment. \* But trusting in Thy compassionate mercy, \* like David do I cry unto Thee: \*\* 'Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy**

**Kontakion from the Triodion in Tone IV Let us flee from the proud-speaking of the Pharisee \* and learn from the Publican the loftiness of words of humility, \* and with penitential lamentation let us cry aloud: 'O Savior of the world \*\* be merciful to us, and cleanse us Thy servants'. Ikos : Let us all humble ourselves, brethren; sighing and lamenting, beating our conscience, that at the eternal judgment we may be numbered with the faithful and the righteous, and receive forgiveness. Let us pray that we behold the place truly peaceful, where there is neither pain, nor sorrow, nor sighing from the soul, in the wondrous Eden fashioned by Christ, for He is God coeternal with the Father.**

[Monday, January 25](#) we celebrate Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople.



[Saturday, January 30](#) we celebrate The Three Holy and Great Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom and the Holy Priest-Martyr Hippolytus.

**Our Fathers among the Saints the Ecumenical Teachers Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom**

The common feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs was instituted around 1100, during the reign of Alexius I Comnenus, as a result of heated discussions which were raised concerning them by pious and distinguished men of the epoch; some preferring Saint Basil the Great, others Saint Gregory the Theologian, and still others Saint John Chrysostom.

The legend says that in the time of Emperor Alexius I Comnenus, a discussion was raised among the pious scholars of Constantinople. Which of the three hierarchs commemorated in the month of January was the greatest: Basil the Great (January 1), John Chrysostom (January 27), or Gregory of Nazianzus (January 25)? Some decided in favor of Saint Basil the Great because of his great intelligence and austere morality; others for Saint John Chrysostom, unsurpassable for the convincing gentleness of his discourses; and others were attracted to Saint Gregory of Nazianzus for his elegant rhetoric, dialectical cleverness, and magical style.

In this confusion recourse was made to the holy and learned bishop, John, the Metropolitan of Euchaita. He began to pray and had the delight to have an apparition the following night by the three great teachers, who told him: "Tell these Christians to cease these useless discussions. Before God, none of us three is greater than the others. We make only one, among us there is neither disagreement nor division. What one believes and has taught, the others believe and have taught. Arise then and warn them to remain in peace and concord. Finally, to practically affirm this unity of our faith choose a day and on it celebrate the Liturgy in our honor to thank God for the graces which He has bestowed to all three of us and by us to the Church, and especially this that in the True faith and in its teaching, God has always kept us in one accord with the Holy Catholic Church."

It was done thusly. John chose January 30, to celebrate this new solemnity and he himself composed its admirable Office. Ever since then, as the Office says: "a 'triple sun' enlightens this day."

As is meet, let us glorify \* John and Basil, with Gregory: \* the three heralds of the great Trinity, \* the instruments of grace, \* the harps of the Spirit, \* the right famous trumpets of proclamation, \* awesome and clear of resonance, \* who thunder forth from the heights \*\* and declare to the ends of the earth the glory of God.

With what words of praise shall we laud the holy hierarchs, the peers of the apostles in grace, and equal in the honor of spiritual gifts, the destroyers of impiety, the saviors and guides in word and deed, the shepherds Christ-like in faith, the earthly angels and heavenly men, whom Christ, the Lord of glory, hath honored, in that He hath great mercy Assembling together, O ye who love the feasts of the Church, with songs of praise let us hymn the holy hierarchs of Christ, the glory of the fathers, the pillars of the Faith, the teachers and preservers of the faithful, and let us say: Rejoice, O most wise Basil, beacon and indestructible tower of the Church! Rejoice, O Gregory the Theologian, celestial mind and greatest among hierarchs! Rejoice, O most golden John of golden eloquence, preacher of repentance! O fathers who art thrice rich, cease ye never in your supplications to Christ on behalf of those who with faith and love celebrate your most sacred and divine festival.

**CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :**

**PRAYER:** Page 262, Sections 816-818 **LENTEN PREPARATION:** Page 188, Sections 567-569 **PRIDE vs. HUMILITY:** Page 253, Sections 777-779

**Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)  
First Catholic Bishop of the USA**

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty. We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.



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