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Saturday Great Vespers @ 4:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



February 9, 2025





SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN & LEAVE-TAKING OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 8/EOTHINON 11)

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION TONE 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST TONE 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES TONE 4

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the Brother of God, thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST TONE 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst

also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

As a friendly reminder, only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion.

Confession is available after Divine Liturgy, as well as before or after Vespers on Saturday evenings. You can also Contact Fr. Steven to set up an appointment.

We welcome all our visitors and are eager to share our faith with you! Please join us for coffee hour and take a few moments to fill out the VISITORS INFORMATION CARD that is found in the narthex

Phariseeism is not a vocation or a membership in some kind of religious organization. Phariseeism is a state of the soul. It begins with self-opinion and self-aggrandizement. Just as soon as a person's attention to himself and strictness with himself relaxes, the first shoots of a dangerous plant appear, the fruits of which can kill the soul. Death comes as a result of poisoning with the poison of pride.

THE EPISTLE READING

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to 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, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, 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

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke 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 Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, 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."

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Wed., Feb. 12 @ 6 PM – Daily Vespers for St. Martinian of Palestine

@ 7 PM – Catechumen/Inquirer Class

Thurs., Feb. 13 @ 10:30 AM – St. Maria of Paris Ladies' Prayer Group

This is a *fast free* week!

The St. Maria of Paris Ladies' Group will meet during Divine Liturgy today!

Camp St. Thekla registration is ongoing. Please sign up soon to ensure you get the desired week!

The January/February *Evangelion* is available at the back of the church and on the website!



Your Prayers are Requested:

REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Gabriel, Elias, Xenia, Joshua, Alexis, Anthusa, Justin, Olga, Kevin, George, Longinus, Xenia, John, Nectarios, Cassiane, Michael, Jerald; Olga, Conner, Khouria Janet, Constantine, Julie, Jay, Mary, Madeline, Jeannette, Nectarios, Barbara, Mary, Maria, Alex, Sarah, Sara, Joshua, Shirley, Theodore, Elizabeth; Newly-departed Protopresbyter George, Katherine, Helen, Adam, those who perished in the DCA plane crash
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES

St. James Orthodox Church is a mission of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese under His Eminence SABA, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America. If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like more information about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Steven (frsteven@gmail.com).