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### BULLETIN OF FEBRUARY 8, 2009

#### SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 8th

##### Publican & Pharisee (Tone 1)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School

Teen Discussion

11:45a.m. Annual Parish Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 11th

7:00p.m. Compline

7:30p.m. Adult Study: "Human Dignity as a Religious and Ethical Category. Freedom of Choice and Freedom From Evil"

#### SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 14th

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

#### SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 15th

##### Prodigal Son (Tone 2)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School

##### Fast Free Days

Wednesday and Friday, February 11 & 13

##### Meat-Fast Begins

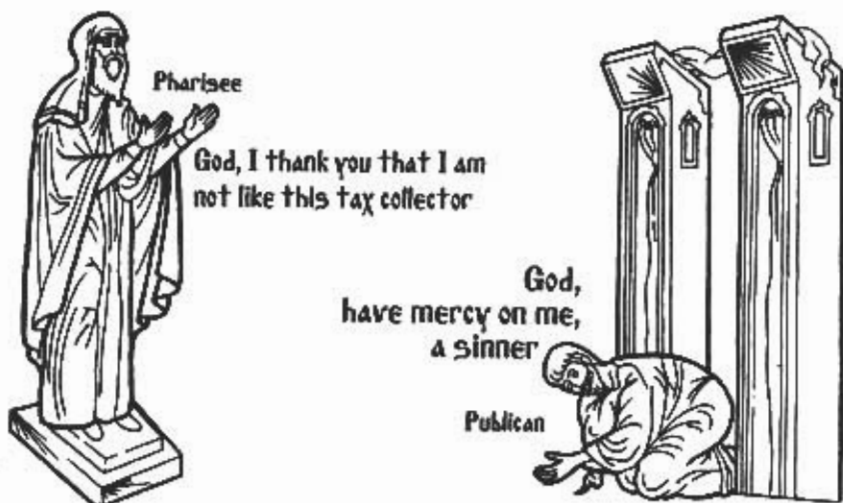
Monday, February 23

##### 40 Day Great & Holy Fast Begins

Monday, March 2

*The Lenten Triodion – the unknown and neglected book! If only we knew that it is there that we could recover, make ours once more, the spirit not only of Lent alone but of Orthodoxy itself – of its "Paschal" vision of life, death and eternity.*

-Fr. Alexander Schmemmann



### The Lenten Triodion

On the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, the Church enters a 10 week period of "repentance."

The Lenten Triodion is a liturgical book that contains hymns, prayers and services of this special period before Pascha. The Lenten Triodion ends on Great and Holy Saturday.

The Triodion may be divided into three parts: (1) the Pre-Lenten, comprised of 4 Sundays, (2) the 40 Days of the Great and Holy Fast, (3) Great and Holy Week.

The entire Triodion period is a journey to Pascha, a spiritual pilgrimage, a time of cleansing and renewal, a reaffirmation of our liberation from the power of sin and materialistic values. As the ancient Jews crossed the Red Sea and journeyed for 40 years in the desert before entering the Promised Land, so we also seek to cross the passageway of true repentance during Great Lent so that we may leave behind the old sinful nature and enter into a new life by the grace of the Risen Christ.

### ***New Vestments for Priest and Deacon***

The remaining amount of \$300 is sought, any contribution is appreciated.

### ***The Annual Easter Candy Sale***

Is currently underway. Order forms may be found on the vestibule stand. Please return no later than Sunday, March 15th.

### ***St. Andrew's Camp – NY State***

This Orthodox Youth Camp is now accepting applications for Campers and Counselors. You may visit the website: [www.standrewscamp.com](http://www.standrewscamp.com)

### ***Outreach Meeting***

February 16th, Monday at 7:00p.m.

### ***Memorial Saturday – Feb. 21st***

On this day a Universal Commemoration of All the Departed in held. The Memorial Service is 9:30a.m. Boiled Wheat (Kolyva) is sought for the service, please let Fr. James know if you can make it.

### ***Metropolitan Jonah held a meeting with NJ Deanery Clergy – Jan. 27th***

A photo report of the meeting may be found on the Diocesan Website: [www.dcnycoca.org](http://www.dcnycoca.org)

### ***The Pre-Lenten Period***

On the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, we enter into the time of "Pre-Lent." While the Great and Holy Fast does not begin until March 2nd, now is the appropriate time to begin to think about and plan for Great Lent. What are the Fasting Norms? In what manner can I best keep them? Looking ahead at the Lenten schedule (when there are daily church services) can I plan now to be at some weekly service or more? What reading materials can I secure to help me make the most of Great Lent? Is it of profit for me to speak with my priest about Lenten concerns I have?

This Pre-Lenten period is provided for our careful consideration, so we can mobilize ourselves for the Great and Holy Forty Fast.

Let us do our dinning and socializing presently.

It is wise for us to be attentive now to what foods we buy, so our refrigerators are in "fasting mode" by Meat-Fare Sunday – Feb. 22nd.

### ***Parish Synodicon - Memory Eternal!***

February 08, 1953 John Andreosky  
February 09, 1972 Fr. Nikifor Besmertnuk  
February 09, 1988 Anna Karel  
February 10, 1962 Fr. Michael Tidik  
February 10, 1988 Ruth Michaelovsky  
February 10, 2001 Mary Spotts  
February 11, 1993 Josephine Hriniaik  
February 12, 1972 John Wislosky  
February 12, 1988 Xenia Fedarka  
February 13, 1929 Gregory Stepaniuk  
February 13, 1948 Christian Kozar  
February 13, 1957 Clement Mc Closkey  
February 13, 1970 Alexander Pawlik

### ***Namesday Greetings***

St. Charalampus/Feb. 10: Charles Dunaenko  
St. Valentina/Feb. 10: Valentina Gorbunova  
St. Theodora/Feb. 11: Theodora Combs & Jennifer Fetchko; Many Blessed Years!

### ***OCA Mission Appeal Envelope***

In the month of February, a special appeal is made to help mission parishes. This year, we will again forward the funds to Christ the Saviour Mission in Delaware (Fr. John Parsells) and St. Maximus Mission in Texas (Fr. Justin Frederick). Please be generous.

### ***Adult Classes – Wednesdays, Feb. 11, 18 & 25 at 7:30p.m. in Conference Room***

Subject: The Church's Basic Teaching on Human Dignity, Freedom and Rights

Feb. 11 – Human Dignity as a Religious & Ethical Category. Freedom of Choice and Freedom from Evil

Feb. 18 – Human Rights in the Christian Worldview and in the Life of Society

Feb. 25 – Principles and Areas of Orthodox Church Human Rights Work

### ***Winter Weather Changes to Schedule***

Please check website, call rectory or call Mary Holovach (908-725-8978)

### ***The Annual Meeting Reports of 2009***

May be found on the vestibule stand. Hopefully all parishioners – even if they did not come to the Annual Meeting – will take the time to read the Reports and be appraised of our Parish Life.

# **OCA Lenten Youth Retreat**

**Located at  
St. Joseph's Seminary**

**March 13-15, 2009**

**Ages: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Dear parents and students:

We are very excited to announce the OCA 2009 Lenten Retreat. Included in this package are all of the forms necessary for participation in this year's event: Permission Slip/Release, Participant's Agreement, Directions and Packing List. Retreat participants **must** fill out the Permission Slip/Release and the Participant's Agreement.

All necessary forms, i.e., Permission Slip, Agreement & check must be received by **March 2nd**.

The cost for the weekend retreat is **\$110** per student. This amount covers all lodging, activities and food for the entire retreat weekend. The Director of the retreat reserves the right to charge late fees or not accept a student if the amount is not paid in full by the specified due date.

Retreat participants are required to check-in at **7:00 PM on Friday, March 13th**. No meal will be served on Friday, the day of arrival - only snacks & refreshments. Students should eat dinner before arriving on Friday. The pick-up time on Sunday, March 15th is no later than **12:30 PM**. Parents are invited to conclude the retreat experience with their child by participating in Sunday's Divine Liturgy (10:00 AM) at Mother of God Orthodox Church (located at St. Joseph's Seminary).

Please keep in mind that students will not be allowed to leave the retreat facility unless a parent or legal guardian is there to pick them up or unless otherwise specified on the "Permission Slip" form.

**Please Note:** No youth will be turned away due to cost. If you find the cost to be prohibitive, simply pay the amount that you find manageable – no questions asked. This information will be kept confidential. Finally, Orthodox and non-Orthodox students are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity for Orthodox young people to invite a non-Orthodox friend. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (609) 306-4168 or by e-mail at [john.cassar@verizon.net](mailto:john.cassar@verizon.net).

In Christ,  
Fr. John Cassar  
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# OCA delegation takes part in Enthronement of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia

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MOSCOW, RUSSIA [OCA Communications] – On Sunday, February 1, 2009, a delegation representing the Orthodox Church in America took part in the enthronement of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, at Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Moscow.

The OCA delegation consisted of His Grace, Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania; His Grace, Bishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West; Archimandrite Zacchaeus, Representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Moscow Patriarchate; and Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations.

At the banquet following the enthronement services, His Grace, Bishop Tikhon read a letter of greeting to Patriarch Kirill from His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah.

"Your Holiness' election brings us great joy in knowing that the special relationship between the Russian Church and the Orthodox Church in America will continue," Metropolitan Jonah wrote. "The support and encouragement of the Mother Church to her American Daughter is of utmost value to us. As we move toward greater maturity as a Church and assume the full responsibilities of Autocephaly, which your predecessors endowed us with, we will look to Your Holiness as a collaborator in our common mission to establish the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Metropolitan Jonah's letter of greeting continued by stating that, "throughout the difficult years of Godless persecution and following the collapse of Soviet power, the Orthodox Church in America stood as a strong support and friend of the Russian Church. We remain that constant friend and look to working together in addressing the many troubling issues that affect our world. In particular, our friendship may indeed help to overcome the strained relationship between our two countries. The tremendous experience of Your Holiness in international and inter-church affairs will give tremendous insight into the inner workings of the events which we mutually face."



church in North America dedicated to this icon.

On Monday, February 2, 2009, His Grace, Bishop Tikhon and His Grace, Bishop Benjamin, joined primates and representatives of other autocephalous Orthodox churches at the Kremlin's Dormition Cathedral for Service of Thanksgiving celebrated by His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill .

On Tuesday, February 3, 2009, His Holiness received the OCA's delegation at his working residence. Patriarch Kirill thanked the delegation for their participation in his Enthronement ceremonies and expressed his strong desire to work closely with Metropolitan Jonah in strengthening unity among the Orthodox Churches. His Holiness also shared his eagerness in welcoming Metropolitan Jonah to Moscow.

In addition to the events associated with the Patriarchal Enthronement, Bishops Tikhon and Benjamin also took part in services for the Sunday of Zaccheus at the Church of St. Catherine, the OCA representation church in Moscow, and visited the Church of the Resurrection of Christ. Moscow's Church of the Resurrection is home to the wonderworking "Rescuer of the Perishing" icon of the Theotokos. Bishop Benjamin's cathedral in Los Angeles, CA, is the only

For a photo report of the enthronement, check out the website of the Moscow Patriarchate at [www.mostpat.ru](http://www.mostpat.ru) where you will find 92 high quality photos of this historic event.