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Sunday, February 25, 2024 | 38th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
[Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]
Saint Tarasius, Archbishop. Of Constantinople (806)

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Weekly Schedule

[40 years ago today, on Feb 25, Father Mark was ordained to the priesthood.](#)
[May God Grant You, Fr Mark, Many Happy Healthy Years](#)

Throughout the following week there is a general dispensation
from all fasting! (February 24, 2024 to March 5, 2024)

Tuesday: February 27 – Repose of Saint Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

Saturday: March 2 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: March 3 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Readers Service

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Lenten Triodion)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! / Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! / Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 5)

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:10-14

Two men went up to 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 as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise 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, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x's)



Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

2024 House Blessing

If you wish to have your home blessed, please speak with Father Mark for date availability to schedule a house blessing. The blessing of houses will begin after Theophany, which was Saturday, January 6. Items of importance when having your home blessed: 1) have a candle available to be burned during the house blessing, 2) a bowl of blessed holy water, 3) an icon (preferably the icon of Christ being baptized in the Jordan River), and 4) please make enough space for Father Mark to maneuver in the rooms you wish him to bless.

40 Days for Life Spring Vigil – February 14 to March 24

The campaign is a peaceful vigil. They are not a political organization or a protest group. They stand and pray as a peaceful physical presence and witness for the lives of the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves. Please visit their website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com> for a campaign location near your area.

The Herbert Family would like to thank everyone for their condolences, thoughts, prayers, sympathy cards, prayer cards, flowers, gifts, and donations on the passing our beloved Mary S. “Matesy” Herbert. We appreciate you all! Memory Eternal!

HVAC Project Donations in Memory of Mary S. “Matesy” Herbert

David & Erin Albrecht

Melanie Albrecht

Norman & Barbara Andrews

Pete & Bonnie Ault

Jon & Christine Bava

Gloria Bench

Marlene Blaskevitch

Joann Cox

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Marie Skripnek

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John & Michele Spack

Michael & Fania Wanenchak

Robert Wanenchak

Peter Witiak

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family and Friends offered by the Reader David Pellack
Family and Parishioners offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Alexandra Walker offered by the Reader David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Debbie Archie offered by the Reader David Pellack
Mary S. Herbert offered by the Herbert Family
Mary S. Herbert offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Mary S. Herbert offered by Nina Patterson
Mary and Sue offered by Daria LeRoy

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 2/18/24

Two Large Vigil Crosses – Memory of Mary S. Herbert
offered by the Herbert Family

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Newly Departed Handmaiden of God Mary S. Herbert who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday morning, February 4, 2024. May Her Memory Be Eternal!
Vetchnaya Pamyat!

Emily Gerasimoff; Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Justine McCann and her unborn child; Sheba Patton; Peter Witiak; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*******

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. By the action taken at the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, October 10, 2021, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021.
Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

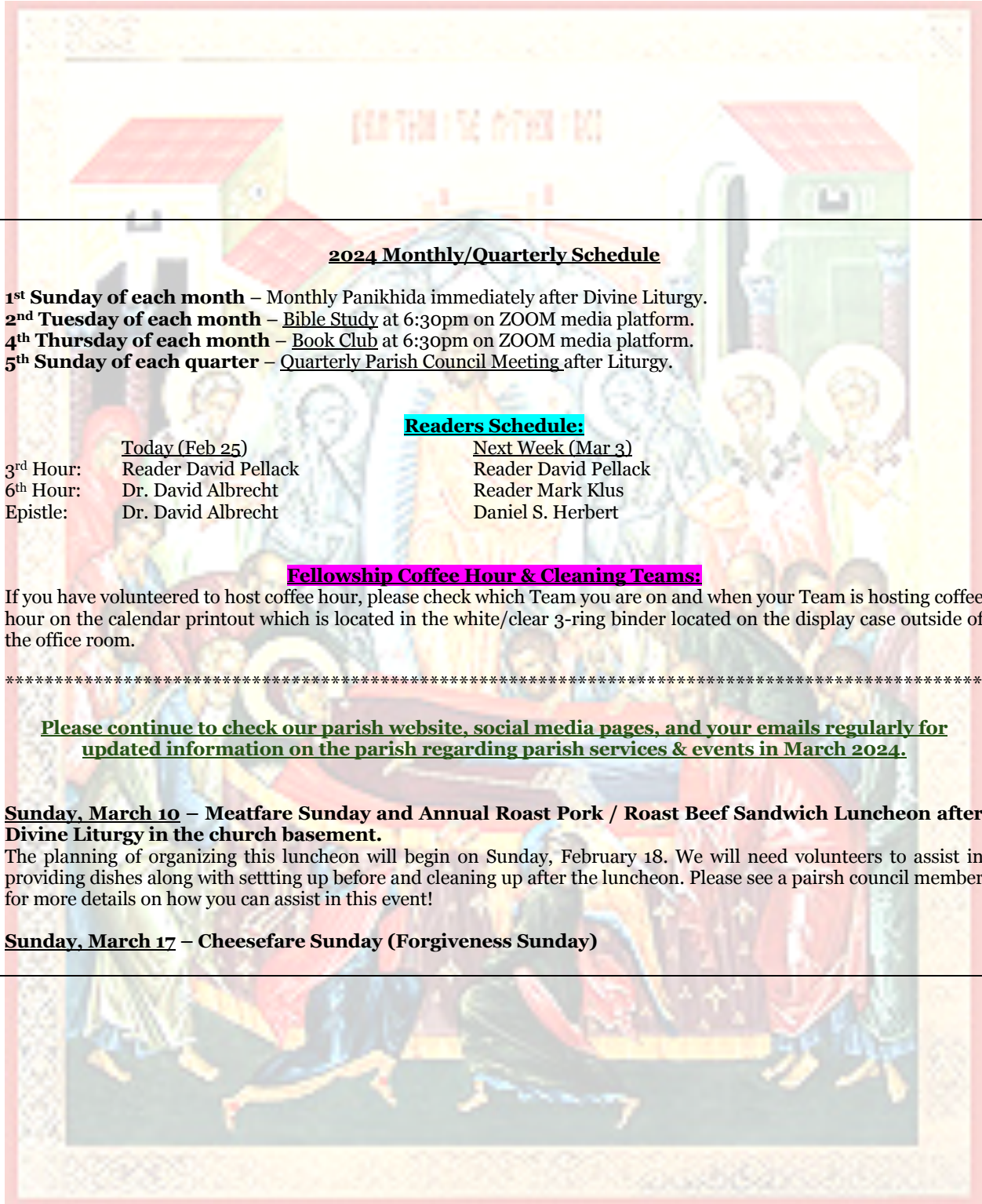
Cash Flow Activity (February)

<u>Week of Sun Feb 11 to Sat Feb 17</u>	<u>February Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 36	33 (average)
Funds In: \$11,799.00	\$16,614.00
Funds Out: \$ 7,131.00	\$11,474.87
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 4,668.00	\$ 5,139.13

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events



2024 Monthly/Quarterly Schedule

- 1st Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- 2nd Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
- 4th Thursday of each month** – Book Club at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

Today (Feb 25)
3rd Hour: Reader David Pellack
6th Hour: Dr. David Albrecht
Epistle: Dr. David Albrecht

Next Week (Mar 3)
Reader David Pellack
Reader Mark Klus
Daniel S. Herbert

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which Team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour on the calendar printout which is located in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside of the office room.

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in March 2024.

Sunday, March 10 – Meatfare Sunday and Annual Roast Pork / Roast Beef Sandwich Luncheon after Divine Liturgy in the church basement.

The planning of organizing this luncheon will begin on Sunday, February 18. We will need volunteers to assist in providing dishes along with setting up before and cleaning up after the luncheon. Please see a parish council member for more details on how you can assist in this event!

Sunday, March 17 – Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday)



Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion] [February 25th]

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the *Triodion* (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark's Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior's death and burial.

