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## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE HOLY NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN & PHARISEE (*Tone 8*)

**Holy New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia**

*Saturday, 4 February (22 January, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 5 February (23 January, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)  
12:30 PM Adult Study

#### **Blessed Xenia of St Petersburg**

*Monday, 6 February (24 January, o.s.)*

9:30 AM Moleben with Akathist to St Xenia

#### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON (*Tone 1*)

**Holy Three Hierarchs**

*Saturday, 11 February (29 January, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 12 February (30 January, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)  
12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Week of 5 February

<i>Su</i>	<b>The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee</b>	
	<i>Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i>	
	2 Tim. §296 (3:10-15)	Luke §89 (18:10-14)
<b>34TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>		
<i>M</i>	2 Pet. §66 (1:20-2:9)	Mark §59 (13:9-13)
<i>Tu</i>	2 Pet. §67 (2:9-22)	Mark §60 (13:14-23)
<i>W</i>	2 Pet. §68 (3:1-18)	Mark §61 (13:24-31)
<i>Th</i>	1 John §69 (1:8-2:6)	Mark §62 (13:31-14:2)
<i>F</i>	1 John §70 (2:7-17)	Mark §63 (14:3-9)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Tim. §295 (3:1-9)	Luke §103 (20:45-21:4)
<i>Su</i>	<b>The Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b>	
	<i>Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i>	
	1 Cor. §135 (6:12-20)	Luke §79 (15:11-32)

### FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

During this first pre-lenten week of the Triodion, the week between the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee and that of the Prodigal Son, there is a general dispensation from all fasting. Meat and animal products may be eaten every day this week, even on Wednesday and Friday.

### NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### Week of 29 January

**Namedays** – 3rd (St Maximus the Confessor): Maximos Bibas; 4th (Apostle Timothy): Timothy Morrow.

**Birthdays** – 2nd: Vasilissa Seneko.

#### Week of 5 February

**Namedays** – 5th (New Martyrs of Russia): Gabriel Chemodakov; 6th (St Xenia of Petersburg): Xenia Whitacre; 7th (St Gregory the Theologian): Gregory Welsh.

**Birthdays** – 5th: John Morrow.

### THE REST OF FEBRUARY

**Namedays** – 5th (New Martyrs of Russia): Gabriel Chemodakov; 6th (St Xenia of Petersburg): Xenia Whitacre; 7th (St Gregory the Theologian): Gregory Welsh; 25th (St Alexis of Moscow): Alexei Darenkov, Aleksey Vishnykov.

**Birthdays** – 20th: Daniel Palko; 24th: Frank Fitzgerald; 26th: Elena Kostin; 27th: Nadezhda Sexton; 28th: Seraphima Morrow.

**Baptism Anniversaries** – 12th: Anna Straut (1984).

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 15th: Joseph & Natalya Reitano (2009).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If your home has not yet been blessed this year, please arrange a time in the next three weeks with Father when he can come to bless it before the Great Fast begins.**

**There will be a blessing of Icons at St Elizabeth's** at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on the First Sunday of Great Lent: the Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. Because this day is a celebration of the victory of the Orthodox Faith over the heresy of Iconoclasm, it is a very appropriate day for the sanctification of icons. If you have icons at home that have not yet been blessed, please bring them to church as soon as possible so that they can be placed in the altar to begin the process of sanctification that will be complete after the prayers of blessing on the First Sunday of the Fast.

**There will be a blessing of Crosses at St Elizabeth's** at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on the Third Sunday of Great Lent: the Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. Because this day is dedicated to our veneration of the Holy Cross, it is a very appropriate day for the sanctification of Crosses, both those worn around the neck and those hung on walls. If you have crosses at home that have not yet been blessed, please bring them to church as soon as possible so that they can be placed in the altar to begin the process of sanctification that will be complete after the prayers of blessing on the Third Sunday of the Fast.

**Patrick Brien's room at Arbor Glen has been changed** to room 606 on the second floor of the Holly Center, at 100 Monroe Street, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807. His pneumonia, which was treated with antibiotics, has gotten much better. Patrick loves to see visitors, so if you can go to see him, he would be very grateful. If you would like to send Patrick a card or letter, you may send it to Arbor Glenn at the address above or to Patrick's home address: 86 Eastern Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey 08876. Father David or Matushka Faith will bring any cards or letters he receives at Home to him. If you would like to try speaking to Patrick on the telephone, call Arbor Glenn at (877) 528-3843. (Patrick's secular name is William, so you should ask for William Brien, rather than Patrick)

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### **Prayer for the Prosperity of the Russian Orthodox Church**

Lord Jesus Christ our God! Accept from us, Thine unworthy servants, these words of thanksgiving: for Thou hast given unity to the Church of Russia and transformed into joy the greatly painful cry of Thy servants. Harken now to our supplication: Bring

Thine own labourers unto the harvest, that the Church may not lack good pastors to enlighten so great a multitude of those who have not been taught the Faith or have fallen away therefrom. Instill obedience to Thee in those who govern, and justice and mercy in their judgments; compassion in the rich, and longsuffering in the weak: that in our land, the Kingdom of Christ may thus grow and increase, and that Thou, O God Who art wondrous in Thy saints, may be glorified therein. Unto those who are led astray by heresies and schisms, who have fallen away from Thee or seek Thee not, show Thyself forth as almighty, that not one of them may perish, but that all of us may be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth: that all, in harmonious oneness of mind and constant love, may glorify Thy most honoured name, O kind and patient-hearted Lord, unto the ages of ages. Amen

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### **Troparia after Psalm 50**

**On the Sundays of the Triodion  
From the Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican  
Through the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**

*After Psalm 50, we chant in Tone VIII —*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The doors of repentance do Thou open to me, O Giver of life, \* for my spirit waketh at dawn toward Thy holy temple, \* bearing a temple of the body all defiled. \* But in Thy compassion cleanse it \* by the loving-kindness of Thy mercy.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* Guide me in the paths of salvation, O Theotokos, \* for I have defiled my soul with shameful sins, \* and have wasted all my life in slothfulness, \* but by thine intercessions \* deliver me from all uncleanness.

*Tone VI:* Have mercy on me, O God, \* according to Thy great mercy; \* and according to the multitude of Thy compassions, \* blot out my transgressions.

When I think of the multitude of evil things I have done, \* I, a wretched one, \* I tremble at the fearful day of judgment; \* but trusting in the mercy of Thy loving-kindness, \* like David do I cry unto Thee: \* Have mercy on me, O God, \* according to Thy great mercy.