

The Weekly Messenger – February 5, 2023
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Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Upcoming Events:

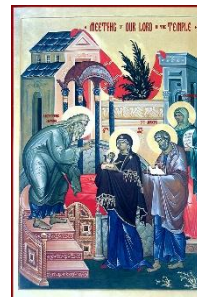
Feb 5th Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee 2-year Memorial Bessie Satir
Monday, Feb. 6th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm
Feb 12th Sunday of the Prodigal Son SOUP-ER Bowl Sunday
Feb 19th Sunday of the Last Judgement (Meatfare) **Sunday School Fundraiser**
Feb 26th Forgiveness/Cheesefare Sunday **Feb 27th** Great Lent Begins
Sat. March 4th Women's Day Celebration Dinner & Dancing **Contact Nilda S. for info**
Monday March 5th Sunday of Orthodoxy Vesper Service @ 4:00 pm - Pan Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Philadelphia. We will host other parishes and prepare a meal.
March 12th Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
March 19th Veneration of the Cross **Saturday, March 25th** Annunciation
March 26th St. John Climacus **April 2nd** St Mary of Egypt
Saturday April 8th Lazarus Saturday **April 9th** Palm Sunday
April 14th Holy Friday **April 16th** Holy Pascha
April 23rd St Thomas **April 30th** Myrrh-bearing Women

Coffee Hour Sponsor: The 2023 Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: [COFFEE HOUR](#)

Feb 5th John Satir & Family in Memory of Bessie
Feb 12th SOUP-ER BOWL Sunday Parishioners bring their special soup to share
Feb 19th Sunday School **Feb 26th** NO SPONSOR
March 5th NO SPONSOR **March 12th** NO SPONSOR

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, the victims of the mass shooting in California, Bessie Satir (2 yrs.), Paul Costa (Kathie Costa's nephew), Kathrine Halkedis (5 yrs.), Tranette Ledford (6 yrs.), Paula Dardaris (12 yrs.), Minella Zoto (19 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Mark, Locum Tenens of the Albanian Archdiocese, Archimandrite Nikodhim Preston, the victims of the mass shootings in California, the people in Ukraine, Joyce Robert (Christine Dardaris' Mother), John Jance, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Helen, Virginia Daka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Evangeline Prifti, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living, please email info@stjcaoc.org*



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple is celebrated on Feb. 2nd. Another name for the feast is The Meeting of our Lord. Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians call the feast, The Purification of the Holy Virgin. About 450 AD in Jerusalem, people began the custom of holding lighted candles during the Divine Liturgy of this feast day. Therefore, some churches in the West refer to this holy day as Candlemas. The Feast of the Presentation concludes the observances related to the Nativity of Christ, a period that opened on November 15 with the beginning of the Nativity fast.

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee The focus here is on the two men who went to the Temple to pray—one a pharisee who was a very decent and righteous man of religion, the other a publican who was a truly sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. The first, although genuinely righteous, boasted before God and was condemned, according to Christ. The second, although genuinely sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God (Lk 18.9). The meditation here is that we have neither the religious piety of the pharisee nor the repentance of the publican by which alone we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, and to beg for mercy.



Soup-er Bowl Sunday: We will have our 8th Annual Soup-er Bowl **NEXT Sunday on Feb. 12th** following the Divine Liturgy during coffee hour in the church hall. We are asking our



parishioners to donate a pot of soup. We will offer the soup for a small donation. Soup will available to purchase and take home and enjoy while watching the Super Bowl! The proceeds from Soup-er Bowl Sunday will be donated to a homeless shelter

February Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! 2nd Meeting of our Lord (Panajoti), 3rd St Simeon the God Bearer, 5th Martyr Agatha, 10th Hieromartyr Haralambos, 18th Leo, Pope of Rome

Welcome to our visitors. Father Kai, the members of our Parish Council and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

If you have news for the Weekly Messenger, please send it to info@stjcaoc.org

February monthly giving – bottles of water