

*Publican & Pharisee
Leave-taking of the
Meeting of the Lord*

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2 Timothy 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

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*Homily by
Fr. Robert Polson*

*Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:
Klatt / Ihde*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, February 9, 2025*

*And the Days Following*

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O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.

Feast Days and Services

No Fasting This Week

The week following the Publican and Pharisee not fasting is permitted

Parish Events and News

Women's Retreat This Saturday – February 8th



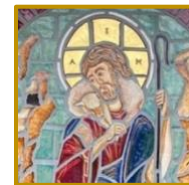
We will meet at the Annex is in downtown Palmer at 247 S Alaska St, Palmer, AK 99645 (easily located in Google Maps). There is limited parking in the front and back of the building so if groups can carpool that will help, there is also surrounding street parking all around.

All food and writing supplies will be provided. Please pay via church website by clicking Donate and clicking Sisters of Mary and Martha in the category section. You can also pay via tithe box if clearly labeled. (The fee is \$25.00)

We look forward to being with you all and sharing in thoughtful discussions -The Retreat Committee

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

12:30pm – 2:00pm



Thursday Night Talks Resume

February 13 – 7-8:30pm at the St. James House

This week's topic will be on Prayer



Coffee Hour This Sunday - February 9, 2025 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Klatt / Ihde

Snacks: Agnew, Alvarez, Betson, Davison, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Linear, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Schlicting, Stevens, Sturdevant, Villafana

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### Next Sunday - Group C - February 16, 2025 Hosts: Medders / N. Temple

Snacks: Arnold, Clement, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Greene, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehr, Taylor, Temple, Wasile

## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese

**“We are excited for the upcoming Parish Life Conference, marking Bishop ANTHONY’s first as our Diocese Bishop!”**



**DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES & THE WEST**

**PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE**

JUNE 25 - 29, 2025

HOSTED BY:

ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,  
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- His Grace Bishop ANTHONY’s first PLC as our Diocesan Bishop
- Morning & Afternoon Workshops
- Young Adult Dinner
- Taco Thursday Welcome Reception
- Organization Meetings
- Bible Bowl
- Ice Cream Social & Teen Dance
- Brunch with Bishop ANTHONY and Awards Presentation
- Oratorical & Choir Festival
- Middle Eastern Dinner and Dance (Hafli)

**HOTEL:**

- Hotel Group Rate: \$179/ night plus local taxes/ fees
- Group rate available 3 days before/ after Conference
- Complimentary shuttle to & from San Francisco airport
- 10% discount at all hotel food outlets





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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to? Please email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)



### Volunteer Drivers for Oksana to Church Needed

We need drivers for Oksana. Please email Dn. Kevin or text me at 907-947-5345 for any Sunday that you could volunteer. Rides Needed for these dates: **February 9, and February 23, March 2 and March 9.** Even if you can do only one way please volunteer. Thank you.

## Dates to Remember

### Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group

Please join us for reading group on Mondays at 10 AM. We meet at Saint James House in the living room area.



### Thursday Reading Group

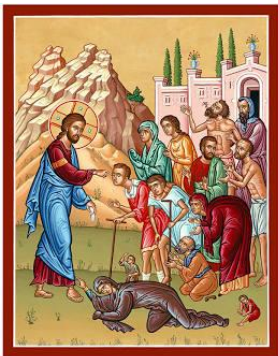
The Thursday 10 am reading group will be meeting at the Senior Center.

### Birthdays This Week

February 10 - Bob Dyal  
February 10 - Jared Lindblom  
February 10 - Lina Curry  
February 12 - Zoe Labrecque

February 14 - Brandon Weaver  
February 15 - Denise Ray  
February 15 - Ronan Hanna

*M A N Y Y E A R S !*



### Remembering in Prayer...

*Gwyn Jones  
Joe Dunham  
Sylvia Villafana  
Kerry Jones*

*Chris Grasse  
Josphine Hanna & her  
family  
Elisa Betson*

*We continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine  
and for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza, for a quick end to  
war and for peace*

## Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Steven Theodore Primis - February 3, 2001
- \* Archpriest Jack Norman Sparks - February 8, 2010
- \* Phyllis Isabel Webster - February 12, 1992
- \* Lynn Ellen Guio - February 17, 2019
- \* Dn. Christian Timothy Sorensen - February 23, 2000

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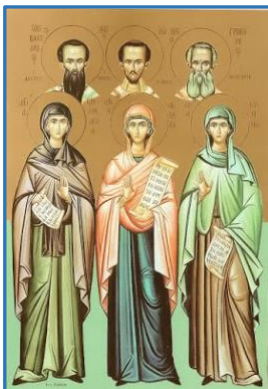
## Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each MONTH

For the Month of **February** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, Feb. 22.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### THE SYNAXARION

#### Publican & Pharisee – 1<sup>st</sup> PreLent – February 9



On February 9, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the last day, or the Leave-taking, of the feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Nikephoros of Antioch; Hieromartyrs Markellos, bishop of Sicily, Pankratios, bishop of Taormina, Philagrios, bishop of Cyprus; and the translation of the relics of St. Innocent, the Apostle to America and first bishop of Irkutsk.

On the Sunday which falls during the Post-feast of the Meeting of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia, the mother of St. Basil the Great, Anthousa, mother of Saint John Chrysostom and Nonna, mother of Saint Gregory the Theologian.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist.

#### *Verses*

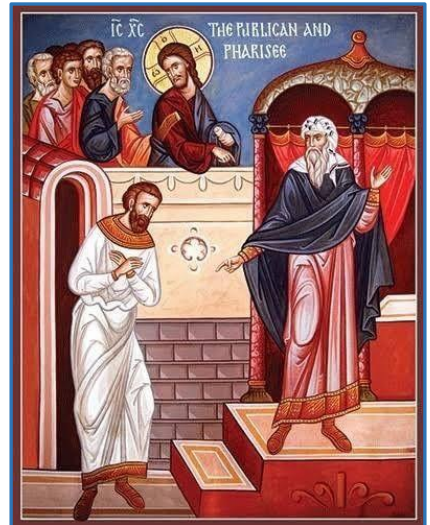
*If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple;  
For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable.*

#### *(Verses for the Triodion)*

*O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly,  
receive from the Angels a Trinitarian song,  
And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion.*

In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses as an example for us, a comparison between two differing attributes of two different men: A Pharisee, who was regarded as virtuous leader of the synagogue in public opinion; And a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving faithful for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.



#### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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