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We are each of us angels with only one wing...

And we can fly embracing each other...

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

January 25, 2026 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee; Octoechos Tone 8; + Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Intentions this Sunday

Saturday at 4:15pm: Parishioners; Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners.

First Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Say unto God, “How awesome are Your works!* Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You”.* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,* let it sing to Your name, O Most High!* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Glory. Now. Only-begotten Son.

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour. *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,* and the great king over all the earth.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Entrance

Come, let us worship* and fall down before Christ.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 8: You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

Перший антіфон

Восклікніте Господіві, вся земле,* співайте ж імені Його, віддаіте славу в хвалі Йому! *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Скажіте Бóгові: як страшні ділá Твої!* У множестві сили Твоїї лестітимуть Тобі вороги Твої. *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Вся земля нехáй поклóниться Тобі і співáє Тобі,* нехáй же співáє імені Твоéму, Всевишнїй!* *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Слава. І нині. Єдинорóдний Сýну.

Третій антіфон

Прийдіте, возвáдіємся Господіві, восклікнім Богу, Спасітєві нáшому. *Спасу́ нас, Сýну Бóжий,* що воскрéс із мéртвих, співáємо Тобі: Алилýя.*

Ідім перéд лицéм Його з ісповíданням, і псалмáми восклікнім Йому. *Спасу́ нас, Сýну Бóжий,* що воскрéс із мéртвих, співáємо Тобі: Алилýя.*

Бо Бог – великий Господь і цар великий по всій землі. *Спасу́ нас, Сýну Бóжий,* що воскрéс із мéртвих, співáємо Тобі: Алилýя.*

Вхідне

Прийдіте поклонімся* і припадім до Христá.* *Спасу́ нас, Сýну Бóжий,* що воскрéс із мéртвих, співáємо Тобі: Алилýя.*

Тропарі й кондаки

Тропар воскресний (г. 8): З висоті зійшóв Ти, Милосéрдний,* погребéння прийняв Ти триднéвне,* щоб нас вýзволити від страстéй,* життя і воскресіння нáше,* Гóсподи, слáва Тобі.

Troparion, Tone 1: Like a shepherd's flute, O Father Gregory* your theology vanquished the trumpets of orators,* for searching the depths of the spirit,* beauty of speech was increased in you.* Pray Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3: Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican* and approach the Master as sinners,* for He desires salvation for everyone.* He grants forgiveness to all who repent.* For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

Prokeimenon

Tone 8: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Repeat: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Repeat: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Gospel Luke 18:10-14

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Тропар (г. 1): Пастирська сопілка твого богослов'я перемогла труби красномовців,* бо Тобі, що дослідив глибини духа,* була додана і краса віщування.* Моли ото Христа Бога, отче Григорію,* щоб спаслися душі наші.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І ніні, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Кондак тріоді (г. 3): Зітхання міттарські принесім Господеві* і до Нього приступім, грішні, як до Владики;* Він бо хоче спасіння всіх людій,* Він відпущення подає всім, що кáються,* бо рáди нас Він воплотився – Бог сúчий, Отцю собезначáльний.

Прокімен

(г. 8): Помоліться і воздáйте Господеві, Бóгу нашому

Bci: Помоліться і воздáйте Господеві, Бóгу нашому

Стих: Відомий у Йóдєї Бог, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його.

Bci: Помоліться і воздáйте Господеві, Бóгу нашому

Апостол 2 Тим. 3,10-15.

Алилуя (г. 8)

Стих: Прийдите, возвáдуємся Господеві, воскликнім Бóгу, Спасítелеві нашому.

Стих: Ідім пéред лицéм Його з ісповéданням і псалмáми воскликнім Йому.

Євангеліс Лк. 18,10-14.

Причастний

Хваліте Гóспода з небéс,* хваліте Його во вýшніх.* В пám'яті вічній бúде прáведник,* пóголосів злих не убоїться* Алилúя, алилúя,* алилúя.

Pre-Lenten Hymn for the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

1. Lord of all mercy, each year You bring us
Into this time of Your boundless grace;
Grant that Your people, drawn by Your Spirit
Open their hearts and seek now Your face.
3. Pharisee's haughty attitude taints us
In our conceit we scorn You, O Lord;
Fill us instead with Publican's penance
That in our lives You may be adored.

2. Turn us from pride, from being exalted
By our own deeds that turn us from You;
Grant us repentence! Humble our spirits
That to Your word we stand ever true.
4. Soon will arrive the season of fasting
Pray'r and good works will fill ev'ry day;
Give us Your grace to have the right spirit
That in our deeds Your law we obey.

Source *The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship*

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, Jan 26 Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his wife Maria.	2 Peter 1:20-2:9 Mark 13:9-13			
Tuesday, Jan 27 + The Transfer of the Precious Relics of our holy Father John Chrysostom.	Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16			
Wednesday Jan 28 ◎ Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian.	2 Peter 3:1-18 Mark 13:24-31			
Thursday, Jan 29 ◎ The Transfer of the Relics of the Great-Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer.	1 John 1:8-2:6 Mark 13:31-14:2			
Friday, Jan 30 ⊕ The Three Holy and Great Hierarchs Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom.	Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	10am	Divine Liturgy	<i>Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Saturday, Jan 31 ◎ The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John.	2 Timothy 3:1-9 Luke 20:45-21:4	4:15pm 5:30pm	Divine Liturgy (English) Great Vespers	Intention: Parishioners
Sunday, Feb 1 Sunday of the Prodigal Son	1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32	9:30am 11am 4:30pm	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Divine Liturgy (English) Great Vespers	Intention: Parishioners Intention: Parishioners For the feast of the Encounter of Our Lord (Feb 2)

Other Events This Week

Monday, January 26 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Wednesday, January 28 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Thursday, January 29 at 7am: Perogy and Cabbage roll making. Lunch provided.

Saturday, January 30 at 7pm: Narcotics Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshiping with us!
2. THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS AVAILABLE until February 2nd. Please contact Fr. Michael to arrange.
3. Pasta Supper in support of Knights of Columbus Council 932. Monday, January 26 from 4:30-6pm. Location: Moose Lodge, 543 Trunk Rd. Cost: \$15/person. Menu: Pasta, meat balls, tomato sauce, salad, bread and butter, coffee, water. Cash bar available.
4. Feast day this week: The Three Holy Hierarchs on Friday. Divine Liturgy at 10am.
5. HELP NEEDED: Sunday, February 1 after the 11am Liturgy to take down the Christmas decorations.

6. Next Men's Club All-You-Can-Eat brunch is Sunday, February 15, 2025

Outreach to Homebound Parishioners: Know of someone who might like a priest's visit? Contact the office or Fr. Michael to arrange.

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barsanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Irene O, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany, Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O'Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and Gerry, Olena Hankivsky, David Bell.

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen

DONATIONS – January 18, 2026

Collection: \$305; Building Fund: \$300

Special: \$600 (snow removal)

+ Tarasuk Family: \$60 + Mike Zuke: \$25

THANK YOU!!

Preliminary Financials for the year 2025 (pending year-end adjustments) compared to 2024:

Revenue: \$245,725 (2024: \$214,369)

Expenses: \$247,055 (2024: \$243,507)

Net: \$-1,330 (2024: \$-29,138)

“On Call Priest”

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7 at 705-256-6675.

On the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the second of five Sundays preparing us for Lent:

The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in Luke 18:10-14. This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes.

Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, thanking God that he is not like other men, specifically extortioners, the unjust, adulterers, “or even this tax collector” (v. 11). He then begins to list his religious accomplishments by stating, “I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess” (v. 12).

In direct contrast to the pride of the Pharisee, the Publican goes to a place where he will not be noticed by others and beats his breast saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” (v. 13).

Having told this story, Jesus affirms that it was the Publican who returned home justified and forgiven rather than the Pharisee. He states, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (v. 14).

The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term metanoia means “change of mind.” To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride, he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives.

The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a “change of mind.” He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in the words of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3), “poor in spirit.” He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A “change of mind” and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.

Source: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

This is a picture of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in St. Catherines that accompanied a reflection by Fr. Roman (church's Facebook page Jan.17/26)

There's something deeply moving about Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in the quiet of winter.

Blanketed in snow, standing strong and unshaken, it feels like a gentle reminder of who we are and where we come from. For generations, this holy place has been a refuge for prayer, for community, for hope through every season of life.

Here, faith has been whispered in tears and sung in joy. Here, candles have been lit for loved ones, and hearts have found peace. Even in the stillness of the winter morning, this church speaks loudly: you are never alone.

Let us look upon our own church as Fr. Roman has looked upon his. Have a very blessed week!