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**MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION:** Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

**GOING TO THE HOSPITAL?** Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020    DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM**  
**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!                      GLORY FOREVER!**  
**SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU!                      SLAVA NA V'IKI!**

THE SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE: The *Lenten Triodion* begins. Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Tropar for Tone 1 on p. 81. Glory.... Kondak of the Publican and Pharisee on p. 175. Now & ever.... "Zastupnice." Prokimen & Alleluia verses can be found on p. 83.

**EPISTLE: II Timothy 3:10-15.                      GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14.**

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**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

For the week of February 9:

- Sun., February 9:** (After Liturgy) Panachida in memory of +*Barry Ross*, +*Michael Bilica*, +*Bernie Bilica*, +*Thomas Bilica* & +*Jean Sombaty*. Requested by Laney & Cindi Ross.
- Tues., February 11:** (6:00 PM) Vespertal Liturgy for the Commemoration of the *Three Holy Hierarchs, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom*. Special Propers sheets will be provided. (Please fast from 3:00 PM on if you plan to receive Holy Communion.)
- Fri., February 14:** (6:00 PM) Great Vespers with Litija for the Feast of the *Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple with Saint Simeon*.

**Saturday, February 15:  
The Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple**

9:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the Feast of the *Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple with Saint Simeon*. Regular Weekday Antiphons. All Propers can be found on pp. 152-154. **CANDLES** are blessed on this day. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

**Sat., February 15:** (6:00 PM) **Great Vespers** for the *Sunday of the Prodigal Son*. Propers for Tone 2 and the Prodigal Son.

**Sunday, February 16:  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

*Post-Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple with Saint Simeon*

9:30 AM: **Preparation Prayers** for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the *Sunday of the Prodigal Son*. Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Tropar for Tone 2 on p. 84. Tropar for the Feast on p. 152. Glory... Kondak for the Prodigal Son on p. 175. Now & ever... Kondak for the Feast on p. 152. Prokimen & Alleluia verses can be found on p. 86. Glorification & Irmos are from the Feast on p. 153. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) today in honor of the 3 Holy Hierarchs and the Meeting.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers for the **Health** of **Judy Moore**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.  
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**THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS** (Prothesis) burn with prayers for the **Health & Salvation** of baby **Garon Michael Neuhart** on the occasion of his Baptism. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.  
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**THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS** (Diakonikon) burn with prayers for **Laney J. & Anna Ross**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.  
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**THE TETRAPOD LAMPS** burn with prayers for **Special Intentions**. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.  
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A JOYFUL WELCOME in Christ to the newest member of our Saint Nicholas parish family, **Garon Michael Neuhart**, who was baptized, chrismated and communed yesterday, **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. "May God grant to His newly-illuminated servant, **Garon Michael**, and to his **Parents and Godparents**, peace, health and long life, for many happy and blessed years! *Mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!*"  
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**OUR MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held **TODAY** after the Divine Services. All Council members should be present.  
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**FAST-FREE WEEK**. The week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is a **fast-free week**. **Meat** may be eaten on **Wednesday** and **Friday** of this week. The Church wishes to teach us that we should imitate the **humility** of the Publican, who trusted in God's mercy; and not the **pride** of the Pharisee, who tried to justify himself by his legalistic observance of the precepts of the Law.  
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**OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet *this coming* **Thursday, February 13** at **6:30 PM** in the church basement.  
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2020 A.C.R.Y. ANNUALS. Dues-paying A.C.R.Y. members are entitled to a complimentary copy. Annuals are available to everyone else at a cost of **\$15.00 per copy**, while supplies last.  
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**ALL SOULS' SATURDAY OBSERVANCES** begin on **Saturday, February 22**. Please submit your list of names of the departed and your donation to Father **ASAP** if you want to be included in these commemorations. If there are no changes to be made to your list of departed, simply write "**Same as Last Year**" on the special offering envelope, which has been included in today's bulletin.  
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HOUSE BLESSINGS. Please contact **Father or Pan'i** ASAP if you would like to have your home blessed. **Last day** for house blessings is **Friday, February 28**. Time is running out!

**PSALTER GROUP.** To help us pray more effectively during the season of Great Lent this year, we are forming a Psalter Group. The Psalter Group will consist of **20 people or families** who commit to reading a different section, or Kathisma, of the Psalter each day during Great Lent. The Psalter is the Book of Psalms from the Bible. It was the prayer book of Jesus, and it is the prayer book of His Church. One section (Kathisma) should take approximately **15 to 20 minutes** to read each day. Instructions and opening & closing prayers will be provided for those wishing to join our group. Also, there will be copies of the Psalter available in the gift shop for those who need a copy. Please **sign-up** on the sheet in the vestibule if you would like to take part. We especially encourage families with church school age children to join this group and pray it together each day. If you have any questions about this group, please see **Pan'i Kelley**.

**VOLUNTEERS** are being sought for the following upcoming projects:

1. The parish library in the church school room in the back of the church is in need of being re-vamped and organized. This will involve rearranging some cabinets, moving some books and installing new shelving.
2. The floor in the basement of the church needs to be stripped and waxed.

Please see **Mike Schafer** if you would like to help!

**LENTEN SYNAXARION.** We are once again reading the Lenten Synaxarion before the beginning of Divine Liturgy each Sunday. Come a little early and learn more about the themes of the pre-Lenten, Lenten and Paschal Sundays.

**DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT.** The Central Region Lenten Retreat will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** from **11:00 AM til 5:00 PM** at **Saint Nicholas Church** in **Homestead, PA**. Let **Pan'i Kelley** know if you want to attend, so that we can register and attend as a group. Sponsored by the National A.C.R.Y. All are welcome!

**CAMP NAZARETH NEWS.** Our Tri-State Deanery Camp Week is **Week 2** this year, **Sunday, July 26** thru **Saturday, August 1**. Our kids need this experience! Plan now for them to be there!

**HOUSE OF HAGAR** is particularly in need of ***hats, gloves and scarves*** during the cold-weather months.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

**Saturday Vespers (2/1) — 5**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy (2/2) — 69**

**Moleben to Saint Nectarios (2/4) — 17**



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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Diocesan Faithful,

Our Diocese is pleased to announce a new endeavor to support families in their life of Faith. The endeavor is a ministry devoted to helping families pray and read Scripture together at home. It is called SPF 50 which stands for Scripture-Prayer-Family. The “50” stands for 50 minutes per month. The idea is simple: Help families (moms, dads, sons and daughters) pray and read Scripture TOGETHER at HOME 50 minutes each month and support them as they do so.

SPF 50 now has space on our Diocesan Website ([acrod.org](http://acrod.org)) and, for the time being, will be sending each parish the necessary material which is also available on our Diocesan Website.

I am sure I do not need to list for you the challenges facing your families out in the world and the fight you are engaged in to keep hold of your Faith at home. One need only look at your schedules to see how rapidly life moves for you, and how precious little time is spent truly together as a believing and God-fearing household. While Church Services are essential and form the foundation of our spiritual life, and while a formal Church School Program is important, our Faith must be practiced in each home. Praying together and reading Scripture together as a family are essential parts of a believing household and so our Diocese is pleased to offer SPF 50 as a way to help families pray and read Scripture together.

First, and most important, I am asking you to support this initiative through your prayers. Ask our Lord to bless our families and this new endeavor.

Second, obtain from your parish Priest the Program’s simple material (which will also be available on our Diocesan Website) and read and make use of it. This is crucial NOT to the success of this endeavor, but in helping your family learn to love to pray and read Scripture together.

Third, make a commitment as a family. SPF 50 is designed to help you pray and read Scripture together as a family for 50 minutes each month, or just over 12 minutes each week. Use the “Our Family is Invested” card to write down your commitment. Give that Commitment Card to your parish Priest and join other families in your parish and around the Diocese in this endeavor. Invest your time and effort into something that will bear the right fruit. Let me assure us by the words of Isaiah the Prophet when he said, “. . . again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. . .” (Isaiah 37:31) These words were spoken to Hezekiah, king of Judah, when the “world” in the form of Assyria was closing in on Judah

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and threatening destruction. The world threatens our families' lives of Faith every day. Help your family "...take root downward, and bear fruit upward."

I encourage and exhort you in this new endeavor. It may seem simple and obvious to you, but in a world always racing toward destruction, the simple and obvious are often difficult to see. Help your family pray and read Scripture together.

Looking forward to partnering with you in this endeavor, with blessing I remain

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Metropolitan Gregory". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa**