

Parish Life January 20 - 28

Saturday, January 20 *St. Euthymius the Great*

- 6:30pm Short Litya for Victims of Abortion & Great Vespers
- 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, January 21 *St. Maximus the Confessor*

**Zacchaeus Sunday / Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am Divine Liturgy with Petitions & Moleben for Life
- 12:30pm Fellowship Hour (Team V - Kamau)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Collins, Hannah, Karis)

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 23

- 6:30pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at UK

Wednesday, January 24 *St. Xenia of Petersburg*

- 9am Moleben for St. Xenia
- 6:30pm Great Vespers
- 7:20pm Christian Ed Class: Part II of IV,  
"The Arena" by Bishop Ignatius (Brianchaninov)

Thursday, January 25 *St. Gregory the Theologian*

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27 *St. John Chrysostom* (Relics Translation)

- 6:30pm Great Vespers
- 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, January 28 *St. Ephraim the Syrian*

**Publican & Pharisee Sunday**

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am Divine Liturgy
- 12:30pm Fellowship Hour (Team I - Frangedakis)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Ben, Becca)
- 5pm Youth Group



**Saint Athanasius**

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Today's Readings: 1Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10



Our parish copy of the ancient  
Kursk-Root Icon of the  
Mother of God  
has been set out in the  
middle of the church for  
the occasion of  
Sanctity of Life Sunday.

In this icon, we see the very basis of the Christian conviction that life begins at conception: *God reigning from the womb of a Virgin.* By the prayers of the Theotokos, Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on our land, help us Christians to be faithful witnesses of the Gospel, and grant us courage and wisdom--in equal measure.

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## Welcome to all visitors who are with us today!

NOTE: HOLY COMMUNION IS GIVEN ONLY TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE KEPT FAST, MADE RECENT CONFESSION, AND ARE AT PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS.

Today is **Zacchaeus Sunday**, the first of five Sundays beginning our preparation for Great Lent on February 19. Also, today is National Sanctity of Human Life Day (the Sunday closest to the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade). **Divine Liturgy will include Petitions & Moleben for Life** to help us lift up our prayers for those affected by abortion specifically, and more broadly the degradation of human life.

**Fellowship/Coffee Hour** We have established 2 new teams— **Team V**, led by Collins & Hannah Kamau (hosting today), and a **“5th Sunday”** team that has volunteered to host whenever there is a fifth Sunday in a month. Team VI is still a work-in-process, and hopefully will evolve during coming weeks. **Many Thanks** to the new volunteers and to all who have been so faithful in this ministry. Anyone who would like to join a fellowship team is welcome and should contact a team leader: Linda/Paul Frangedakis; Daniel/Aly Werner; David/Mary Bradshaw; Rick/Mary Cook; Collins/Hannah Kamau.

**Feast for St. Xenia of Petersburg** will be observed with a Moleben on Wednesday the 24th at 9am. She is something of a patron for those who are seeking employment or struggling with mental health issues. We will include petitions for those concerns in the Moleben.

**Great Vespers** will be served that evening at 6:30pm, and the Christian Education Class will continue with Part II, “The Arena,” by Bishop Ignatius (Brianchaninov).

\*\*\*\***Bread Ministry needs 2 new volunteers**\*\*\*\*

Commitment is only *one hour every 4 weeks*.

Contact Linda Frangedakis.

Date	Lead Servers	Bread Ministry	Doorkeeper	Greeter	Fellowship Hour	Hand-maidens	Prospora
Jan 20/21	Abial / Jared	Collins & Hannah, Karis	Linda, Myra Shannon	Rebecca Wilson	Team V Kamau	Anya / Mandariah	Sarah Holiday
Jan 27/28	JP / Silas	Ben / Becca	Paul Frangedakis	Josh Lourie	Team I Frangedakis	Becca / Karis	Ryan Winter
Feb 3/4	Silas / Abial	TBA	Jeff Hart	John Mize	Team II Werner	Suzannah / Nicole	Ryan Winter
Feb 10/11	JP / Jared	Lisa / Linda	Chris Naughton	Rebecca Wilson	Meatfare Potluck	Teresa / Shannon	Alina Rizea

### Etiquette Corner - Venerating Icons

When you enter the church, it is traditional to venerate the icons. Usually there are icons at the entrance to the church and many churches have icon stands in the front as well. When venerating (kissing) an icon, pay attention to where you kiss. It is not proper to kiss an icon in the face. (You wouldn't go up and kiss the Lord or His mother on the lips, would you?) You would kiss their hand, and only if they invited you would you even dare to kiss them on the cheek. When you approach an icon to venerate it, kiss the gospel, scroll, or hand cross in the hand of the person in the icon, or kiss the hand or foot of the person depicted. As you venerate an icon, show proper respect to the person depicted in the icon - the same respect you would show the person by venerating him or her in an appropriate place. And remember, blot off your lipstick or chapstick before kissing.

Coming Up Soon—February 2—**The Feast of Meeting Christ in the Temple**. **Vigil** will be served on Thursday, February 1 at 6:30pm with Confessions following, and **Liturgy** will be served on Friday, the 2nd at 8am. This feast day is also the 16th anniversary of our parish.

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Counters—***Please allow them to be 1st kissing the Cross & coffee/food line.	Tray Offerings	<a href="http://tithe.ly">tithe.ly</a> offerings	Month-to-Date Offerings	Weekly Budget \$3,330.00	Special Offerings
1/21 Ellie/Tim 1/28 Mary/Patrick 2/4 Rick/Ellie 2/11 Tim/Mary	Jan 14 <b>\$1,623.00</b>	Jan 14 <b>\$323.00</b>	Jan 14 <b>\$4,990.15</b>	<b>Monthly Budget \$14,432</b>	n/a