

Parish Services & Activities February 20 - 28

◆ **Saturday, February 20**

- 4:30pm Super Saturday
- 6:30pm **Great Vespers** (BROADCAST)
- 7:20 Confessions

◆ **Sunday, February 21** *Sunday of Publican & Pharisee*

- 10am **Divine Liturgy** (BROADCAST) TEAM LAZARUS DOWNSTAIRS (P-Z)
- 12pm **Coffee Hour**
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry

★ Monday, February 22

★ Tuesday, February 23

★ **Wednesday, February 24** *1st & 2nd Findings of Head of St. John the Baptist*

- 6:30pm **Vespers** (BROADCAST)
- 7:20pm Christian Ed Class: "Historical Road of Orthodoxy" Part VI

★ Thursday, February 25

◆ **Friday, February 26**

- 11am **Akathist** to St. Raphael of Brooklyn
- 11:45am Confessions

◆ **Saturday, February 27** *St. Raphael of Brooklyn*

- 6:30pm **Cathedral Vigil** (BROADCAST)
- 7:20 Confessions

◆ **Sunday, February 28** *Prodigal Son Sunday*

- 10am **Divine Liturgy** (BROADCAST) TEAM MARY DOWNSTAIRS (A-J)
- 12pm **Coffee Hour**
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry

Mark Your Calendars for our Annual Pre-Lenten Visitors Sunday! When our parish council met, this past week, we designated March 7—2 weeks from today— as this year's Pre-Lenten Visitors' Sunday. Consider inviting friends and family to "taste and see." Fr. Justin will preach a sermon with visitors in mind and we will offer a church tour immediately after the Liturgy.

**NOTE: BROADCAST SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK.**

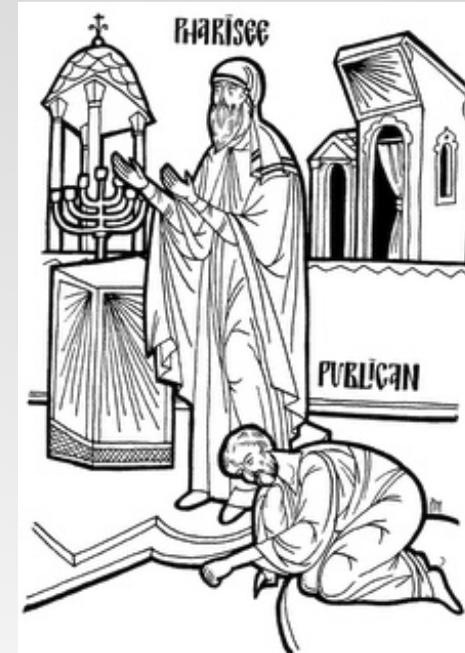


# Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, February 21, 2021 / 37th Sunday After Pentecost / Publican & Pharisee Sunday



The focus this weekend is on the theme from St. Luke's account of the

**Publican (tax-collector) & Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14).**

Also, we begin to use the service book called the **Lenten Triodion**, which supplies us with additional pre-Lenten hymns that we will continue to use through Pascha.

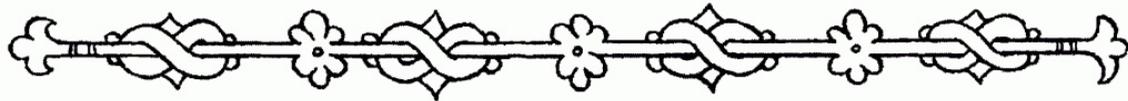
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## Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church!

*Upon entering church, please wash your hands, wear a mask,  
& keep some distance from other households.*

**Team Lazarus (last names beginning P-Z) will be downstairs in the parish hall for the Sunday Liturgy...90 people is our firm cap for the nave, narthex, and altar.**

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

**In honor of the faith and hope of the Publican--and to show that we are not saved by our works alone--the Church observes the week after this Sunday as a fast-free week!**

On Wednesday, February 24 we will pray an Akathist to **St. John the Baptist** at 11am in commemoration of the 1st & 2nd Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John.

**Wednesday Vespers** will be served as usual at 6:30pm with the Christian Education class meeting from 7:20-8:20pm to discuss part 6, "The Dark Times of Orthodoxy: Life under the Turks, Dealing with Nationalism, and the Crises Leading up to the 20th Century," of the ongoing series. As always, everyone is welcome to attend this weekly class. We also plan to livestream the class.

Friday, the 26th, we will pray a **Moleben w/Akathist to St. Raphael of Brooklyn** whose repose is commemorated on February 27. Confessions at 12pm.

**Special Thank You for our Super Saturday Teachers and Workers!** With the inclement weather of this past week (and the fact that some key people were still snowed in this weekend) our Super Saturday volunteers and parents deserve a special "thank you" for scrambling to keep this vital labor of love for our kids going. Thank you and Many Years!

We are so grateful to be able to offer this Christian Education event every 3rd Saturday.

**Coffee Hour Update....**The online signup for coffee hour cleanup and setup has been updated to show the team that is in the parish hall each week. Also, instructions have been posted in the kitchen. We are transitioning to this new system to reflect our current needs. Thanks for your help and understanding. Questions, comments, suggestions should be referred to Fr. Justin or Laura.

**The Parish Council, Plus Choir Directors, & Tech People Met This Past Tuesday** to plan our upcoming Lenten and Paschal Services. Here are few details from that meeting:

- ◆ Full and regular services are planned for Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha!
- ◆ Forgiveness Vespers will be at 5pm on March 14 fully, but, modifying the Rite of Forgiveness slightly to allow more spacing. Rather than loop around the church, we will utilize the hall and council members will help direct people accordingly.
- ◆ Hybrid Lenten Retreat options are being explored.
- ◆ We have decided **not** to host our traditional Soup & Salad Meals in the hall after Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies.
- ◆ We are renting a giant tent for 2 weeks (Lazarus Saturday - Bright Friday) to give us maximal options (either celebrating services in that large and open space OR using the tent for fellowship and the Paschal meals.
- ◆ Any advice or ideas you might have to enrich our Lenten and Paschal journey this year are most welcome!

**Announcing the Order of a Fourth Church Bell** Fr. Justin and the council approved the purchase of a fourth bell for our outdoor belfry. God-willing, this fourth and largest bell will arrive in time for Pascha. It features the words "Christ is Risen" in Greek, Slavonic, & Romanian, and an inscription in English "Pascha 2021." As of Friday, we have pledges of over \$1800 towards this bell. Final cost (with delivery) will be \$4000. Please consider making a pledge or gift today. (Reach out to Fr. Justin for an electronic pledge form.) We believe this is a wonderful way to celebrate the **reblossoming** of church life after a most difficult year AND to celebrate a Pascha that we trust will be rich beyond belief!



Date	Bread Ministry / 12:30-1:30pm	Greeters	Prosphora
2/21	David/Mary Bradshaw, Steve/Sandy Skees	David Bradshaw, Josh Lourie, Paul/Linda Frangedakis	Naomi DeHaan
2/28	Audrey Wagner, Naomi DeHaan	Chris Reeves, Laura Walther, Rebecca Wilson	Alina Rizea
3/7	Mat. Tamara, JP, Ian, Rebecca Wilson	David Bradshaw, Josh Lourie, Paul/Linda Frangedakis	Mary Bradshaw
3/14	Linda Frangedakis, Hannah Kamau	Chris Reeves, Laura Walther, Rebecca Wilson	Naomi DeHaan