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***SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE
TRANSLATION of the RELICS of ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM***

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion (Publican and the Pharisee)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! And learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior, have mercy on us, only merciful One!

Kontakion (St. Luke)

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

Memory Eternal + Većnaja Pamjat +

We pray for the souls of the departed on the anniversaries of their repose: Patrick and Dolly (parents of Dn. Patrick Gariano), Alex and Anna Leme (parents of Matushka Anne Gariano, James (Ruth Schmidt's father), and Diane (friend of Fr. John and Popadija Kitty).

Home Blessings

- Fr. John reminds us he is available to bless our homes before Lent begins on March 3. This is a beautiful Orthodox tradition that renews our home as a holy site.
- An OCA article on [Communal House Blessings](#) tells of a way to schedule our Blessings on the same day as fellow parishioners who live nearby and then celebrate together.

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person with us today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Today we begin the Triodion that includes four Sundays of pre-lenten preparation and six weeks of Great Lent to help prepare us mind, body and spirit for Holy Week & Pascha.

Feb. 9-15	This week is <u>Fast-Free</u> .
Monday, March 3	Great Lent begins
April 14-18	Holy Week
Sunday, April 20	Holy Pascha (Easter)

SOUPer Bowl Sunday - Today

The Faith in Action Team thanks you for all the donated food and monetary gifts for the homeless and working-poor families. The delivery will go to the Food Bank at United Community in Alexandria, VA. Donations may still be made online: <https://donateuc.org/>

Orthodoxy 201 - Wednesday, February 12 at 7PM on Zoom

Fr. John will email the Zoom link and notes on Psalms 12-14 for our study of "Christ in the Psalms". Everyone is welcome to attend.

Orthodox Christian Mission Center Missions Dinner - Saturday, February 22

The annual OCMC Missions Dinner will be hosted by Ss Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD: Vespers at 5PM; social hour at 5:45 pm; dinner at 6:30PM. Come meet missionaries and also learn what it's like to serve at Project Mexico. "The event will fill your heart with the joy of Christ and inspire you with learning about Orthodox missions!" RSVP by Feb. 15: <https://ocmc.org/potomac-dinner> \$45/Adult, \$25/Youth under 25 yrs.

"The Great Commission and Christ's Call to Action for Women" – Wed. Feb. 26

A second OCMC dinner and program event will be held on February 26 at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Norwood Rd, Silver Spring, MD, 20905 at 7PM. Find details and registration information at <https://ocmc.org/silver-spring-dinner>.

Save the Date: Prison Ministry Guest Speaker – Saturday-Sunday March 22-23

St. Luke's will host Fr. John Kowalczyk from Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry to give a presentation after Saturday's 5PM Vespers and to give the Sunday sermon.

Appalachia Service Project - June 22 - 28, 2025

Local Orthodox adults and teens are invited to participate in a service project to repair homes in the poorest areas of the Appalachia regions of VA, WV, TN, NC and KY. The cost is \$345 plus travel. Contact [Athena Kaiser](#) for more information and to sign up.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

May God bless John Minahan and Michael Rushin on their Chrismation anniversaries.