



# THE PROTOMARTYR



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**Glory to Jesus Christ**

**Glory Forever!**

**THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE**

**Tone 8**

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 8. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.].** Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5<sup>th</sup> c.). St. Gerásim, Bishop of Perm (1441). Martyr John of Kazan' (1529). Martyrs Babylas (Vavíla) of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). St. Macedonius, Hermit, of Syria (ca. 420). Translation of the relics of St. Anastasius the Persian (7<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Dionysius of Olympus (16<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Philotheus, founder of Philotheou Monastery (Mt. Athos—10<sup>th</sup> c.). Bl. Xenia of St. Petersburg (19<sup>th</sup> c.).

**EPISTLE:** 2 Timothy 3:10-15

**GOSPEL:** Luke 18:10-14

**Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:**

Monday, January 25	Parish Council Meeting 7:30 PM
Thursday, January 28	<b>Daily Vespers 7 PM</b> <b>Bible Study 7:30 PM</b>
Friday, January 29	<b>Great Vespers (Three Hierarchs) 7:00 PM</b>
Saturday, January 30	<b>Feast Day: Three Hierarchs</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM</b>  <b>Great Vespers 5:00 PM</b> General Confession
Sunday, January 31 <i>Prodigal Son</i>	<b>Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM</b>  <b>Divine Liturgy 10 AM</b>

**Thank You:** We are pleased to report that our bathroom renovation project is completed. Sincere thank you to John Cox, Michael Kopistansky, Jim Gentekos and Joe O'Brick for doing all the renovation work. Also thanks to Kate Cox for help with design of the new bathroom look. As a result, we only had to pay for the material that was used for this project. Also, the cost of this renovation was covered in large part by the donations that were made in memory of Lubie Dietrich.

**Meatfare Sunday:** as usually before Lent we will have a special dinner after the Liturgy on Sunday of Meatfare, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please purchase tickets to the meatfare dinner during the coffee hour after Liturgy. The menu consists of roasted beef, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. See Nina Rapak for the tickets.

**Ordination of George Zlatkowski and St. Tikhon's Choir visit:** also on Sunday of Meatfare we will have a special occasion of Bp. Tikhon presiding at the Divine Liturgy and performing ordination of George Zlatkowski into Deaconate. St. Tikhon's Choir will also be present to sing responses. As it was in the past, we will need help from our parishioners to host seminarians overnight. Please contact Fr. Victor if you would like to help with making these accommodations for our visitors from St. Tikhon's.

**January Charity Collection to go towards Haiti relief efforts:** Because of the urgent need for us to respond to the tragedy in Haiti we are dedicating the Charity Collection this month to go towards IOCC relief efforts in that region . If you didn't get a chance to contribute last week please do so this or the following Sunday.

**Junior OCF Meeting:** will take place on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be election of officers. Any new members ages 10 to 18 who would like to join are welcome to attend.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** On February 7 our Sr. and Jr. OCFs will be participating in this national program that raises money to help feed the hungry across the United States. Over the past 20 years more than \$60 million has been raised to fight hunger in local communities like ours. You can be a part of this effort by donating \$ to our soup pots and/or donating canned goods to our Seminarian Food Drive. All monetary profits will go to Philabundance ( The Greater Philadelphia Area Food Bank.) We hope you will be generous and thank you for your participation.

**Blessing of Homes:** As it is a custom, after the feast of Theophany a priest visits the faithful blessing their homes. Please get in touch with Fr. Victor to arrange for the time of pastoral visit and blessing of your house.

**Teen Winter Retreat 2010:** will be held on Feb. 12 - 14 at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA. Students from grades 7 through 12 are invited. Tuition fee is \$100 per person and Jan 22 is the deadline for registration. For more information please contact Fr. Victor or Kim Metz at 610-554-1079.