

**The Reading from the First Epistle  
of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (1:15–17)**

My son Timothy, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all long-suffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
St. Matthew (15:21–28)**

At that time, Jesus departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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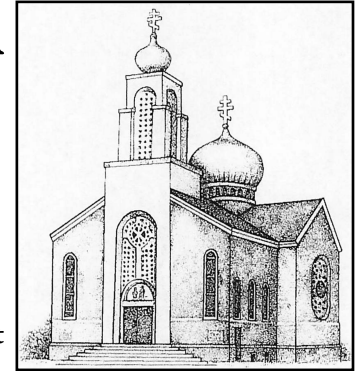
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36th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 3

February 11, 2024

Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (ca. 470).  
Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles  
and Teacher of the Slavs (869). Ven. Maron,  
Hermit, of Syria (4th c.). Ven. Isaac, a  
Recluse of the Kiev Caves (ca. 1190).

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (at the beginning of the book). The most significant hymns and responses specifically for today are printed inside this bulletin.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called “antidoron,” this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

## Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website ([sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, Feb. 10	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 11	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	<b>“Souper Bowl”</b> : A wide variety of soups, salad, bread and dessert are on offer for \$10 per person. Also take home soup: \$5/pint and \$10/quart.	
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Online Study of the Gospel of Luke chapters 3–4: <a href="http://sspeterpaul.org/study">sspeterpaul.org/study</a>	7 PM
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Parish Council	6:30 PM
Thursday, Feb. 15	Foundation in Orthodox Christianity Session 3: “Jesus teaches us how to be human”	6:30 PM
	All are welcome, but especially those who seek to be received into the Orthodox Faith. Participate in these sessions on Zoom: <a href="http://sspeterpaul.org/study">sspeterpaul.org/study</a>	
Saturday, Feb. 17	Brotherhood Lunch at Napoli’s Restaurant, Wallingford	1 PM
Saturday, Feb. 17	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 18	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
<i>Sunday of Zacchaeus</i>	Greeter Program Orientation	Noon
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Diocesan Council	6:30 PM
Saturday, Feb. 24	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 25	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
<i>Sunday of the Publican &amp; the Pharisee</i>	This day marks the beginning of the Lenten Triodion, the book of hymnography and directions on how to observe the season of Great Lent and Passion Week. Always, there are Four Sundays to prepare us for the Fast: The Publican and the Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, the Last Judgment, and the Expulsion from Paradise.	

The cross is lit today in loving memory of Nina Bleck by the Leonowich Family. May her memory be eternal!

## We Ask Your Prayers

**For Donna Leonowich, who has as her heavenly patron the Righteous Empress Theodora** (Feb. 11).

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Veronica Tassmer (Feb. 13). Valentina Wigglesworth (Feb. 14). Kelso Tassmer (Feb. 15). Carina Weidmann and M. Lydia Westerberg (Feb. 17).

### For the Sick & Suffering:

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident  
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Starr (Sarrazin)—friend of Robin Levesque

Joyce—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Gregory (Mankevich) Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter) Rosemary (Delaney)

Douglas (Hodges) Steven (Rygiel)

Michael (Edwards)

Irene Lorraine

Jacob Juliana

Katelyn Crystal

Angela Innocent

Larissa Jeffrey

Stacia

Cyprian and Dana Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene Georgiy and Galina

### For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho) Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik) Helen (Olsen)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: [priest@sspeterpaul.org](mailto:priest@sspeterpaul.org) or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-623-5336.

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## Hymns of the Day

### Tone 3 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

### Tone 4 Troparion (*Apostles Peter & Paul*)

O first-enthroned of the Apostles,  
teachers of the universe:  
entreat the Master of all  
to grant peace to the world,//  
and to our souls great mercy!

### Tone 8 Troparion (*Hieromartyr Blaise*)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,  
you became a successor to their throne.  
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation,  
O inspired one of God;  
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to  
the shedding of your blood.//  
O Hieromartyr Blaise, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

### Tone 3 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

### Tone 2 Kontakion (*Apostles Peter & Paul*)

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest  
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings  
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,  
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice,//  
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

### Tone 2 Kontakion (*Ven. Isidore*)

Godly shoot, unfading flower,  
most fruitful branch of Christ the Vine,  
God-bearing Blaise, fill with joy those who in faith honor your memory//  
as you unceasingly intercede for us all.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### Tone 6 Kontakion — *Steadfast Protectress*

#### Prokeimenon in the Third Tone (*Resurrection*)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
(*Ps. 46:6*)  
*Verse:* Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
(*Ps. 46:1*)

#### Before the Gospel, the Alleluia

*Verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!  
(*Ps. 30:1a*)  
*Verse:* Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!  
(*Ps. 30:2b*)

#### Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### Notes on the Week

When Lent and Pascha are late, like this year, we hear of the Canaanite Woman on this Sunday before the Sunday of Zacchaeus. Like Zacchaeus, this woman zealously pursued the Lord, even when others wanted to hold her back. She knew her need—that only the Lord could heal her daughter—and she did not stop asking until she was heard. Even when it seemed Jesus himself rebuffed her, she pressed on. And for that, the Lord praised her faith and her daughter was healed.

From that time, the Church has pointed to this woman as an example of prayer in the face of adversity. When it seems that no one hears us, or that the Lord has turned a deaf ear to our need, remember the Canaanite Woman. Lord, hear us and have mercy!

