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FEBRUARY 5, 2017 — 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee & Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord**

Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernígov (1696). Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.

Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily (251). Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and with her  
Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius (ca. 304).

### **Saint Anthony the Great**

(Today, let me continue to share with you the 38 "Sayings" attributed to St Anthony the Great. The 38 "Sayings" emphasize the inevitability and benefits of temptation. Recognizing that all are tempted and all fall. Anthony's sayings inculcate forgiveness of others. For clarity, the term 'old man' is actually St Anthony.)

23. Abba Anthony said, 'God does not allow the same warfare and temptations to this generation as he did formerly, for men are weaker now and cannot bear so much.'

24. It was revealed to Abba Anthony in his desert that there was one who was his equal in the city. He was a doctor by profession and whatever had had beyond his needs he gave to the poor, and every day he sang the Sanctus with the angels.

25. Abba Anthony said, "A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not made, they will attack him saying, 'You are made, you are not like us.'"

26. The brethren came to Abba Anthony and laid before him a passage from Leviticus. Abba Anthony went out into the desert, secretly followed by Abba Ammonas, who knew that this was his custom. Abba Anthony went a long way off and stood there praying, crying in a loud voice, 'God, send Moses, to make me understand this saying.' Then there came a voice speaking with him. Abba Ammonas said that although he heard the voice speaking with him, he could not understand what it said.

## Daily Scripture Readings

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

2 Peter 1:20-2:9

Mark 13:9-13

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

2 Peter 2:9-22

Mark 13:14-23

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

2 Peter 3:1-18

Mark 13:24-31

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1 John 1:8-2:6

Mark 13:31-14:2

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1 John 2:7-17

Mark 14:3-9

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

2 Timothy 3:1-9

Luke 20:46-21:4

## Services This Week

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Divine Liturgy

9:00am

Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

### FAST FREE WEEK

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Great Vespers

4:00pm

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Divine Liturgy

9:00am

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

27. Three Fathers used to go and visit blessed Anthony every year and two of them used to discuss their thoughts and the salvation of their souls with him, but the third always remained silent and did not ask him anything. After a long time, Abba Anthony said to him, "You often come here to see me, but you never ask me anything," and the other replied, "It is enough for me to see you, Father."

28. They said that a certain elderly man asked God to let him see the Fathers and he saw them all except Abba Anthony. So he asked his guide, "Where is Abba Anthony?" He told him in reply that in the place where God is, there Anthony would be.

29. A brother in a monastery was falsely accused of fornication and he arose and went to Abba Anthony. The brethren also came from the monastery to correct him and bring him back. They set about proving that he had done this thing, but he defended himself and denied that he had done anything of the kind. Now Abba Paphnutius, who is called Cephalus, happened to be there, and he told them this parable: "I have seen a man on the bank of the river buried up to his knees in mud and some men came to give him a hand to help him out, but they pushed him further in up to his neck." Then Abba Anthony said this about Abba Paphnutius: "Here is a real man, who can care for souls and save them." All those present were pierced to the heart by the words of Anthony and they asked forgiveness of the brother. So, admonished by the Fathers, they took the brother back to the monastery.

30. Some say of St Anthony that he was 'Spirit-borne', that is, carried along by the Holy Spirit, but he would never speak of this to men. Such men like Anthony see what is happening in the world, as well as knowing what is going to happen.

31. One day Abba Anthony received a letter from the Emperor Constantius, asking him to come to Constantinople and he wondered whether he ought to go. So, he said to Abba Paul, his disciple, "Ought I to go?" He replied, "If you go, you will be called Anthony, but if you stay here, you will be called Abba Anthony."

32. Abba Anthony said, "I no longer fear God, but I love Him. For love casts out fear." (John 4:18)

## 2 Timothy 3:10-15

## (Epistle for the Day)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

11  
persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all, the Lord delivered me.

12  
Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

13  
But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

14  
But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

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and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

## Luke 18:10-14

## (Gospel for the Day)

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

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The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12  
'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

13  
And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

14  
I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.



## **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

February 5 Richard and MaryAnn Kendall  
February 12

## **CANDLE DESK SCHEDULE**

February 5 Darlene Kesnick, Sophie Rogers, George Kasper  
February 12 Pat Novajosky, Andy Durden, David Lepesko

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Home bound** — Kay Havelick and Helen Kushel

**Birthdays** — Matthew Pronechen (February 9).

**Anniversaries** — None listed

**Newly Departed** — Nina Andrenyak

## **DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS (February 5 – February 11)**

FEBRUARY 5 - Anna Breyan (5 mos.) 1914, Stephen Kochiss (62) 1925, Maria Cherveniak (53) 1936, Anna Kochiss (76) 1957, Olga Bychkowski (80) 1976, Anne Gulick MacKewich (83) 1996.

FEBRUARY 6 - Vladimir Andrushkevich (61) 1980.

FEBRUARY 7 - Maria Mizim (67) 1918, Elizabeth Babayan (5 mos.) 1920, Mary Verostek (72) 1969, Stephanida Bujak (80) 1970, Anna Lukasik Karpuk (74) 1979, Joanna (Jennie) Popadic (81) 1983, Michael Klotz (77) 1983, Anastasia Maximishan Ledovsky (75) 1995, Helen Bobko Cellar (86) 1995, Helen B. Breyan 2007.

FEBRUARY 8 - Anna Cherveniak (33) 1908, Michael Dziamba (43) 1920, Nicholas Kurunsky (86) 1963, Frank L. Demovick (90) 1991.

FEBRUARY 9 – Anna Kosh (2 mos.) 1908, Victor Fursk (1 yr.) 1922, Michael Bychkovsky (50) 1928, Robert Bayus (37) 1966, Joseph Verostek (81) 1972, Mary Chervennak Watkins (69) 1979, Mary Kostic Smolko (85) 1981, Nicholas Wallick, Jr. (61) 1982, Valentina (Kolton) Schmidt (74) 1998, Walter Beloblosky (65) 2000.

FEBRUARY 10 - Evdokia Koliada (6 mos.) 1922, Gregory Molchan (3 yrs.) 1928, Andrew Dubas (51) 1940, Vassily Fecko (18 days) 1944, Anna Yessis (48) 1967, Michael Jankura 1992, Helen Shemet Wirkus (74) 1995.

FEBRUARY 11 – John Mikita (20) 1917, Leonty Shmigelsky (1 yr.) 1918, Spiro Vessiel (30) 1918, John Guman 1922, Andrew Duchak (18) 1931, Michael Kondrasky (18) 1949, Anna Jankura Kasper (72) 1953.

**PARISH MEAL:** On Sunday, February 19 (Meatfare Sunday), a community meal will be served in our parish undercroft. The menu will consist of roast Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, dessert, and a beverage. Cost is \$7.00/person; \$4.00/children. Please join us as we share this meal together. Tickets are for sale from Mark Curran or Bobby Denhup. Please pick up a flyer for the event at the front of the church.

**LENTEN SOUP PROJECT:** Sue Maugeri is looking for volunteers to make soups during the Lenten season. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please let her know. We appreciate your efforts.

**WOMAN'S COUNCIL:** The February meeting of the Eastern Orthodox Women's Council of Greater Bridgeport, Inc. has been changed to Saturday, February 18th at 1:30pm at St. Dimitrie Church, Sport Hill Rd., Easton.

**MANY THANKS:** to Pistey Funeral Home for providing, once again, our church calendars. We are very appreciative for their continued support.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, February 12 after the Liturgy.













