

**Sunday of
the Publican & the Pharisee
& Leave-taking of the Feast of the
Presentation of Christ into the Temple
February 9, 2020**

Welcome to our Guests—

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! To follow along with the service, a service book is available for your use in the pew. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests are welcome and invited to join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (held by the Priest) and receive holy bread (as a sign of hospitality) at the conclusion of the Liturgy. After the Dismissal, please join us in our Social Center (next door) for Coffee (Fellowship) Hour so that we can meet and greet you!

Reception of Holy Communion—

In order to receive Holy Communion (the Eucharist), Orthodox Christians must be prepared through fasting, prayer, the Sacrament of Confession, and be at peace with others. Also, it is of great importance to hear the Word of God (Epistle & Gospel readings) before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ (Holy Communion). Our Lord likens the Kingdom of God to a banquet in which we've been invited (which as Orthodox Christians, we believe that we are participating in the heavenly worship), thus we encourage you to be on time for Divine Liturgy and stay until the Dismissal.

Parents and Children—

The presence of children during worship is a gift from God and reminder that our parish community is growing! A little commotion and noise is understandable, but if you feel the need to exit the sanctuary, please use the "cry room" in the back (near the narthex) or the classroom area, and please come back. For our Lord said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 19:14).

****Liturgical Variables for TODAY celebrating the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chysostom****

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever. ***(Refrain)***

Glory... Both now... ***(Refrain)***

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, proceed prosperously, and be king.

Refrain: O Son of God, carried in the arms of the Righteous Simeon, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee. ***(Refrain)***

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. ***(Refrain)***

Glory to the Father... Only-begotten Son...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation!

✦ *During the Little Entrance, chant the Apolytikion of the Presentation. Then, the following Entrance Hymn:*

THE ENTRANCE HYMN OF REGULAR SUNDAYS

The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles!

Save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead**, for now we sing unto Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ *After the Little Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION FOR THE PRESENTATION IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O Righteous Elder; you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who grants us the Resurrection!

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE ONE)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb! And Blessed Symeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O Lover of Man!

THE EPISTLE

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

Reading from the 2nd Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

THE COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord!

Parish Announcements—

Fr. Paul will be Out-of-Town: Please note that Fr. Paul will be out-of-town this week (February 11-15). No liturgical services this week. Should a pastoral emergency arise, please contact Pdn. Elias Corey.

WEEKLY Bible Study (Tuesday mornings): Join us on Tuesday mornings at 11:00a. **NO CLASS on Tuesday, February 11.** We will resume and begin a NEW study of the Book of Job on Tuesday, February 18—join us!

Diocesan Spring Gathering in Chicago (February 21-23): Joining with our diocesan families and His Grace, Bishop Anthony for a spring gathering hosted in Chicago. There are activities for all ages and it is close by to us! Details and links in the weekly parish email.

Ladies' Society Meeting (Sunday, February 23): Join us after Fellowship Hour; all ladies between the ages 18 to 80 are welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Esther Simbol.

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

TODAY	Bethesda Gardens Visitation	2:00p
	<i>(NO Services this Week)</i>	
Sunday, February 16	Matins	9:00a
	Divine Liturgy followed by	10:00a
	Fellowship Hour & Adult Education class	
	<i>(NO Church School due to the School Break)</i>	

Upcoming Parish Events—Mark Your Calendars:

- WEEKLY Bible Study (Tuesday mornings)
- Adult Education Class (3rd Sunday of the Month—Feb 16)
- Diocesan Spring Gathering—Chicago (Feb 21-23)
- Beginning of Great Lent (Monday, March 2)

St. Theodora the Empress — February 11

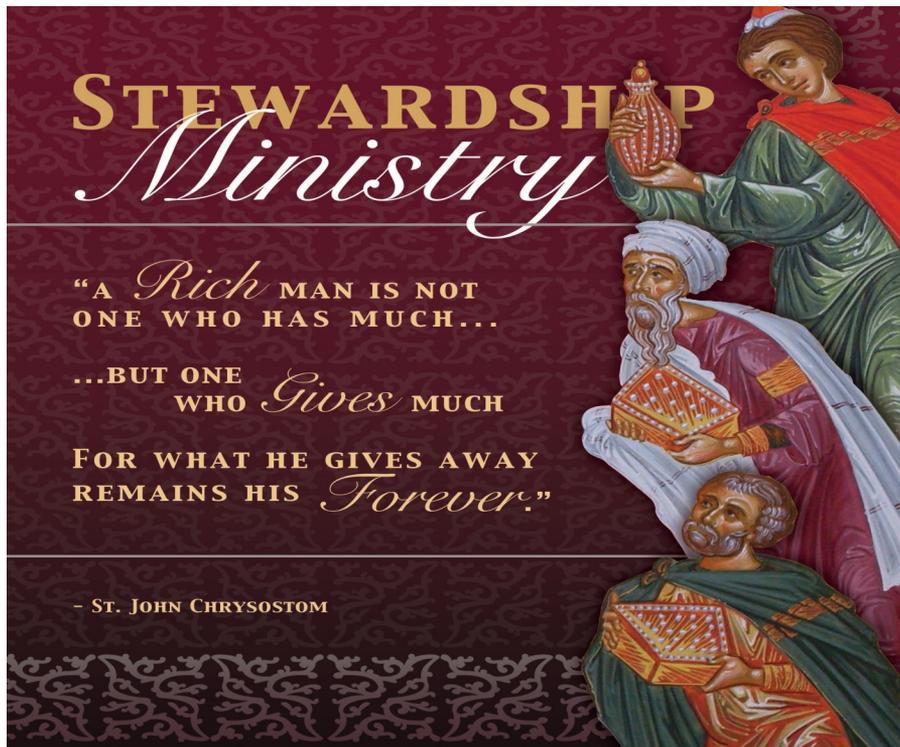
Holy Empress Theodora was the wife of the Byzantine emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (829-842), but she did not share in the heresy of her husband and secretly venerated the holy icons. After the death of her husband, Saint Theodora governed the realm because her son Michael was a minor. She convened a Council, at which the Iconoclasts were anathematized, and the veneration of icons was reinstated. Saint Theodora established the annual celebration of this event, the Triumph of Orthodoxy, on the first Sunday of the Great Fast. Saint Theodora did much for Holy Church and fostered a firm devotion to Orthodoxy in her son Michael. When Michael came of age, she was retired from governing and spent eight years in the Monastery of St Euphrosyne, where she devoted herself to ascetic struggles, and reading books that nourished her soul. A copy of the Gospels, copied in her own hand, is known to exist. She died peacefully around the year 867. In 1460, her relics were given by the Turks to the people of Kerkyra (Corfu).

Troparion (Tone 5) of St. Theodora:

As a right worthy namesake of gifts bestowed of God, and a divinely-wrought image of holy wisdom and faith, thou didst make the Church to shine with godly piety; for thou didst demonstrate to all that the Saints in every age have shown honor to the icons, O Theodora, thou righteous and fair adornment of the Orthodox!

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE — 2020

We ask that you please complete your Membership & Pledge Commitment form for 2020 (previously mailed to you; copies available at Church) and send to our church office, to ensure the success of the programs undertaken for the spiritual needs of the families entrusted to our care. Remember that your Stewardship provides the foundation for our Parish Ministries and our efforts in meeting the challenge of spreading Christ's Word and our Orthodox Faith. **Thus far, we've received 44 forms—full participation is 80!**

A graphic with a dark red background and a gold floral pattern at the bottom. On the right side, there are three religious figures: a woman in a green robe holding a golden vessel, a man in a purple robe holding a golden box, and a man in a green robe holding a golden box. The text is in gold and white.

STEWARDSHIP
Ministry

"A Rich MAN IS NOT
ONE WHO HAS MUCH...

...BUT ONE
WHO *Gives* MUCH

FOR WHAT HE GIVES AWAY
REMAINS HIS *Forever.*"

- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves, and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. **Giving is not a substitute for commitment—it is an expression of our commitment!**

Goal for 2020—

\$150,000 in pledge contributions & 80 forms returned!

As of February 3, 2020—we've received pledge forms from the following **44 parishioners & families** who have turned in their 2020 Membership & Pledge Form totaling **\$87,485:**

Adam & Stephanie Azar	Matthew & Alisha Lueke
George & Cathy Azar	CJ Maloof
Ray & Renee Azar	Patti Maloof
Keith & Melinda Bement	Steve & Jamie Maynard
Brent & Stacey Bocard	Kyle & Eleni Miller
Michael Buzash	Tony K. Nasser
Alecia Corey	Christina Phipps
Noble & Roseann Corey	Adrian Polit
Tim & Kim Curley	Mary Lou Saikley
Maria David	Beverly Shahadey
George Ellis	Esther Simbol
Katherine Ellis	Mary Ann Simbol
Mary Helen Ellis	Jim & Tricia Tanoos
Michael & Nancy Ellis	Joe & Linda Tanoos
Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller	Rosemarie Tanoos
Dan & Susan Hester	Tony Tanoos
Alan & Julie Kassis	Michael & Mary Jo Tom
Bill & Sandy Kassis	Jeremiah & Jennifer Turner
Rosemary T. Kassis	Gary & Adelle Watts
Zack & Denise Kassis	Preston & Gina White
Bonnie Lisher	Andy Whitt
Russell & Jean Leo	John & Rima Yacoub

this year—ONLY 44 forms received!

last year—55 forms received!

Know Some Orthodox Terms —

MEDIATOR: One who intervenes on behalf of another. Jesus Christ intervenes on behalf of the faithful before God the Father (1 Tim. 2:5).

PILGRIM: One who makes a journey to a religious shrine or a spiritual journey from sin and suffering in this life to eternal life with Christ in heaven. See Ps. 42:4; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11.

REPENTANCE: Literally, “a change of mind” or attitude, and thus of behavior. God is the author of repentance, which is an integral part of baptism, confession, and ongoing spiritual life. Repentance is not simply sorrow for sins but a firm determination to turn away from sin to a new life of righteousness in Jesus Christ.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers —

“‘But I say to you,’ the Lord says, ‘love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you.’ Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all equally in imitation of God.”

—**St. Maximus the Confessor (d. 662)**

“God is a fire that warms and kindles the heart and inward parts. And so, if we feel in our hearts coldness, which is from the devil, - for the devil is cold - then let us call upon the Lord, and He will come and warm our hearts with perfect love not only for Him, but for our neighbor as well. And from the presence of warmth the coldness of the hater of good will be driven away.”

—**St. Seraphim of Sarov (d. 1833)**

HOLY OBLATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR

TODAY—February 9, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by the Jabbour Family for the health and well-being of their family.

February 16, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by the Christian and Cache Ellis for the health and well-being of their family.

February 23, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by the Cook Family for the health and well-being of their family, and in honor of Kensington's birthday.

SUMMARY—February 2, 2020

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 2,203.00
Candles & Cash	\$ 146.00
Bookstore	\$ 87.00
Total	\$ 6,451.62

Divine Liturgy Attendance: **106**

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

LINDA SHAHADEY FEB 12
CHLOE LUEKE FEB 14



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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest •
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Parish Council

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Kal Ellis	Tony Tanoos	Michael Tom	Alexis Green Esther Simbol
Ray Azar	Sandy Kassis	Jeremiah Turner	Gary Watts

Parish Organizations & Ministries

<u>Ladies' Society</u>	<u>Society of St. George</u>	<u>Church School</u>
Esther Simbol	Zack Kassis	Christy Ellis

<u>Choir</u>	<u>Teen SOYO</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
Jaimie Ellis	Jillian Turner, President	Michael C. Ellis
Joanna Dailey	Jennifer Turner, Advisor	Zack Kassis

<u>Social Center Coordinator</u>	<u>Senior Group</u>
Michael C. Ellis	Patti Maloof