

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 3:12-16

Character of the New Man

¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ "For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those

servants came and settled accounts with them.²⁰ "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'²² He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'²³ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²⁴ "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.'

²⁶ "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1
Holy Wonderworkers, Unmercenaries, Cyrus and John
Saturday, January 30

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 31

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

THE MEETING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Monday, February 1 - 6:00 pm

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Simeon, tell us, Whom you bear in your arms, that you rejoice so greatly in the Temple? To Whom do you shout and cry aloud:“ Now I am set free, for I have seen my Savior?” This is He Who was born of a Virgin; this is God the Word, Who came forth from God ,Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man. Let us worship Him!

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2
Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple.
Saint Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus
Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, February 7

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

Commemorated on [February 2](#)



On Tuesday, February 2, Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the

Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: ***“Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel”*** (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: ***“Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed”*** (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), ***“who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in***

Jerusalem” (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: ***“This Child has established Heaven and earth.”***



On this day we also commemorate the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos known as “the Softening of Evil Hearts” or “Simeon’s Prophecy.” The Mother of God is depicted without Her Child, with seven swords piercing her breast: three swords on the left side and four from the right. The icon “Simeon’s Prophecy” symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy of the righteous Elder Simeon: “a sword shall pierce through your own soul” (Luke 2:35). The Seven Sorrows are as follows: The piercing of Mary’s heart predicted at Jesus’ presentation in the Temple. The flight into Egypt. Searching for the child Jesus in Jerusalem. Meeting Christ on the road to Calvary. Standing near the cross of Christ. Receiving the body of Christ from the cross. The burial of Christ.

Vesperal Divine Liturgy – Monday, February 1 – 6:00 pm

Archimandrite Alexander Memory Eternal

January 26, 2021 Archimandrite Alexander [Cutler]

Archimandrite Alexander (Cutler), former Abbot of the Saint John the Theologian Monastery in Hiram, OH (now ROCOR), fell asleep in the Lord on January 26, 2021 in Milnov, Ukraine, at the age of 78. A long-time priest of the Orthodox Church in America, after his retirement he transferred to the jurisdiction of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (MP) at the end of 2014. He served at the Holy Ascension Metochion of the Saint Nicholas Convent of the urban village Mlinov, in the region of Rovno.

Born Richard Paul Cutler in Framingham, MA in 1942, he was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in 1970 and to the Holy Priesthood in 1973 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago, IL by Archbishop John (Garklavs) of Chicago. He served at Holy Trinity for 10 years until briefly assigned to Saint Mary Cathedral (Minneapolis, Minnesota) in 1980. He was then assigned to the Saint John the Theologian Skete (Hiram, Ohio) in 1981. During that time he also served as the confessor to the nuns at Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City, PA. He was raised to the rank of Archimandrite in 1997.

His burial will take place in Ukraine.

May Father Alexander's memory be eternal

**REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN
THE ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr .Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco. Son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Herman
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)
Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo
Larissa Freude Newman
Reader William Paluch
Martin and Rose Marie Vronick
Matushka Myra Kovaiak
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Chrisitne Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Matushka Suzanne Senyo

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Parish Annual Meeting will be held next **Sunday, FEBRUARY 7, 2021**, following the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will conclude with the **Installation of the 2021 Parish Council** – President: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas; Vice President: John Bohush IV; Secretary: Reader Aaron Gray; Treasurer: Anthony Dodovich; Members: Veronica Bilas, John Cheese, Sarah Niglio, Joshua Wherley. COCA Representative: Mary Marcin

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

<u>SUNDAY,</u>	<u>January 24, 2021</u>
Candles:	\$ 57.00
Sunday Offering:	1,502.00
<u>Improvement Fund:</u>	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,584.00

Important Guidelines on Attending the Divine Services

All services will continue to be *live streamed* by visiting our website www.saintelia.com.

In accordance with the State of Ohio, CDC, and Diocesan guidelines we all must follow these simple steps when attending:

- 1) If you or your family member is sick please stay home.
- 2) All must wear masks in church (disposable masks are provided in the vestibule).
- 3) Sanitize your hands before entering the church (sanitizer is located in the vestibule).
- 4) All are required to keep 6 feet social distancing. Pews are marked for available and not available seating.

5) Please... **THERE WILL BE NO GATHERING IN THE VESTIBULE, OFFICE OR PARISH HALL**

So sorry to say... but we cannot kiss the icons, cross, chalice, gospel book, and/or Father's hand.

Lastly, due to limited seating to ensure safe distancing and Diocesan Guidelines, parishioners must pre-register to attend liturgical services. Please call Fr. Don (330) 472-6456 or 330-724-7009

