

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church

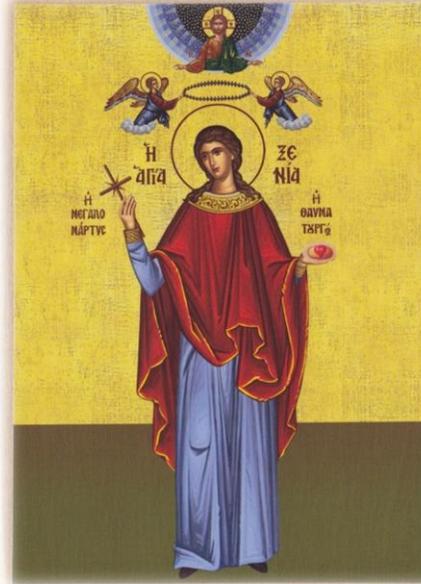
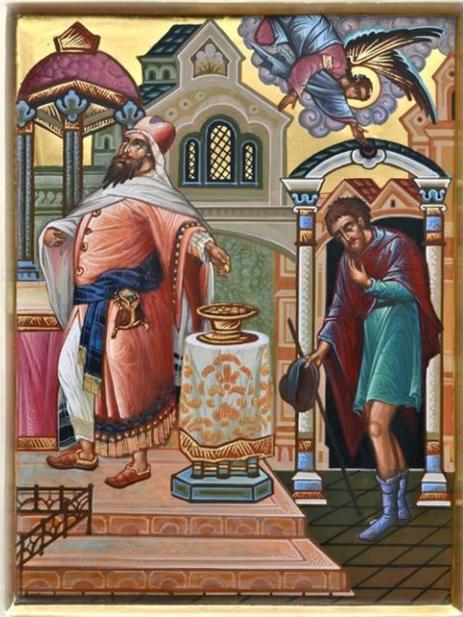
Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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**24 January 2021 / 7529**  
**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE**  
*Our Venerable Mother Xenia, Deaconess of Rome*



**LITURGY SCHEDULE:**

- Sat. Jan. 23 17:00 Vigil: **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**  
*Suffrages for +Jack Overdorff – Daniel and Kathy Overdorff*
- Sun. Jan. 24 10:30 **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee** *Suffrages pro populo, esp. for health and well being of Suzanne Hurst – James and Patricia Krisner, her parents; for + Mary Knouse – Kathy Knaus Shondelmyer*
- Sat. Jan. 30 17:00 Vigil: **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
*Suffrages for +Jack Overdorff – Daniel and Kathy Overdorff*
- Sun. Jan. 31 10:30 **Sunday of the Prodigal Son** *Suffrages pro populo esp. for +Christopher Davis - Ken & Pat Gillott*
- Mon. Feb. 01 18:30 **The Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna**  
*Suffrages for + George Rusinko – Michael and Aimée Kakos*
- Tues. Feb. 02 09:30 **The Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna**  
*Suffrages for + Michael Rusinko – Michael and Aimée Kakos*

**NO FASTING THE WEEK OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE:**

**JANUARY 25 – 29!**



01 / 17 / 2021

Adults: \$990

Children: \$13

Initial Off.: \$12

Candles: \$57

COLLECTION

Holy Day: \$12

Fuel: \$145

**TOTAL: \$1229 + Cemetery: \$300 = GRAND TOTAL: \$1529**



**THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL** repeatedly called the people back to their commitment to obey and worship the one true God. They warned of foreign invasions; they protested against social and economic injustice; and they even rebuked kings face to face for their sinfulness. Through prayer, asceticism, repentance, and the practice of virtue, Israel's Prophets were particularly receptive to the Holy Spirit – «*He spoke through the prophets*» as we profess in the Nicene Creed. Most unique was the preparation received by **St. John the Baptist**, the greatest of the prophets, who was «*filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb*». The backgrounds of the Prophets varied. **Amos** was a shepherd, **Ezekiel** a priest, **Daniel**, a young nobleman reared in captivity at the royal court in Babylon. **Deborah** a judge and military leader; and **Huldah** was the wife of the keeper of the king's wardrobe. Many times the Prophets experienced fierce opposition from the authorities – kings, priests, and even other prophets – who resented the condemnatory messages being delivered. The holy Prophets serve as important examples for us who have received, at our Baptism and Chrismation, the gift of the same Holy Spirit Who came upon them.

*Extract adapted from The Orthodox Study Bible*

**Xenia** (ξενία, *hospitality, generosity*) was born in Rome, the only daughter of a prominent senator. Drawn by love for Christ, she refused to enter into marriage as her parents wished. To avoid it, she secretly fled her home with two of her slaves, and arrived on the island of Kos, at a place called Mylassa. There she founded a convent for virgins, where she lived an ascetic life until her death. Even though she was a frail woman, she possessed a steadfast endurance in fasting, prayer and all-night vigils. She often stood all night in prayer. She was dressed more poorly than all the other sisters, and she often sprinkled the bread she ate with ashes from the censer. At the time of her death (450), a wonderful sign appeared over the virgins' convent: a wreath of stars with a cross in the center, brighter than the sun. Many who were sick received healing from her relics. Her female slaves (who became tonsured nuns) continued in the example of their abbess. When they reposed, they were buried, according to their wish, at the feet of Blessed Xenia.

*Source: St. Nikolai Velimirovič, The Prologue of Ohrid – Volume One.*

**Apolytikion:** The image of God was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Xenia, your soul rejoices with the angels.



## ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ❖ **MEA CULPA:** The Liturgy intention last week for the health and well-being of Laura Henry was requested by Anthony Macchiaroli.
- ❖ **ALL SOULS** checks should be made payable to «**Benedictine Fathers**» not to the parish. Thank you.
- ❖ **FOUND IN CHURCH:** a gift card was turned in. If you think it might be yours, see Father.

- ❖ **PRE-CANA 2021 IMPORTANT UPDATE:** All couples planning to enter into a **sacramental marriage** through the celebration of the Mystery of Crowning in 2021 are required to attend the Pre-Cana Program sponsored by the Archeparchy's Office of Religious Education. **Due to the pandemic, it will be asynchronous via "Populi" at bcs.edu. Videos will be available April 1 – 30, 2021.** Topics to be covered: Communication, Forgiveness and Intimacy, Finances and Budgeting, Marriage and Sexuality, Why a Church Wedding?, Elements of a Healthy Marriage, Theology of Marriage / Crowning Ceremony. For information about registration, fees, etc., see Father for a registration form. **One's completed form and required fee are due to Father by the end of February.**

