

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

*Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor. The Holy Martyr Neophyte.
The Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila. The Holy Martyr Agnes of Rome.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Jan. 20 17:00 VIGIL: **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE** Suffrages pro populo

Sun. Jan. 21 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE**
Suffrages for +**William Grzywinski** – David and Bozhena Regalla

**THERE IS NO FASTING DURING THIS WEEK FOLLOWING
THE SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE!**

Sat. Jan. 27 17:00 VIGIL: **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**
Suffrages pro populo

Sun. Jan. 28 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON** Suffrages for
+**William Grzywinski** – Joseph and Agnes Regalla



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COLLECTION**

Adults: \$1257
Initial Off.: \$20

Candles: \$45
TOTAL: \$1362

Holy Days: \$40



MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR was from Constantinople and came from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis, of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was cut out and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East.



«A man went into the forest to choose a tree from which to make roof-beams. And he saw two trees, one beside the other. One was smooth and tall, but had rotted away inside, and the other was rough on the outside and ugly, but its core was healthy. The man sighed, and said to himself: 'What use is this tree to me if it is rotten inside and useless for beams? The other one, even if it is rough and ugly, is at least healthy on the inside and so, if I put a bit more effort into it, I can use it for roof-beams for my house.' Without thinking any more about it, he chose that tree.

So will God choose between two men for His house, and will choose not the one who appears outwardly righteous, but the one whose heart is filled with God's healthy righteousness. [...] In brief: the man who acts like the Publican is exalted. the first (the Pharisee) cannot be healed, because he cannot see that he is sick; the second (the Publican) is a sick man who is on the way to healing, because he has recognized his sickness, put himself under the Physician and taken his medicine. The first is like that smooth, tall tree that is rotten within and is useless to the householder; the second is like that rough and ugly tree, which the householder works over, makes into roof-beams and takes into his house.»

St. Nikolai Velimirović

Each new liturgical week in our Byzantine Church begins on Monday and reaches its perfection with the Sunday celebration of the Divine Liturgy. This Monday we enter into the time of the Triodion and while we contemplate the message of the Sunday of Zacchæus and the Publican and Pharisee – a message of desire to see and be with the Lord coupled with the humility of the Publican – we look forward to the Prodigal Son's repentance and return from a far and distant land of exile.

GOD WITH US ~ FREE ONLINE WEBINARS: THEOPHANY & CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Want to learn more about the relationship between the Baptism of Jesus Christ and our own Mysteries of Christian Initiation? Fr. Daniel Dozier and Fr. Deacon Robert Klesko discuss Archbishop Joseph Raya's Theophany and Sacraments of Initiation. Join them as they explore our salvation in Christ! 90 MIN WEBINAR ON MON JANUARY 29 AT 7pm EST.

The webinar is free, but you must register, using the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nrVTeolZTyGYjawck0G4DA#/registration



~ Announcements ~

- **FIRST ALL SOULS' SATURDAY IS FEBRUARY 3rd**. A special envelope, on which to write the names of departed loved ones, is included among your weekly offertory envelopes. Make checks payable to *Benedictine Fathers*, NOT to the parish, thank you.
- The first bingo of the new year will be on **FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2024**.
- **FREEBIE TABLE IS OVER-FLOWING!** Check out all the books, magazines, newspapers available on the Freebie Table in the Narthex.