

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

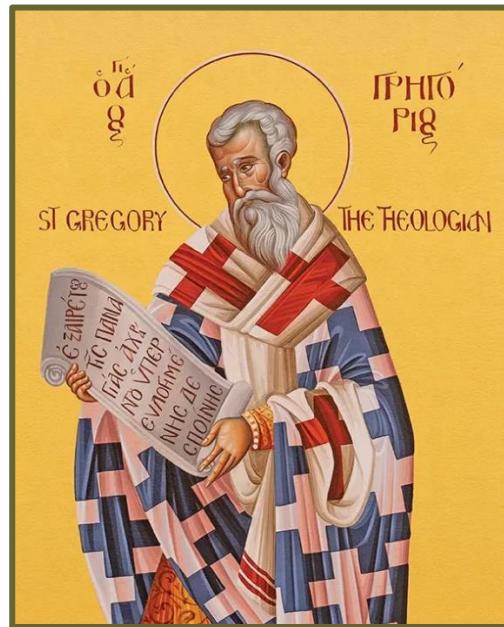
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## 25 JANUARY 2026 / 7534

### SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

*Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople*



#### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Jan. 24 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE** Suffrages *pro populo*

Sun. Jan. 25 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE** Suffrages for **+Karen Saffin** – The Syphan Family  
**THERE IS NO FASTING THIS WEEK!**

Sat. Jan. 31 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
*Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. Feb. 01 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
Suffrages: **+Mary Lezo** – children, John and Dolores



**01 / 18 / 2026**

**COLLECTION**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Adults: \$1205

Init. Off: \$5

SAT: 13

Candles: \$46

Fuel: \$100

SUN: 22 + 3

Holy Days: \$25

**TOTAL: \$1381**



«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*

### ~ Improper Boasting in Sacred Scripture ~

- Let a neighbor praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger and not your own lips. – Proverbs 27:2.
- Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth, and set a seal on the door of my lips.» – Psalm 140:3
- Thus says the Lord, «Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches;...» – Jeremiah 9:13

**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.



### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **REMINDER!** Mail your **CALLED BY NAME** recommendation card to the Office of Vocations. Please use the nomination brochure form or the QR code. Continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish. You may also find all information at the Metropolitan website: [byzantinecatholicvocation.com](http://byzantinecatholicvocation.com).
- The first of the **ALL SOULS SATURDAYS** is **February 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- **2025 OFFERTORY STATEMENTS** are located in the Narthex. Please notify the office of any errors.
- The first bingo of the new year will be on **FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2026**.