

**Special points of interest:**

Epistle Reading:

2Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel Reading:

St. Luke 18:10-14

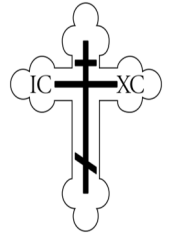
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**February 17, 2019**

61 Canada Road

Painted Post, NY 14870



**Schedule for Week**

***Sunday, February 17, 2019***

*9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday Publican & Pharisee  
Potluck Social & Pantry*

***Saturday, February 23, 2019***

*4:00pm Vespers/Confessions*

***Sunday, February 24, 2019***

*9:30am Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Social*

*Rodrigues Baptism*

***Saturday, March 2, 2019***

*9:00am 1st All Souls Memorial Service*

*4:00pm Vespers/Confessions*

***Sunday, March 3, 2019***

*9:30am Divine Liturgy Meatfare Sunday  
Coffee Social*

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While **Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Coffee Social afterward.

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THE THEOTOKIAN

SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH



## ***EPISTLE READING***

*Reading from 2nd Letter to 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, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, 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 imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceivers 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.*



## **Gospel reading**

*Reading is from St. Luke 18:10-14*

*Let us attend,*

*The Lord said 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 you that I am not like other men, extortioners, 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.”*



## COFFEE with SISTER VASSA

United States Army, Jordan Worobey serving in the United States Navy and to all of our men and women who are serving and protecting our country both at home and abroad!

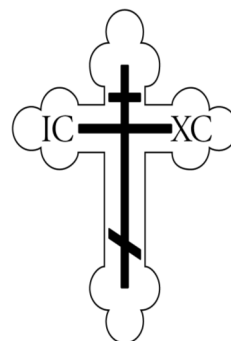
### *THE LIBERATOR OF OUR SOULS!*

“Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. Enlightening those who sit in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; You accepted in your arms the Liberator of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.” (Troparion-hymn of the Meeting of the Lord)

Today, as those of us on the Older Calendar celebrate the great feast of the Meeting of the Lord, when He was brought into the temple on the 40th day after His birth, I’m wondering what this means, that Christ is “the liberator of our souls.” It means that my previous bondage is no more, when I “accept in my arms,” as did the “righteous elder” St. Symeon, the One sent to us by our Father in heaven. In His incarnation, Christ steps into our shoes, as One of us, and as such, offers me a new Way of

being and doing,—as one of His. I am hence invited to being and doing in communion with His kind of humanity, imbued with the grace of His divinity, whenever I choose to participate in it.

So let me let Christ liberate my soul today, from going around in the dark circles of my own rationalizations. I can break out of the circles, by crying out to Him in some heartfelt prayer this morning. His grace lifts me up, onto the promising Way of the Cross, which leads toward the new life and new meaning of Resurrection. Let me not remain stuck in the rut of meaninglessness today, which is life in my own head, and join the liberating flow of God’s creative energies. His grace pours out abundantly on all of us in the feast at hand, so let me be part of it, and not sit in darkness, by the prayers of the Theotokos. Amen!



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

## February Birthday's

February

- 18 Anna Chudanic
- 18 Lee Havalchak
- 19 Denise Topichak
- 19 Gregory Kerrick
- 20 Nicholas Tostanoski
- 24 Lyudmyla Hayovy

## February Anniversaries

February 24  
Jim & Tanya Mackiewicz



*O God,  
Grant to Your Servants  
Good health,  
Happiness,  
Salvation  
For many blessed years!*

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*God grant Your servant*

*Many blessed years!*

*Nam Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



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To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy; Douglas Linsey serving in the



