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Cantor  
Joseph Luzanski

Liturgical Schedule

**Divine Liturgy**

Sunday: 8:30 am  
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before  
the divine liturgy or  
by appointment

Served By

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**January** is the season for house blessings. Father is invited to come to the family home in order to celebrate this annual rite.

It is not a time to worry about the house being spotless: more important is that the family's interior life is spotless!

Anything else which needs blessings should be placed on a white cloth on the table.

If you are interested in having your home blessed talk to Father Vasyl.

**Divine Liturgy Intention**

Verna Gajdos and Mary Pavlic  
by  
Marlene B. Rizk

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

**Sunday of Zacchaeus**

Tone 8

**Menologion**

**St. Timothy & St. Anastasius**

Timothy Apostle, was the most famous disciple of St. Paul, during the reign of Emperor Nero, and the first Bishop Of Ephesus in Asia Minor.

Venerable-martyr of Persia, suffered martyrdom A.D. 619, at the hands of Chosroas, during the reign of Heraclaus, Emperor.

Fasts & Feasts

**January**

30 The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil The Great, Gregory The Theologian And John Chrysostom.

**DL 9 am**

**February**

02 The Meeting Of Our Lord, God And Savior Jesus Christ With Simeon And Anna

**DL 9 am**

**We are planning of selling boxed spaghetti dinners.**

**Preorder and takeout only.**

**Order forms will be available.**

**Tell your friends and neighbors. Easy no-hassle dinner or great for Super Bowl Sunday.**

**A Meal for two people.**

**Details Coming Very Soon!**

**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY**  
**(Pokrov)**

January 22, 2023

People who participate in the parish life, walk together. Those who seem further apart, are those who do not attend the Divine Liturgy, and those who do not participate in church activities.

We must pay attention as to why are so many people are NOT attending Church. We should look at issues in society that are causing young people to leave the Church. It seems that the Church, in its current state is not reaching these people, it is not filling their spiritual needs.

Suggestion – Invite those with talents to contribute. For example, leadership is instrumental in the life of the church, the priest/administrator, could reach out to parishioners and use the human resources of the Church. Invite those to share their talents: accountants, carpenters, cooks, electricians, any such talents to help and support the Church. Personal invitations from a priest are incredibly meaningful and may create a profound sense of community, which could make all the difference in the life of the parish.

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS 2023:

Following the Byzantine Catholic tradition, five Saturdays are set aside for the remembrance of the departed members of our families and of our friends.

This year, the first All Souls Saturday is February 11th. Using the envelope provided in your packet or on a sheet of paper, please submit the names of those you wish to have remembered at the Divine Liturgy / Panachida on these five Saturdays.



Mental prayer is nothing else than an intimate friendship, a frequent heart to heart conversation with Him by whom we know ourselves to be loved,” says Saint Teresa of Avila.

According to the Carmelite spiritual tradition, there is nothing more critical in private prayer than talking to God in your own words. In his contemporary spiritual classic, *Conversation with Christ*, Thomas Rohrbach defines mental prayer or meditation as “a personal heart-to-heart conversation with Christ.” Rohrbach teaches that meditation or “mental prayer” is prayer “without aid of rosaries, prayer books or missals.”

Accept for a moment the intriguing claim that intimate friendship and familiar conversation with God is what is essential. How often do we do this? Do our prayers consist only of beads (or prayer ropes), books, and memorized texts? Our beads, books, and memorized texts are good, necessary, and helpful. But if we never talk to God in our own words, aren't we missing something important? Aren't we denying the essence of Christianity, that “Christ is Risen!”? Our God is the “living God” (Dt. 5:26), not a ticket punch, computer program, or magical energy field that can simply be manipulated with the correct code, formula, or spell

The secret of the spiritual life, prayer, mystical contemplation, holy and virtuous living, and every other spiritual attainment is found in this heart-to-heart “loving conversation with the Lord.” Engage in it as much as you can.

*We've recently celebrated the Feasts of the Nativity and Theophany. We still have one Christmas related feast on the 2nd of February, the Presentation in the Temple.*

*But we are being prepared for the Great Fast. On the 22nd we have the Sunday of Zacchaeus (aka shorty Sunday), then on the 29th Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, followed by the first All Souls Saturday in on February 11th.*