

SUNDAY

JANUARY 21

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If you want to tune in to God so He listens to you when you pray, turn the knob to humility, for on this frequency God always operates, and humbly ask for his mercy.

St. Paisios the Athonite

VIRGIN-MARTYR AGNES OF ROME. Agnes was a young woman in early fourth-century Rome, who taught Christianity to other women. She was beautiful, wealthy, and pursued in marriage. She denied them all saying that she intended to remain a virgin and a Christian. These same men who would have married Agnes reported her when the Christian persecutions began, hoping that she would renounce her faith. When she was threatened and shown the instruments of torture, she remained in good cheer. They could not even compel her hand to offer incense to the idols, as she continually crossed herself. Finally, the governor sent her to a brothel for shaming. Miraculously long thick hair grew out of her head to cover her body, and a heavenly light shown on her, which blinded anyone who approached her. Only one attempted to violate her, the son of the governor, and he fell down dead. Through her fervent prayers, Agnes restored him to life before his father. The governor proclaimed, "There is One God in the heavens and on earth—the Christian God, and the other gods be but dust and ashes!" Witnessing this miracle, 160 men believed and were baptized, but they soon were martyred by the pagans. The pagan priests demanded that Agnes be tortured, claiming she was a witch. She remained unharmed in a fire while praying to God, but was then killed with the sword.



SAINTS OF THE DAY: Maximos the Confessor and Anastasius; Neophytos of Nicaea; Zosimas of Syracuse; Agnes of Rome; Maximus the Greek; Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila at Trebizond; Neophytos of Vatopedi; 4 Martyrs of Tyre; Timon of Kostroma; Fructuosus of Spain; Synaxis of the Church of Holy Peace by the Sea, Constantinople; "Consolation" and "The Stabbed" Icons of the Mother of God.



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S C H E D U L E

- Sunday, Jan. 28.....VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP
MICHAEL
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, Feb. 4.....The Prodigal Son
9:15 AM Church School
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, Feb. 10...Memorial Saturday
4:00 PM Memorial Service
4:30 PM Vespers
- Sunday, Feb. 11.....The Last Judgment
9:50 AM General Confession
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, Feb. 18.....Sunday of Forgiveness
9:15 AM Church School
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Rite of Forgiveness

TODAY - Sanctity of Life Sunday. Prayers will be offered in the augmented litany (after the gospel).

MEMORIAL SATURDAYS - The first of five Memorial Saturdays is February 10. See the schedule for times of service. The next three (March 3, 10 & 17) will be transferred to the Sunday that follows. On those days (March 4, 11 & 18) a Memorial will be held at 9:40 am prior to the start of Liturgy.

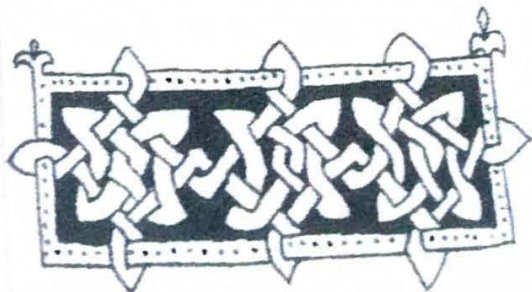
THANK YOU - To Michele Lelo and Mark Marchuk for hosting the coffee hour today.

Next weeks hosts are Alfie Altomare and Pam Petronko.

MEMORIAL SATURDAY FORMS - Available on the tables in the rear. Please leave your completed forms in the basket by the Votive candlestand in the left front of the church.

ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT - The annual NY-NJ Diocesan Altar servers retreat will be held Feb. 16 - 18 at St. Basil Academy in Garrison, NY. Registration is due by Feb. 2. Please see Fr. George for details.

PRAYER LIST - Remember in your prayers all those in need of God's mercy and Grace and especially Archpriest Thomas, Matushka Ellen, David, Vera, Mary, Deryl, Vera, Marianne, Eugenia, John, Pam, Joseph, Gertrude, Antonia.



*Section from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy
(4:9-15)*

MY son Timothy: A faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

These things command and teach.

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

The Gospel: from St. Luke (19:1-10)

AT that time: Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

And, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him; for he was to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house.

And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.