

Protection of the Most Holy Mother Of God

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37<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost-Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

**Tone 4 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy"

**Tone 1 Troparion** (*For the Feast*)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

**Tone 4 Kontakion** (*from the Lenten Triodion*)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!"

**Tone 1 Kontakion** (*For the Feast*)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, // O only Lover of Man.

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.

(Ps 103/104:24)

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!(Ps 103/104:1)

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)**

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Lk 1: 46-47)

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 3: 10-15

**Tone 4** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

**Tone 8**

v: Now Lord, you let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation!

**Gospel:**

**Luke 18: 10-14**

**Communion Hymn:**

*Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)*

*I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 115/116:13)*

### Schedule of Services

**This week is a FAST FREE week. Meat and dairy permitted.**

<b>Sun, Feb 21</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Tues, Feb 23</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Akafist to Ss. Joachim and Anna</b>
<b>Sat, Feb 7</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
<b>Sun, Feb 28</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>

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The annual general parish meeting of St. Mary's will take place on Sunday, March 28, 2021 immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will be held in the Church in order to allow for social distancing. The meeting will also be video conferenced using Zoom. Church members will receive a mailing in the coming days which will contain information regarding the meeting (including proposed changes to the by-laws) and instructions for participation via Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person. All members of the parish are urged to participate.

**Election of Church Council:** The Advisor Committee is seeking nominations to serve on the Council. Please consider prayerfully what you can do to advance St. Mary's and assist in the governance of the parish. There are several positions and it is only through active service with the Church that we can hope to be the Church. **Requirements: members of the Parish Council must be eighteen years of age and have been a member in good standing of the Parish for one year.** Those who are interested in serving should give their names to either Father Richard or Carrie Petrovich.

**Readers:** 02/21 Richard Bodnar; 02/28 Rdr. James McKeown; 03/07 Rdr. Daniel

**SEE INSERT FOR ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**