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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Sat., Feb. 17 th	Great Vespers with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Feb. 18 th	St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome; Confessor Agapitus	
		Sunday School	9:15 am
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgy.

<i>Epistle:</i>	1 Timothy 4:9-15
<i>Gospel Reading:</i>	Luke 19:1-10

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.	Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection) On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.	Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection) Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps. 46:6) Verse. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)
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Epistle

(1 Timothy 1:15-17)

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

(Matthew 15:21-28)

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

But He answered and said, “**I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**”

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

But He answered and said, “**It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.**”

And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered and said to her, “**O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Announcements:

Our home bounds appreciate all the greetings that are sent out during the holiday seasons. Unfortunately, we often forget about them the rest of the year. Please try to take a few minutes to check on them throughout the year. Even better, take some time to visit them, check to see if they are in need of anything and just make them feel as if they are part of our Church community/family. The blessing that they bestow upon us for simple acts of kindness are beyond our comprehension. An **UPDATED** home bound list is an insert in today’s bulletin.

This month’s Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday, February 12th at 6:30 pm.**

Save the Date:

- Archbishop Melchisedek will be visiting us on **Sunday, February 18th** celebrating a minimal Hierarchal Divine Liturgy. Come welcome our Archbishop, wish him many blessed years and break bread with him at the special luncheon being planned.
- Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, Feb. 20!** Khouria Melinda Johnson, CEO of Ancient Faith Ministries, will be the next speaker in the “Light from the Church on the Hill” series at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Canonsburg. She has worked at Ancient Faith, a nonprofit Orthodox Christian media ministry, as an author of children’s books, a publicist, and a conference organizer. You’ll want to hear what Kh. Melinda has to say about “The Next Generation at Ancient Faith” as Ancient Faith Ministries enjoys a season of growth and transition. As its staff gets younger and its community expands, they’re learning new ways to think about communication and how to reach those whose

backgrounds are different from our own. Come and join Kh. Melinda for a conversation about Ancient Faith Ministries, where it came from, and what we can learn from where it's going." The evening will begin with **Vespers at 6 pm**, followed by light refreshments with her presentation at **7 pm**, and time for questions afterwards. See you there—you're always welcome at St. John's!

- The Annual Parish meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 25th** (the **Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee**) after Liturgy.
- Save the date for an upcoming retreat at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral to be held on **Saturday, March 9th**. Presenter Steven Christoforou has spent 9 years as the founder and leader of Y2AM and is perhaps best known for his work on "Be the Bee", "Pop Culture Coffee Hour", and "Effective Christian Ministry". He is a graduate of Yale University, Fordham University School of Law, and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He is currently the Director of Operations & Community Engagement for FOCUS North America. Steve will be providing a retreat entitled "What Do People Need from the Church?: How to lead Effective Christian Ministry" focusing on why most young people who grow up in the Church fall away as they grow into young adults. Why is the ministry they experience falling short? What can the Church do to form faithful Orthodox Christians more effectively? In his presentation, Steve will distill years of research and experience as he helps participants understand (i) why our ministry efforts have been ineffective, (ii) what people need from the Church and (iii) how we can meet those needs in 5 basic practices. Registration fee for the retreat is \$20.