

2/10/19

FOR THE HEALTH OF:

Michelle & Jody by Dad
Joan Meisner by Larry
Chrisia Johnston by Jim & Beth Saul
James Warren by Jim & Beth Saul
Katherine Hatalowich by Bill & Wendy Hatalowich
Tom, Sylvia, Jen, Andrew & Eleanor by Sylvia
Claudette Yuschak by Sylvia
JoAnn & Dave by Martha
Linda Vernet by Ava & Nathan
Linda Vernet by Jonathan & Jennifer
Dudzinski Family by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Sara Morgan by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Costella Family by Toni
Walt T. by Toni
Bazzar & Hatalowich Families by Michael, Rebecca, Justin & Jacob
Justin & Jacob by Mom & Dad
Bonnie by James
James by Bonnie
James & Kelly by James & Bonnie Egros
Kendall & James Ryan by James & Bonnie Egros
Michael by James & Bonnie Egros
Marie by James & Bonnie Egros
Mica Family by Mariann
Katherine Dupay by Dave & JoAnn
Michael Dupay by Dave & JoAnn
Larry Morozek by Dave & JoAnn
Walt Trembach by Dave & JoAnn
John & Sandy Timko by Dave & JoAnn
Fr. Larry Daniels by Dave & JoAnn
Martha Zeli by Dave & JoAnn
All Parishioners by Yuschak Family

Claudette & David by Yuschak Family
Dorothy Karbowsky & Sylvia Stephan by Yuschak Family
Jody by Michelle
Dad by Michelle & Jody
Joan by Michelle & Jody
Anna Marie by Michelle
Barb A. by Michelle
Aunt Violet & Sheila by Michelle
Patty Snodgrass by Michelle
Marie, John & Jacob by Michelle
Chrisia Johnston by Michelle
Dave & JoAnn Metz by Michelle
Jeanne Medvick by Michelle
Claudette Yuschak by Michelle
Dudzinski Family
John/Dad by Marie & Jacob
Chris/Aunt Chris by John, Marie & Jacob
Dian Sefchok by Marie, John & Jacob
Joanne & Al Granato by John, Marie & Jacob
Charlotte Dacko by John, Marie & Jacob
Linda Vernet by John, Marie & Jacob
Beth Saul by John, Marie & Jacob
Bill & Carol Lofink by John, Marie & Jacob
Patty Snodgrass by John, Marie & Jacob
Walter Trembach by John, Marie & Jacob
Mariann Mica by John, Marie & Jacob
Father Larry & Matushka Sophie Daniels by John, Marie & Jacob
Larry Morozek by John, Marie & Jacob
Michelle Meisner by John, Marie & Jacob
Nancy Konsugar by John, Marie & Jacob
Martha Zeli by Marie, John & Jacob
Sylvia Stephan by Marie, John & Jacob

Katherine Dupay by Marie, John & Jacob
Dorothy Karbowsky by Marie, John & Jacob
Rose Janus by Marie, John & Jacob
Chuck & Julia Urdenis by Marie, John & Jacob
Chrisia & Lynn Johnston by Marie, John & Jacob
John & Sandy Timko by Marie, John & Jacob
Claudette Yuschak by Marie, John & Jacob
Jack & Jean Fayak by Marie, John & Jacob
Dee Ohler by Marie, John & Jacob
Mary Gelli by Peter & Mary Stephanie
Bill & Carol Lofink by Peter & Mary Stephanie
Debbie, Terry & Family by Peter & Mary Stephanie
Chrisia & Lynn Johnston by Peter & Mary Stephanie

IN MEMORY OF:

Chuck by Dad
Helen by Larry
Grandson Dillion by Evelyn & Myron
Dad by Jack, Jim, Bill & Carol
Paul Mica by Jim & Beth Saul
Robert Hatalowich by Bill & Wendy Hatalowich
Michael Karbowsky & Mary Peffer by Sylvia
Ronald A. Zeli by Martha & Family
John Onufer by Karen & Joe
Anthony Niro by Karen & Joe
Vilho & Pauline by James & Bonnie Egros
Paul Mica by Mariann Mica
John by Dave & JoAnn
John, Julia & John, Jr. by Yuschak Family
Carole & Mickey Boris by Yuschak Family
Mom by Michelle & Jody

OVER

Chuck by Michelle & Jody
Jereme by Mom, Dad & Jacob
Ben & Sophie Dudzinski by John,
Marie & Jacob
Helen Koslosky by John, Marie &
Jacob
George Konick by John, Marie &
Jacob
Mike Backo by John, Marie &
Jacob

HEALTH & SAFE TRAVEL:

Niro Family
Jody & Bob by Michelle

SPECIAL INTENTIONS & PRAYERS:

Bill Lofink by James & Bonnie
Egros
Jillian Niro by Mom & Dad
John & Marie
Anthony Bertram by Baba
Zachary Zeli by Baba
Merella Family

THANKFULNESS & GOD'S BLESSINGS:

Michael, Rebecca, Justin & Jacob
John & Marie

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Ava & Nathan by Baba, PapPap &
Uncle Jacob

Jonathan, Jennifer & Jacob by
Mom & Dad
Tyler Shutterly by John, Marie &
Jacob
Cheyenne, Leah & Brandon by
Aunt Mary & Uncle Pete
Students & Teachers by Michael,
Rebecca, Justin & Jacob
Joelle, Jocelyn & Jillian by Mom
& Dad

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & MANY YEARS:

Dad, Michael John & Michael
Donald by Michael, Rebecca,
Justin & Jacob
Mariann Mica by Jim & Beth Saul

St. Theodore the Recruit

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

He was a native of Amasea in Pontus and as a youth enlisted in the Roman army, even though he was a Christian. As a member of the Marmarite regiment he was stationed at Euchaïta. When the persecution under Emperors Maximian and Maximin broke out against the Church, the young recruit was seized and asked by the governor how he dared to practice a religion that was illegal. He retorted, "I do not recognize your gods. Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, is my God. Beat, tear, or burn me, and if my words offend you, cut out my tongue—every part of my body is ready when God calls for it as a sacrifice!" Thinking him a mere youth who could be persuaded later, the governor dismissed him.

In his zeal for God and to compel the authorities to take his faith seriously, Theodore set fire to a pagan temple of Cybele, which burned to the ground. This time he was arrested and taken seriously. Proving steadfast in his Christian confession, he was whipped, racked, and tortured. All the while, he kept repeating, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall always be in my mouth!" He was finally executed by being burnt alive, suffering for the Savior in 306.

The story is told of how, when Julian the Apostate tried to demoralize the Christians by having all the meat in the markets of Constantinople sprinkled with the blood of animals sacrificed to idols, St. Theodore appeared in a dream to the bishop of the city, telling him to command the people to eat only boiled wheat and so avoid the contagion of eating food offered to idols. Thus, thanks to St. Theodore, the Christians of the city were saved from the sin of idolatry. This event is commemorated on the first Saturday of Great Lent, when St. Theodore is celebrated and boiled wheat is eaten as part of the Church's prayer for the departed. Theodore abides in the Church as an image of steadfastness and courage.

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

The period of the Lenten Triodion begins with this story from St. Luke's Gospel as the Church celebrates the first pre-Lenten Sunday. The Lord told this parable targeting those who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and looked down their noses at others.

It is the story of two men picked out from among the many who daily crowded the temple courts: one of them a Pharisee and one a hated publican, or tax-collector. All of our Lord's hearers knew (or thought they knew) which one God would favor and which one He would reject. The favored one was the religious one, the Pharisee, and he took his stand, giving thanks to God—for himself and how pious he was! His was not so much a prayer as a self-congratulation, as he exalted himself above those around him, disdaining them as so many extortioners, unjust, and adulterers. He especially rejoiced that he was not like that tax-collector he saw over there. Doubtless he went on for some time, but the Lord only follows his prayer for a sentence or two. (One imagines God lost interest in his prayer about the same time.)

That tax-collector whom the Pharisee especially despised offered quite a different prayer. In fact, it was not even a prayer: he could not even lift up eyes or hands to heaven (as everyone did while praying). All he could gasp out was the stifled and tearful cry, "God, be merciful to me, the sinful one!" It seems he was a very bad man.

Then came the surprise ending—it was this man, the sinful publican, who left the temple forgiven, and not the Pharisee. Because the publican humbled himself, God accepted him and lifted him up, and because the Pharisee exalted himself over others, God rejected him and brought him down. This is the lesson the Church offers her children as they begin their Lenten striving for righteousness: let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee and learn humility from the publican's tears.