

SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH ВІЗАНТІЙСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА СВЯТОЇ ВЕЛИКОМУЧЕНИЦІ ІРИНИ

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Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. The Meeting of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ with Simeon and Anna

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: February 2—February 9

Sunday, February 2—Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. The Presentation of the Lord (the "Meeting") (use handouts)

9:30 a.m.-Rosary & Third Hour 10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy (after Divine Liturgy blessing of Candles)

Monday, February 3—Synaxis of the Holy Prophet St Simeon the Host of God and the Prophetess Anna

Tuesday, February 4—Our Holy Father Isidore of Pelusium

Wednesday, February 5—The Holy Martyr Agatha

Thursday, February 6—Our Venerable Father Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna

Friday, February 7—Our Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus

Saturday, February 8—The Holy and Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, February 9—Sunday of the Prodigal Son (use handouts) 9:30 a.m.-Rosarv & Third Hour 10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

For health and salvation: Bishop Gerald N Dino, Fr. Frank Knuzel, Fr. Chris Zugger, Fr. Stephen 🗫 Casmus, Tony and family, James, Ellie, Kanye & Kim, Michael Cernovich, Stephan Molyveux, Glen Damewood, Luc and family

For repose of the departed: +Kristina Beresh, + Fr. Michael Irwin, +Dorothy Beresh Please pray also for all our benefactors, friends, neighbors and anyone we may have forgotten. Please let Fr. Vasyl know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

All Souls Saturdays: We have 5 All Souls Saturdays to commemorate our dead relatives and all the faithful departed. The first All Souls Saturday will be on February 15. Envelopes marked "All Souls Saturdays" are available in the narthex. Please place an offering envelope with names of your loved ones in the offering basket so that we can make list for commemorating our loved departed.	January 26 Tithes: \$645.00 Attendance: 33 Thank you for your generous support and contributions to the Lord's Holy House.
Blessing of Candles: Today after Divine Liturgy we will bless candles. If you did not bring your own candles, you can buy candles at our parish Gift Shop.	Thank you to all who helped to undecorate our church and hall.
A humble man is never rash, hasty or perturbed, never has any hot and volatile thoughts, but at all times remains calm. Even if heaven were to fall and cleave to the earth, the humble man would not be dismayed. Not every quiet man is	May God bless you! Building Fund collection:
humble, but every humble man is quiet. There is no humble man who is not self -constrained; but you will find many who are self-constrained without being humble. This is also what the meek humble Lord meant when He said, 'Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.' [Matt 11:29] For the humble man is always at rest, because there is nothing which can agitate or shake his mind. Just as no one can frighten a mountain, so the mind of a humble man cannot be frightened. If it be permissi- ble and not incongruous, I should say that the humble man is not of this world. For he is not troubled and altered by sorrows, nor amazed and enthused by joys, but all his gladness and his real rejoicing are in the things of his Master. Humil- ity is accompanied by modesty and self-collectedness: that is, chastity of the senses; a moderate voice; mean speech; self-belittlement; poor raiment; a gait	Next Sunday, February 9, there will be second collection. Money from the Building Fund will be used for large parish projects. Please remember to bring your offering for the Building Fund collection on that day. Thank you for all of your generous help in updating the House of God.
that is not pompous; a gaze directed towards the earth; superabundant mercy; easily flowing tears; a solitary soul; a contrite heart; imperturbability to anger; undistributed senses; few possessions; moderation in every need; endurance; patience; fearlessness; manliness of heart born of a hatred of this temporal life; patient endurance of trials; deliberations that are ponderous, not light, extinc- tion of thoughts; guarding of the mysteries of chastity; modesty, reverence; and above all, continually to be still and always to claim ignorance. <i>St. Isaac the Syrian</i>	Adult ECF classes: Beginning February, every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month we will have an Adult Eastern Christi- anity class at 12:15 p.m. Adults and young adults are encouraged to attend as part of their spiritual development.

Faith and contrition make prayer and supplication for the remission of sins effective, once evil deeds have been renounced, but despair and hardness of heart make it ineffectual. Thanksgiving for the benefits received from God is made acceptable by humility and not looking down on those who lack them. it is rendered unacceptable, however, by being conceited, as if those benefits resulted from our own efforts and knowledge, and by condemning those who have not received them. the Pharisee's behaviour and words prove he was afflicted with both these diseases. He went up to the Temple to give thanks, not to make supplication and, like a wretched fool, mingled conceit and condemnation of others with his thanksgiving. For he stood and prayed thus with himself: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers" (Luke 18:11). St. Gregory Palamas