

ST. NICHOLAS

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 5, 2012
THE TRIODION BEGINS
THIS WEEK'S NEWS

THE ANNUAL PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY will be held **THIS Sunday, February 5th**, following the Divine Liturgy. In lieu of our regular coffee hour, we will host an appreciation lunch buffet thanking all for their stewardship of time, talents and treasure throughout the year. Please join us for a light lunch and participate in this important annual meeting as we review the state of our parish and the year ahead.

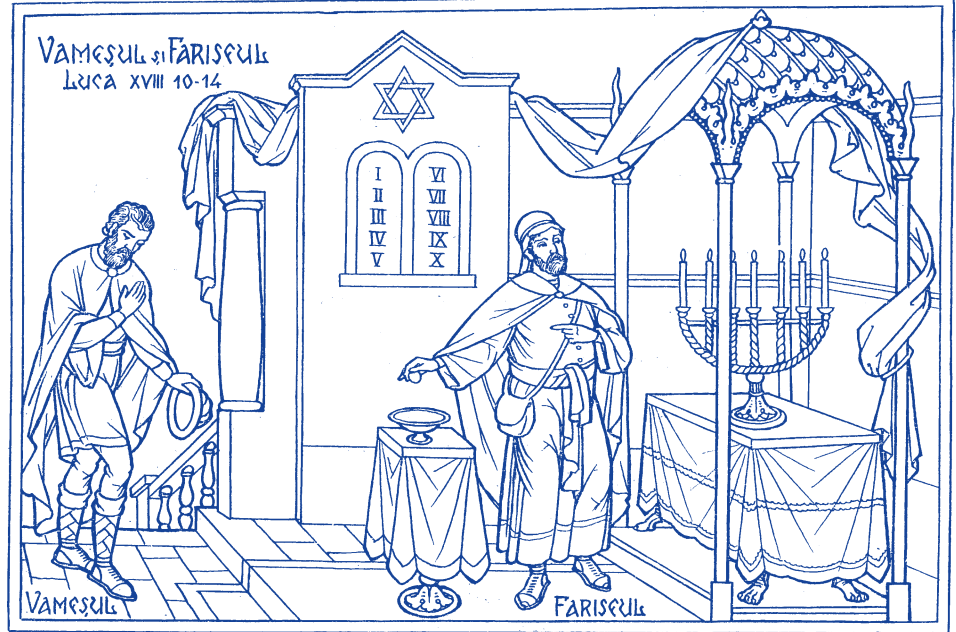
THANKS TO THE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS for working the Orthodox Food Center on behalf of our parish yesterday. Our regular commitment is the first Saturday of the month from 9am to noon. About 4 people are needed. If you can help in this worthwhile ministry, please speak with **Nicole Peterson or Lisa Mielnicki**. Our next Saturday is March 3rd.

A FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON will be held on **Sunday, February 19, 2012**, commemorating the **anniversary of the first Divine Liturgy** celebrated at our parish home on Gold Street. We would like to establish this as an annu-

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MARY ANNA DYMEK &
EVAN STAMOULIS

COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW A:
JOANNE BOULÉ, JACKIE & ANDY
CAVANAUGH, AND DINA ENTWISTLE

ALTAR TEAM "A"



THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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al commemoration, a chance to reflect together as a parish family on the hard work, generosity and sacrifice of many and offer thanks to God for His blessings on our community. Thanks to the generosity of **Lisa Demake** who is sponsoring the luncheon **in memory of her parents Nick and Niki Demake**, all proceeds from the luncheon will benefit St. Nicholas Church. A roast chicken dinner will be served along with a children's dinner of homemade macaroni and cheese. Tickets for the luncheon are \$20 for adults and \$5.00 for children. **Reservations are required** and may be made at the candle stand or by speaking with **Eleanor Sedares** during coffee hour. **Please join us!**

THE MUSTARD SEED MEAL is scheduled for **Friday, February 17th**. The Mustard Seed is a Catholic Worker home provid-

ing dinner to about 150 people in need each day. **Help is needed Friday morning at 9:30 am** to cook and prepare food, and **at 5:00 on Friday evening** to transport and serve. There is a sign-up sheet on the Stewardship

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun, Feb 5 Triodion Begins
Annual Parish General Assembly
Appreciation Lunch after Liturgy
- Mon, Feb 6 Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- Fri, Feb 17 Mustard Seed Meal, 5 pm
- Sat, Feb 18 Saturday of Souls, Liturgy 10 am
- Sun, Feb 19 Parish Founders Luncheon
commemorating the first
Divine Liturgy in our present
Shrewsbury location
- Thu-Fri, Feb 23-24 Youth Retreat
- Sat, Feb 25 Pita Baking, 9 am-1 pm
- Mon, Feb 27 Great Lent Begins
- Wed, Feb 29 PreSanctified Lit-St. Nicholas, 6 pm
- Sat, March 3 Staff Orthodox Food Pantry

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A PRAYER OF FR. LAURENCE

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD,

THE UNIVERSE OVERFLOWS WITH YOUR RICHES, O master of all things, and we thank you for allowing us to experience some of these marvels in the short time given us here on this earth. Grant that we may joyfully contemplate you in them all. Let the magnitude of these gifts throughout creation fill us with wonder, though we are aware of only a small part of it. And always, always let us see your hand in everything around us.

For you are a God of power and might, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages, amen.

Board in the Hall. Contact Fr. Nick if you have any questions.

AN OVERNIGHT YOUTH RETREAT will be hosted for the teens of our St. Nicholas Parish (Ages 13/Eighth grade through 18/high school) **during the February School Vacation Week—Thursday and Friday, February 23-24.** Details will follow. Please speak with **Deb Sedares** during coffee hour if you are interested in attending (teens) or chaperoning (adults).

A PITA-BAKING/DOUGH ROLLING session will be held on **Saturday, February 25th, 9 am - 1 pm.** The objective is to fill the freezer with the "first rolling" dough. There is little skill required and for those who would rather not roll, many other ancillary tasks that are needed. So, everyone is welcomed. Please contact **Chris Toda** if you'd like to help!

THE BLESSING OF HOMES AT THEOPHANY continues. Fr. Nick has

sent out notices. If you did not receive one and would like your home blessed, please contact him by e-mail (frnick@stnicholaschurch.org) or on his cell phone: 508-335-7378.

MORE COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP CREWS are being sought out. We are looking to expand the number of Clean-Up Crews to supplement those who have already volunteered. This has been a real success and helped to share the work associated with the Coffee Hour. **We thank our committed "Crews" for their stewardship!** A "Crew" — consisting of 3 or 4 people — is responsible for clean-up following regular coffee hour on Sundays. Rotating responsibilities will mean that you'll be on-duty only once a month or less. If you would like to help by joining an existing "Crew," or organizing an additional "Crew" to add to the list, or have any questions about what this will require, **please speak with Deb Sedares, Chris Toda or Presvytera**

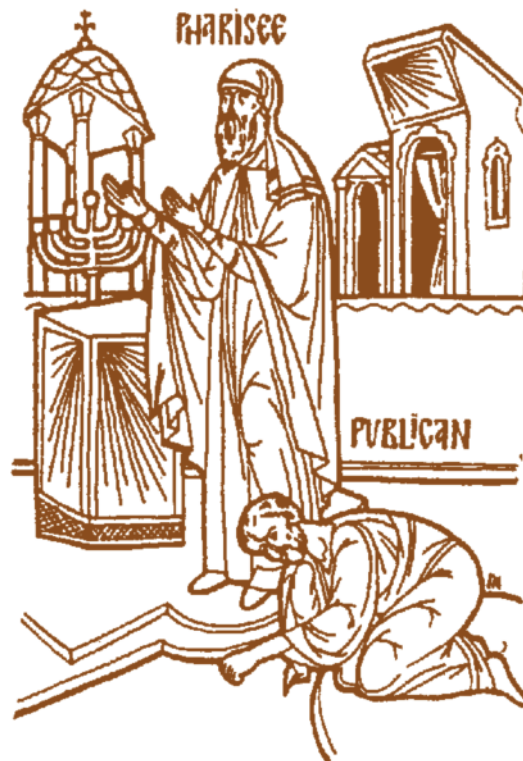
Maria.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS are needed for the coming weeks. Please speak with Presvytera Maria if you would like to sponsor one.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Holy Trinity is looking for volunteers to help in assisting on Wednesday mornings with staff and residents before, during and after (coffee and ...) Divine Liturgy. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated! The Ichabod Washburn Hospice Residence is also looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in these rewarding opportunities, **please contact** Serena Shields at 508-425-7651 or email shields@htnr.net.

Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Holy Trinity Hospice are Orthodox Charities rely on your donations to continue their mission of providing the best care possible.



LISTEN TO THE WEEKLY NATIONAL ORTHODOX RADIO BROADCAST "COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT"

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**PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
AT THE TEMPLE
FEBRUARY 2ND
LUKE 2:22-38**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory

2012 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

We would like to thank the following Stewardship Households for making their 2012 commitments of time, talent, and treasures to St. Nicholas:

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| John Andronic | Scott & Joy Maynard |
| Fr. Nick & Maria Apostola | Eleftheria Mazanitis |
| V. Gerald Belba | Dr. Nicholas & Sandra Mazanitis |
| Joanna Boukalis | Melika Mossaides |
| Jackie & Andy Cavanaugh | Peter & Patti Mountzouris |
| Lillian Chachi | Mircea & Maria Nedelcu |
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| James & Theodora Collins | Florence Rucho |
| Paul Del Molino | Timothy Rucho |
| George & Angela Demake | Deborah Sedares |
| Bryan & Jennifer Donabed | Eleanor Sedares |
| Maria Dumitriu | George & Carol Soter |
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| Spiro & Christina Kelly | George & Lynne Tonna |
| Margarite Landry | Evans & Irene Tsoules |
| Dan & Liana Manescu | Jim & Argie Vlamis |
| Christine Masterjohn | |

We will wrap-up the “official” Stewardship Campaign for 2012 this Sunday, February 5th, but stewardship is on-going throughout the year in your gift of time, talents and treasure. THANKSK AGAIN TO ALL OUR STEWARDS! If you have any questions concerning Stewardship or filling out the commitment form, please speak with any member of the Stewardship Committee during coffee hour or contact Jim Christo.

(If you've submitted a form and your name doesn't appear on the list, please inform Jim Christo or another member of the Stewardship Committee.)

to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the

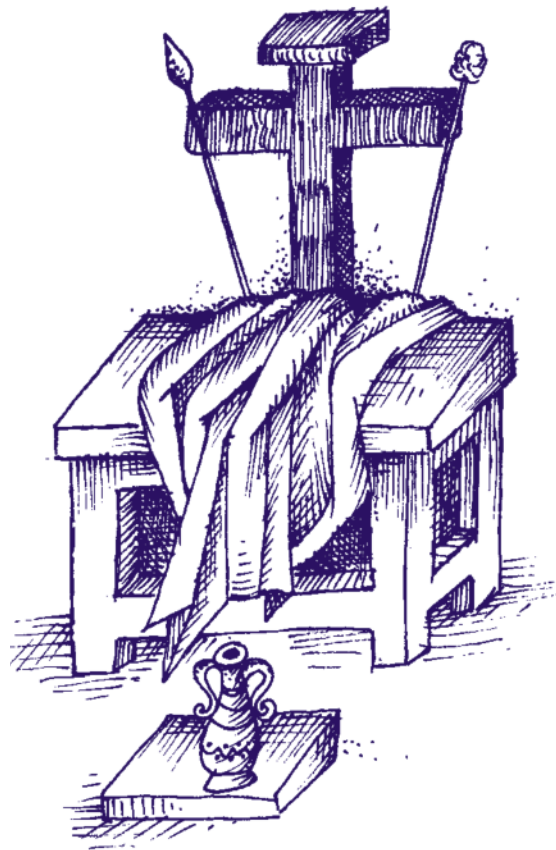
daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES 2012

Wednesday, February 29, 2012
St. Nicholas Church

Wednesday, March 7, 2012
St. Spyridon Cathedral

Wednesday, March 14, 2012
St. George Cathedral



Wednesday, March 21, 2012
St. Mary's Assumption

Wednesday, March 28, 2012
St. Spyridon Cathedral

Wednesday, April 4, 2012
St. George Cathedral

Each Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will begin at 6:00 p.m. The faithful should prepare themselves for Holy Communion in the usual way: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and regular confession. There will be a modest 'pot-luck' lenten meal offered after the Liturgy. People are encouraged to bring something to share with others.