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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Sunday, Jan 24, **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE - Tone 8. (Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.)** St. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5th c.). St. Xenia of St. Petersburg (19th c.).

Epistle:

Gospel:

2 Tim. 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

***** This is a Fast Free Week *****

Tuesday, Jan 26

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 28, Sts. Ephraim and Isaac the Syrians

40-Day Panikhida for +Archbishop Job, **Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston,**

6:30 pm (reception following)

Sat, Jan 30, Sts. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom

Great Vespers for the Resurrection, 6 pm

Sunday, Jan 31, **SUNDAY OF PRODIGAL SON - Tone 1. New Martyrs and Confessors of**

Russia. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters (311).

Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, **10 am**

Epistle:

Gospel:

1 Cor. 6:12-20

Luke 15:11-32

PREPARATION FOR GREAT LENT

With the coming of these pre-lenten Sundays, we begin to set our sights on Great Lent which is approaching. Several things happen during this period. Starting this Sunday (Publican and Pharisee), we begin to take our service from a different source, the *Lenten Triodion*. Also, beginning this week, we start a "wind-down" of our food habits - one week of no fasting (not even on Wednesday and Friday), one week of normal fasting (Wednesday and Friday), one week of fasting meat only, and finally entry into the Great Fast, where we abstain from all meat and meat products (milk, eggs, cheese).

Next Saturday evening, we will begin to sing the pre-lenten lament, "By the Waters of Babylon."

40-DAY PANIKHIDA FOR +ARCHBISHOP JOB

On Thursday, January 28, at 6:30p.m a 40-day Panikhida for the repose of Archbishop Job will be served by clergy from the Boston Deanery at Holy Trinity Cathedral, 165 Park Drive, Boston. All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

House Blessings are in progress and will continue through the beginning of Great Lent. Please sign up at the candle stand to let Fr. Mark know that you would like your house to be blessed.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, following Divine Liturgy. At the annual meeting, we will review the status of our Church for the past year and plan for activities in the coming year. We will approve our annual budget and elect officers for the coming year. Please pray for and plan to attend the meeting. The snow date for the meeting is Sunday, February 28.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR PARISH COUNCIL

A nominating committee of Suzanne Kenney, Protodeacon Basil Andruchow and Reader Chuck Thornhill has been appointed to recommend parish council members for election at our Annual Parish Meeting. If you are interested in serving in one of the positions of the Parish Council, please see either of the members of the nominating committee.

PLEASE SET ASIDE THESE DATES:

1. Special Parish Council Meeting - Either Friday, Feb 12, or Saturday, Feb 13, to meet His Grace Nikon's selection for our new priest. Parish Council meetings are open, and any parishioners may attend. This meeting is tentative and will be announced by our email list. If you wish to be notified and are not on our email list, please see Bob Popadic or Suzanne Kenney.
2. Parish Clean Up Days - Saturday, Feb 27, and Saturday, Mar 20. Please plan to attend. Many hands make light work!