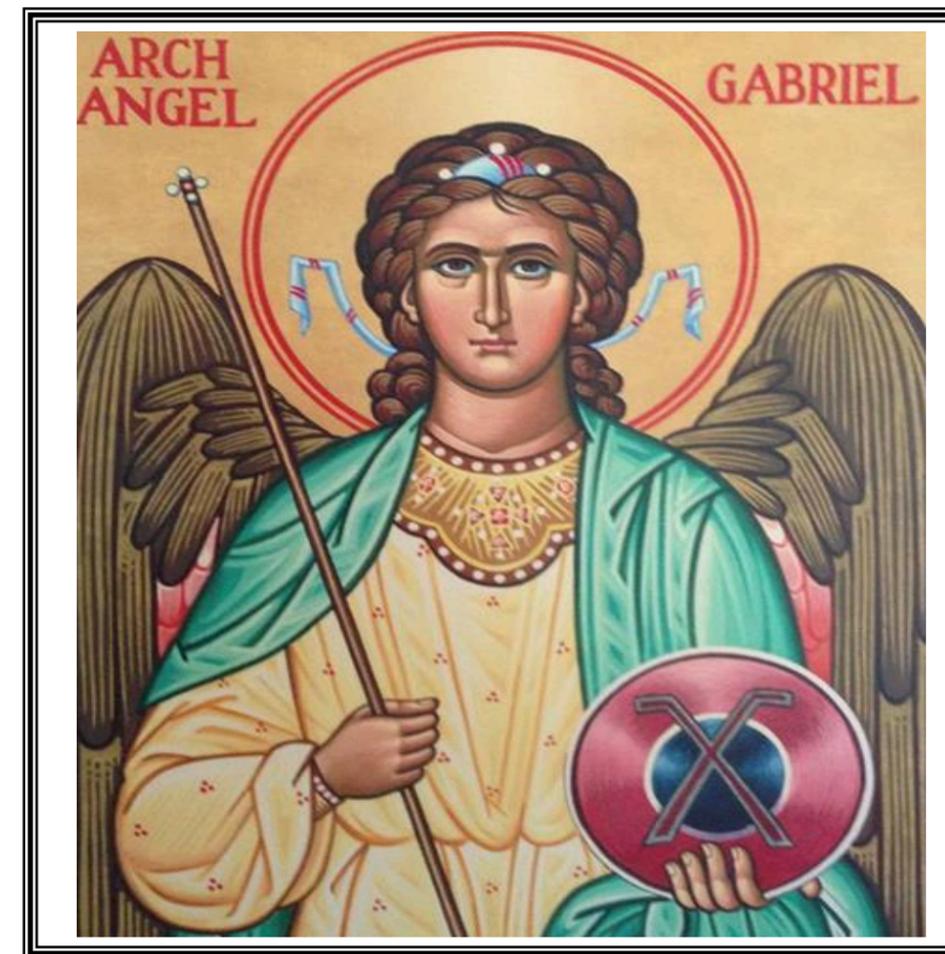


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**SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE**  
**15 FEBRUARY 2026**  
 Divine Liturgy Each Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am



## The Gospel of Matthew: a commentary & meditation

### “Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven”

#### Scripture: Matthew 6:14-21.

14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; 15 but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. 16 "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**Meditation:** Jesus used the images of treasure and eyesight to convey the hidden truth of God's kingdom. What Jesus said about treasure made perfect sense to his audience: keep what lasts! Aren't we all trying to find the treasure which brings security and happiness? Jesus contrasts two very different kinds of wealth – material and spiritual goods. Jesus urges his disciples to get rich by investing in that which truly lasts, not just for a life-time, but for all eternity. How attainable is this heavenly treasure and can we enjoy it now, or must we wait for it in the after-life? The treasure of God's kingdom is both a present and future reality for those who seek it. What is this treasure which Jesus offers so freely? It is the joy of knowing the living God, being united with him, and receiving the inheritance of an imperishable kingdom – a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness. Since one's whole life is directed by that which he most values, to set one's heart on heavenly treasure will be to enter into a deeper and richer life with God. Which treasure do you seek, earthly or heavenly treasure? Jesus also used the image of eyesight to convey an important spiritual principle. Bad eyesight is often used as a metaphor for stupidity and spiritual blindness. (For examples, see Matt. 15:14, 23:16 ff.; John 9:39-41; Ro. 2 2:19; II Peter 1:9; and Revelations 3:17.) The eye is the window of the heart, mind, and "inner being" of a person. If the window is clouded, dirty, or marred in any manner, the light will be deflected and diminished. Just so with the "inner being" of a person! How we "see" affects the "inner life", "heart", and "soul" of an individual. What can blind or distort our "vision" of what is true, good, lovely, pure and everlasting (Phil. 4:8)? Certainly prejudice, jealousy, and self-conceit cause distortion or blindness. Prejudice destroys good judgment and blinds us to the facts and to their significance for us. Jealousy makes us distrustful and suspicious of others and distorts our ability to accurately examine the facts. We need to fearlessly examine ourselves to see if we are living according to right principles or if we might be misguided by prejudice or some other conceit. Love is not jealous ...but rejoices with the truth (1 Cor. 13:4-6). Do you rejoice in what is right and good and do you live your life in the light of God's truth?

“Lord, your word is life for us. Fill me with your light and truth, and give me understanding of your ways. Free me from all that is false, illusory, ugly, and unloving. Let my heart know only one treasure-- the joy and bliss of union with you--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, February 14<sup>TH</sup>      4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy\_(Mass)\_

Health and Wellness for Jacob Gasser  
from Sara Gasser

Sunday, February 15<sup>TH</sup>      10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy\_(Mass)\_

Health & Blessings for all Saint Gabriel Parishioners

### 7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

### 14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

February 1<sup>st</sup> thru February 14<sup>th</sup>  
February 15<sup>th</sup> thru February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Peace in Israel  
Peace in Ukraine

## NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

**GOSPEL READING: John 1:43-51.**

### CANDLE OFFERINGS

Use the specially marked envelopes located at the back of the Church for Altar Candles or Eternal Light Candles. Candles will be lit on Saturdays, and remain lit for the duration of their offering.

## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

One Saturday or Sunday Intention per week is reserved for "Parishioners of the Parish".

Please contact the Parish Office at 702.361.2431 for available Liturgy intention dates and times.

**Please make checks payable to: Fr. Marcus Gomori.**

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## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

### 2nd weekend of the Month

There are green Love Thy Neighbor envelopes in the 2nd weekend of each month to help serve the less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your charitable support of this ministry.

## HOLY WATER

Available in the rear of the Church.

Please remember St. Gabriel's in your Estate and Will Planning. Thank You!

## LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Lord, look upon your servants with eyes of mercy. May your healing hand rest upon them. May your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying and restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom.

Amen.

William Ralf	Bev, Joe & Angel Guarino	Frank & Carolyn	Peggy Randall
Deb & Joe Guarino	Alexander Gomori	Gervasio	Sara Beth Hopkins
Cindy Bonko	John Krobock	Gregory Gomori	Amy Cannatelli
Betty Chilipka	Marion D'Andrea	Bill Kviz	Jan Shadowen
	Carrie Alumbaugh	Ann & Wayne Tao	Tommy & Rosie Morgan

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Week's Offerings: 2/7 - 2/8 of 2026**

**Donations: \$ 1,367.00 Candles: \$ 0.00 SAT 35 & 43 SUN**

**Our parish needs \$3,000.00 per week to meet expenses.**

Thank you for your generosity and support of Saint Gabriel's especially in these difficult economic times.

It is encouraging to see families making an effort to see that our parish meets its bills.

Thank you also for the good number of people that mail-in and include the parish in their financial planning.

Sincerely, Very Rev. Marcus Gomori, Pastor+

The following intercessions are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to

the presbyterate, diaconate, minor orders, and consecrated monastic life in our Eparchy.

They are keyed to the liturgical calendar.

Please consider including them in the litany of fervent supplication.

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY.

The Holy Apostle Onesimus.

The Twenty-One Coptic

Martyrs in Libya (2015) – February 15, 2026

Fountain of forgiveness, Lord our God, help us to store up treasures in heaven by heeding your call for what is best for our lives. Grant your Church an abundant treasure of vocations to the monastic life and holy orders so that we may live a life of repentance, love and forgiveness, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

"Where your treasure is, your heart will be also". It is easy to mistake what our true treasure is, and we need wisdom and insight to see clearly. In the kontakion for today we sing that God is the

"guide to wisdom and giver of insight". Is he guiding you to a vocation to the religious or ordained life? As you pray and seek wisdom, consider contacting the Vocations Office

at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

## PARISH NEWS

### All Souls Saturday Schedule 2026

1st All Souls Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>  
2nd All Souls Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>  
3rd All Souls Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>  
4th All Souls Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>  
5th All Souls Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

If you are a registered parishioner and receive envelopes please use the special All Souls Saturday envelope. Additional envelopes available at church entrance. Please make sure new names are on the envelope or write "no additional names". Make Check payable to Fr. Marcus Gomori and submit no later than March 7th . Thank you!  
Father Marcus

### Presanctified Liturgy.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm



### COMMUNITY

The Fraternity of St. Margaret of Cortona of the Secular Franciscan Order is a community of people dedicated to living the gospel life through the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare with service to the poor and homeless. We strive to live promises of poverty, obedience and chastity.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to the life of a Secular Vocation?

Contact Ann Tao, OFS at 702-362-7989

### THE GIFT SHOP

OPEN BEFORE AND AFTER ALL LITURGIES.

STOP BY AND DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING HERE!

LOTS OF NEW DIAMOND ART, ALL HANDCRAFTED BY JAN SHADOWEN, AND MANY RELIGIOUS ITEMS THAT MAKE GREAT GIFT IDEAS.

PLEASE CONSIDER DOING YOUR GIFT SHOPPING FOR ANY OCCASION TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SAINT GABRIEL.

### COFFEE SOCIALS

HOSTS-Thank you for serving the parish community.

To reserve the hall or to host a social or private event

Please call or text Monica at (702) 355-2247

to avoid double booking

