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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA (HOLYDAY)

Propers: 141-142, 321 / 142, 322

Saturday, February 1st

10:00 AM FUNERAL of +Joseph Rudo
Eternal Memory!

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)
For our Parish Family

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

9:00 AM Bible Study—all Welcome!

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+Joe Gyenes
by Linda Cwiekalo

Monday, February 3rd

5:00 PM Rosary- All Welcome!

7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O!

Tuesday, February 4th

8:30 AM +Patricia Finzel
By Family and Friends

Wednesday, February 5th—No Liturgy

Thursday, February 6th—No Liturgy

Friday, February 7th

10:00 AM PRAYER SERVICE (Chapel)

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Propers: 146, 321, 215 / 148, 322

Saturday, February 8th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)
+Leo and +Helen Jobeck
by Michael and Irene Kuzma

Sunday, February 9th

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

9:00 AM Bible Study—all Welcome!

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
For our Parish Family

12 NOON Doors open at AMICI's

12:30 PM PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER at Amici's

ONE MORE WEEK! Donations for Raphael's Light House for mothers and babies CONTINUES from now through February 9th

HOUSE-BLESSINGS—If you would like your house blessed for 2025 please fill out the form in the vestibule and return in to the parish office OR email or call the parish office so that Father may schedule a time convenient to you. *NOTE: House blessing season ends when the Great Fast (Lent) begins.*



LAST CALL! You are invited!

Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
NEXT Sunday, February 9th at Amici's in Linden;
12:30 PM (after Liturgy & Coffee Social)



All parish Volunteers (Bingo, Flea Market, Kitchen, ECF Teachers, Servers, Festival, Holubki, and others) are invited to be the guests of honor at a Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Amici's in Linden on Sunday, February 9th at 12:30 PM. Divine Liturgy at 10AM, coffee social to follow, then head to Amici's and be there before 12:30.

Volunteers may SIGN-UP in the vestibule by the Gift Shop, OR call AnnMarie in the Parish Office. Volunteers are free; guests are \$15 each. Please specify # of guest (if any) attending.

2024 Year End Statements—if you've not yet received your 2024 Charitable contribution statement for tax purposes, please call or email the parish office and one will be sent to you. 732-883-5300. StThomasByz@aol.com

The First ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION is **Saturday, February 22nd at 10AM**. Please use the special "All Souls" envelope in your 2025 Envelope Box to remember your loved ones. Please PRINT their names and return in the collection basket next weekend! *Thanks!*



The Feast of the "Encounter with Simeon" 40 Days after our Lord's Holy Birth he was presented to the Priest of the Temple, Simeon, who recognized Him as the Messiah, "a light to the revelation of the gentile and a glory of Israel. CANDLES are blessed on this day. Some will be available for you, or, you may bring your own in for blessing as well. **This Holyday also falls on a Sunday, the Lord's Day, which is also the Sunday of Zacchaeus ... the final Sunday before the beginning of the "Pre-Lenten" preparations Sundays.**

Nothing is more frigid than a Christian who is indifferent to the salvation of others. Indeed, I wonder if such a person can be a true Christian. To become a disciple of Christ is to obey his law of love; and obedience to the law brings joy beyond measure and description. Love means to want the best for others, sharing with them the joy of love. *St John Chrysostom*

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND: (including those mailed in —thank you!)

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1566.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	760.00
Candles	\$	100.00	Charities/Missions/Peter's Pence	\$	5.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	155.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	55.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	28.00
Retired Religious	\$	245.00	Total	\$	2914.00

Bingo 134 Players \$ 1165.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$286.00 **God Bless You!**

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