

# Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Feb. 3, 2019 9:00am 36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Righteous God-bearer Simeon, and Anna the Prophetess

## TODAY'S READINGS:

I Tim. 1:15-17 Matt. 15:21-28

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today: Thanksgiving Prayers • Coffee Hour • Annual Parish Meeting  
Mon. Feb. 4 5:30pm Daily Vespers  
Tue. Feb. 5 5:30pm Daily Vespers  
Wed. Feb. 6 5:30pm Daily Vespers  
Thu. Feb. 7 5:00pm OCF Daily Vespers, Yale, Lovett Room of Battell Chapel  
Sat. Feb. 9 8:00am Prospora baking  
5:00pm Great Vespers, Confessions  
Sun. Feb. 10 9:00am 37<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Zacchaeus Sunday  
I Tim. 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10  
Installation of new Parish Council

**Welcome** to all our visitors today!

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**Thank You!** Fr. Steven and Matushka Cindy would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for the warm Welcome Brunch this past Sunday! All the contributions to the meal were wonderful, as was the opportunity to have time to share in fellowship with many of you!

Thank you to those who traveled to Three Saints Church to participate in their patronal feast day, and those who assisted in preparing for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple yesterday.

Known to be hospitalized: Joseph Pope was hospitalized this past week. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Memory Eternal:** Mark Prestash fell asleep in the Lord on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please remember him in your prayers for the coming 40 days.

House Blessing This Year: The sign-up sheet for the blessing of homes is at the candle desk. Fr. Steven is continuing to bless homes and will follow-up with those requesting a blessing.

Please continue to pray for Archpriest Steven and Mat. Deborah Belonick, as Fr. Steven continues his treatment.

**Annual Parish Meeting, Third Official Notice:** The 2019 annual parish meeting will be today, Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy and coffee hour. We will be receiving reports, approving a budget for the year, electing parish council officers and members, and discussing old and new business for the good of our parish. (There are no by-laws amendments to be considered.) As indicated in our parish by-laws, voting members of the parish are those who have participated in the holy sacraments of Confession and Communion in our parish at least once during 2018, and who have indicated as least a minimum of support for the parish by fulfilling the basic commitment for 2018. This third official notice is printed in today's bulletin, posted on our website and announced aloud in church. We will begin as soon as everyone has opportunity to get coffee.

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## February Stewardship Tray

The parish council has designated the February Stewardship tray for the Orthodox in Alaska following earthquakes occurring there. From the OCA website: "Faithful in parishes from Kenai to Fairbanks were rocked by back-to-back earthquakes measuring 7.0 and 5.7 in magnitude, the first of which struck several miles north of downtown Anchorage, home of Saint Innocent Cathedral and several other parishes of the Orthodox Church in America, at 8:29 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2018. The quakes were among the worst in the state's history since a 9.2 earthquake, centered some 75 miles east of Anchorage, generated widespread damage on March 27, 1964."

Orthodox Christianity entered the North American continent through Alaska, St. Herman, St. Innocent, and others ministered to the native Alaskans in Alaska, forging a strong relationship with them in the 1790-1800's. The missionary experience of the Orthodox in Alaska remains a critical component of the Orthodox Church in America, balancing the waves of immigration coming to the east coast nearly 100 years later. The Church in Alaska, with faithful relying on fishing and hunting, remains in financial need without events such as the recent earthquakes. Please be generous!

## Zacchaeus Sunday:

Zacchaeus Sunday, along with today's Gospel of the Canaanite Woman, announce the approach of the Great Lenten journey. Many years ago Bishop Kallistos' commented on why we so often the church repeats: "Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord". He called these opportunities for us to check-in to see if we are in the garden of faith or not, and if not to return once again. Great Lent is a most significant opportunity for us to return more fully to our relationship with God. This is more important for us today in the midst of cultural tidal shifts. Let us prepare for this journey!

Сегодня- Литургия- 36-я Неделя по Пятидесятница

[Первое Послание к Тимофе 1:15-17 и от Матфея 15:21-28]

Ежегодный Приходское Собрание

Субб. 5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск. 9:00чу Литургия- 37-я Неделя по Пятидесятница

[Первое Послание к Тимофе 4:9-15 и от Луки 19:1-10]

Установка Церковного Совета