

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Feb. 9, 2025 9:00am 33rd Sunday of Pentecost: **Leavetaking of Meeting Feast, Sunday Of the Publican and the Pharisee [beginning of Lenten Triodion]**

TODAY'S READINGS:

II Tim. 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

Heb. 7:7-17 (Meeting)

Luke 2:22-40

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today:

FAST FREE WEEK

Installation of New Council, Chili Cookoff during Coffee Hour

Tue. Feb. 11 5:30pm

Daily Vespers

6:45pm

Parish Council Meeting

Thu. Feb. 13 3:00pm

Deanery Retreat

5:00pm

OCF Vespers, Lovett Room Battell Chapel

Sat. Feb. 15 5:00pm

Great Vespers, Confessions

Sun. Feb. 16 9:00am

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

I Cor. 6:12-20

Luke 15:11-32

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations: Birthdays: **Maria** Papademetris 9th, **Sam** Milberg 14th. Many years!

Pray for: **Nancy** Muro who is at Artis Senior Living, Branford; **Tatiana** Oji is at Orange Care Center, **Maria** Scheirer at Elim Long-term care, Cheshire. **Carole** Rossick and **George** Jafferis, continue in cancer treatment.

Orthodox Charity of the Month: In February we will be supporting **Zoe for Life**. is a Christian ministry which affirms the value of all life by providing nonjudgmental, confidential support and education during and after an unplanned pregnancy. Please be generous. To donate by check, simply put "Charity of the Month" in the memo line.

Men's Reading Group: Continues weekly on Thursday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.

Our second **Chili Cookoff**, will be today, **Sunday Feb. 9** (Superbowl Sunday) after Divine Liturgy. Non-competitors are asked to donate a can of soup/ food. All donations will go to the local 'Food Bank'. Monetary Donations are also welcome!

Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

"The Christmas-Epiphany season comes to an end with this feast, forty days after the feast of the Savior's birth. ... The conclusion of this festival brings to a close the liturgical cycle which began at the beginning of the Christmas fast.

When the Lord Jesus is brought by His parents to the woman Anna. This meeting is spiritually and theologically significant. It tells us that the two covenants have now met: Israel has accomplished its God-given task in producing the Messiah. The promises made to Abraham in the beginning of the nation's calling have now been fulfilled. Israel's glory has dawned in the person of Christ who is now encountered in the world as the 'light of revelation to the Gentiles.' In Him the whole world is illumined and saved." (Hopko, Thomas, *The Winter Pascha*, SVS Press, 1984, pp. 170—171)

"This Is It! 2.0" Part V: Today, February 9th, the series of concerts celebrating 50 years of **Neely Bruce's** service as faculty member at Wesleyan University concludes in performing Neely's chamber music: The West End String Quartet, with guest oboist Libby Van Cleve will be performing at **Crowell Concert Hall, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT, at 3pm**. The concert is free and open to the public. Congratulations Neely!

Ascetical Fast Preparation: Our church assists us in preparing for the upcoming ascetical fast that is an integral part of our Lenten journey. In brief, here is the schedule related to fasting for the coming weeks:

Week of Feb. 9: Fast Free Week, all week

Week of Feb. 16: back to regular fasting Wednesday and Friday

Sunday, Feb. 23: Meatfare Sunday, last day to eat meat, dairy products allowed all week

Sunday, March 2: Cheesefare Sunday, last day to eat dairy products. **Forgiveness Vespers**

Monday, March 3: Great Lent begins with Clean Week (Triodion, p. 35)

Please begin planning now for the beginning of Great Lent: **Forgiveness Sunday Vespers** will be celebrated on **March 2nd** after coffee hour. We begin the first week of the Great Lenten journey with the celebration of the Service of **Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew**. This service is integral to our entrance into Great Lent. Please make every effort to attend these services.

Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Сегодня- Литургия - Притча о Сборщике Налогов и Фарисейском Воскресенье; Оставив [Второе Послание к Тимофею 3:10-15 и от Луки 18:10-14] Сретение Господне [Послание к Евреям 7:7-17 и от Луки 2:22-40]

Су 17:00 Великая Вечерня, Исповедь

Воск. 9:00 Литургия: Неделя - Притча о блудном сыне

[Первое Послание к Коринфянам 6:12-20 и от Луки 15:11-32]