

Bulletin sponsor this week is for:

**The health of:**

**Richard** Dantinne, Jr. on his birthday, offered by his family, with love.  
**Marlene** on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, offered by Linda.  
**Raelyn** Rogers on her 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, requested with lots of love from her family.  
**Aris, Svetlana, Elizabet, Svetlana**, offered by Svetlana.

**The memory of:**

**Lioubov, Ivan, and Anatoliy** offered by Svetlana.

**Readings:** *I Timothy 1:15-17 (31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)*  
*Luke 18:35-43 (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke)*

**BRETHREN**, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**At that time**, as he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours</b> - 9:40 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> – 10:00 AM
<b>General Confession</b> – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession</b> - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas</b> – after Divine Liturgy, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month	

**Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee Hour.

**Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.**

Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.

**Announcements:**

- **Dues and assessments are now being collected for the year 2026.** Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200 per person. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- **On Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy.** The annual meeting of the parishioners is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, reports by the Rector and Council members, and for other business.
- The **Sisterhood** is planning two upcoming **pre-Lenten luncheons**, on **Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> (Meatfare)**, and on **Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> (Cheesefare)**. Tickets for each luncheon will **cost \$10** for those 13 years of age and up, payable at the door. Twelve and under are free. **Sign-up sheets for both luncheons** are posted downstairs, for anyone wishing to prepare a food item. You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to provide a food dish.

**Reminders:**

- The **Parish Council** has created a special fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark any donations** for this important fund with the designation “**Rectory**”.
- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you!
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to: [bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org](mailto:bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org)**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> .
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

**Ss Athanasius and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria:**

Saints Athanasius and Cyril were Archbishops of Alexandria. These wise teachers of truth and defenders of Christ's Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings which affirm the truth of the Orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics.

**Saint Athanasius** took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone there in his zeal to uphold the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (homoousios) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed.

This radiant beacon of Orthodoxy spent most of his life in exile from his See, because of the plotting of his enemies. He returned to his flock as he was approaching the end of his life. Like an evening star, he illuminated the Orthodox faithful with his words for a little while, then reposed in 373. He is also commemorated on May 2 (the transfer of his holy relics).

**St Cyril** was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded to his uncle's position in 412, but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics. He later resumed his See, however.

St Cyril presided at the Third Ecumenical Council in 431, which censured the Nestorian blasphemy against the Most Holy Theotokos. His wise words demonstrated the error of their false doctrine.

St Cyril departed to the Lord in the year 444, and is also commemorated on June 9 (the day of his repose).

*Athanasius and Cyril,  
great hierarchs of true piety, and noble champions of the Church of Christ,  
preserve all who sing:  
"O Compassionate Lord, save those who honor You."*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/01/18>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: [www.oca.org/](http://www.oca.org/)  
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*Glory to  
Jesus Christ*

*Glory  
Forever*

**Ss Athanasius and Cyril**

*You shone forth with works of Orthodoxy and quenched all heresy,  
and became victorious trophy-bearers, hierarchs Athanasius and Cyril.  
You enriched all things with piety and greatly adorned the Church,  
and worthily found Christ God,  
who grants His great mercy to all.*

Tone 3—Troparion

**January 18, 2026**

**Today the Church remembers:**

Ss. Athanasius the Great (373) and Cyril (444), Archbishops of Alexandria • Ven. Afanásii (Athanasius), Abbot of Syandémsk (Vologdá—16<sup>th</sup> c.) • Righteous Afanásii of Novolótsk, Monk (16<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Marcian of Cyrrhus in Syria (ca. 388) • Ven. Schemamonk Cyril and Schemanun Maria, the parents of St Sergius of Radonezh (ca. 1337)

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 7 of the *Octoechos*