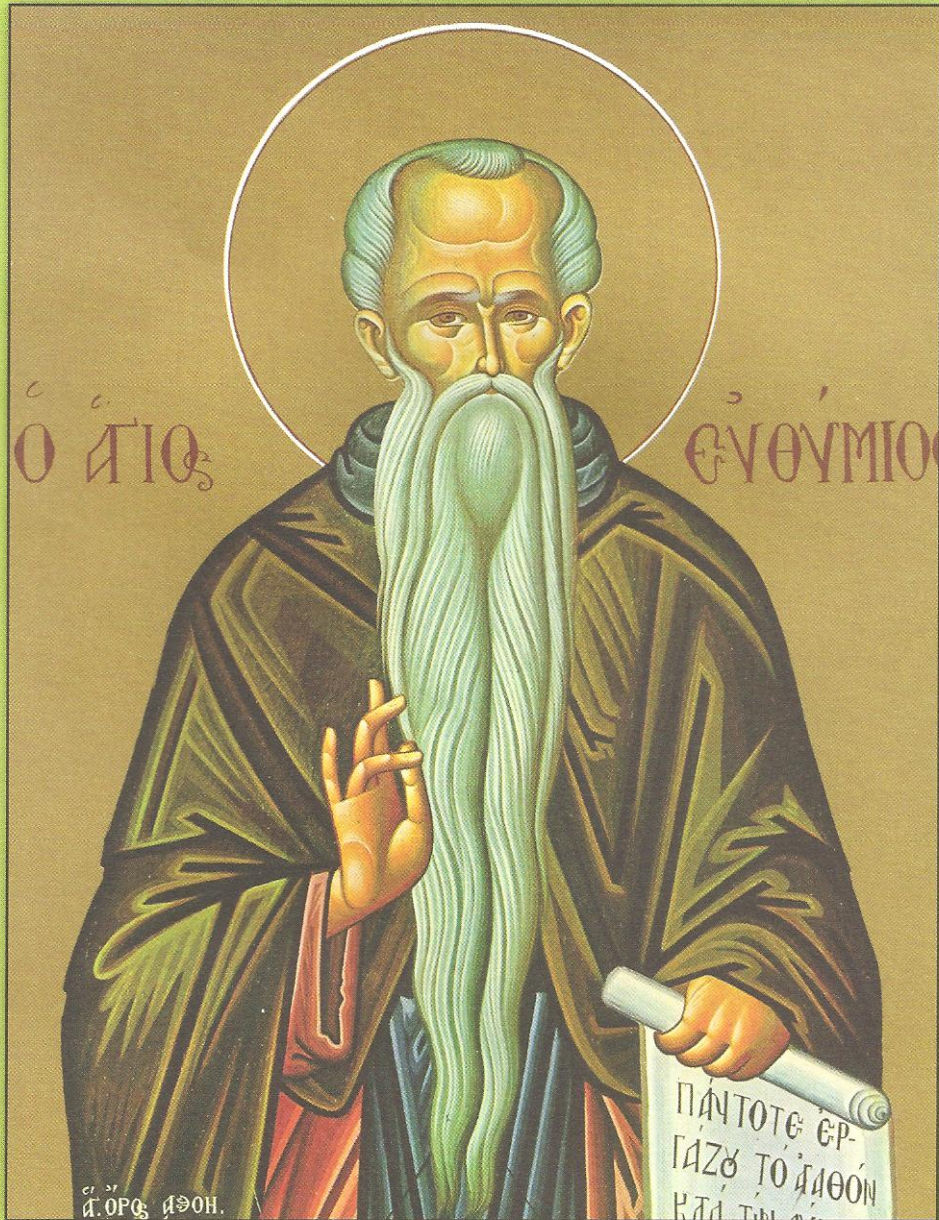


SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



Icon of Euthymius the Great -- January 20th

## *The Power of Faith*

The power of faith is enormous. It is so great that it not only saves the believer: thanks to one's faith others are saved also. The paralytic at Capernaum did not have faith. But the men who brought him to Jesus and let him down through the roof had it. The soul of the sick man was ill as well as his body. ... The stretcher-bearers believed and the paralytic had the benefit of being healed because of it.

Then there is the death of Lazarus. Four days had passed. His dead body was already decomposing. How could one who had been dead for so many days believe and himself ask for the Deliverer? He could not possibly do so, but his sisters provided the faith for him. When they met the Lord, one sister fell down at His feet. He asked, "Where have you laid him?" The

other sister said, "Lord, by this time there will be a bad smell." Then the Lord said, "If you believe you will see the glory of God." As if to say, "As regards faith, you must take the place of the dead man." And the faith of the sisters succeeded in calling Lazarus back from the hereafter.

So if these two women by believing in place of the other were able to secure his resurrection, how much more certainly will you be able to secure it for yourself by your own faith?

Perhaps your own faith is feeble. Nevertheless, the Lord who is love will stoop down to you, provided only you are penitent and can say sincerely from the depths of your soul: "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief."

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

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Glory to Jesus Christ!  
"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

Jan. 20, 2013  
Publican/Pharisee

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL is now in the winter/spring semester, as we continue to teach our dear children about Jesus Christ and His holy Church and People. All parish children are expected to attend this program. We trust that all our parents will see to it that their young ones are enrolled in our School, which (we believe) is the best around. Hope to see your children on Sunday, 10 am!

OUR VERY FIRST "Sundays With Father" adult study seminar is all set for this Sunday at 10:10 am in the School Lounge. Our subject will be the "Feasts of Winter". Come and learn with us Sunday morning to share in the prizes and treats and, who knows, even learn a lot!

ALL THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCHES have decided to sponsor a free dinner on Super Bowl Saturday, Feb. 2, 11 am to 4 pm, at Chick's Tavern and Restaurant on Fourth Street. We hope that any and all our families with their children will share in this first-ever free meal of pasta with meatballs and salad. It's all free and all for you!

ARCHBISHOP STEFAN has approved our nomination of Dr. John Solar and Frank Katarynick as our financial officers for 2013. We are so very thankful to these two men for their valuable service to our Parish. In February we will appoint some ten parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council for 2013.

SOME BEAUTIFUL 2013 church calendars and envelope boxes still remain to be claimed in the church basement. Please check out these items today and take them home for your family and neighbors.

WE THANK Lidia and Gene Dychdala for taking down the Christmas decorations in the church this week. The Church was decorated for the Holydays by Anna, Dr. Michele and Maureen Burns, along with Kay Rotondo.

CHECK OUT OUR EXCITING parish website this week. The web address is: [www.sspeterpaulukrchurch.us/](http://www.sspeterpaulukrchurch.us/)

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DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:

Saturday, 6 pm +Olga (Roman and Kay Kruk)  
Sunday, 9 am For all the Faithful  
Thursday, 7 am +George Dychdala (Lidia, Gene and Roman)  
Friday, 7 am Health of Marie Mariacher (Jim Deskiewicz)  
Saturday, 8 am +Catherine Maslayak (Joanne Franzone)  
Saturday, 6 pm +Peter Martinick (Barbara and Daughters)  
+Peter Boychuck (John and Bill)  
Sunday, 9 am For all the Faithful

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TODAY'S TROPAR: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your most pure Body, You did rise on the third day, O Savior, giving life to the world. And so the Heavenly Powers cried out to You: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your Providence! O You who love all the world."

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK: Like the Publican let us offer our sighs to the Lord, and like sinners let us approach the Master. He wants all men to be saved and He offers pardon to all who repent. It was because of us that He, God and Eternal like the Father, became man.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, for we have trusted in You, amen.

*Love, Fr. Sonny*