

# CATHEDRAL BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

HOLY HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ANCYRA



**Saint Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral**

Alhambra, California Los Angeles County

Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

# SAINT STEVEN'S SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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*In preparation for the Divine Liturgy, please silence all phones & pagers.*

## Today FEBRUARY 5, 2012

9:00 AM Matins  
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
11:15 AM Sunday School  
12:00 PM Fellowship Luncheon

### *Todays Tutors/Greeters*

Mitchell Kovacevich, Don Nikchevich  
George Salata, Radovan Dajkovich  
Martin Vignovic

## This Week

**Saturday, February 11**  
Great Vespers 6:00 PM

## Save the Date

**Sunday, February 19**  
Annual Congregation Meeting

**Monday, February 27**  
Beginning of Great Lent

**Saturday, March 3**  
Pan-Orthodoxy Vespers—Saint Steven's

**Sunday, March 4**  
Sunday of Orthodoxy

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Also, if you would like to get regular e-bulletins, please contact Fr. Nick.

## *Welcome to* ST. STEVEN'S CATHEDRAL

*This bulletin is your guide to the special hymns & New Testament Scripture readings this morning. In addition, it provides news & announcements from our Cathedral parish.*

## HYMNS FOR TODAY

### FIRST ANTIPHON

**VERSE:** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord; and to sing Psalms to Your name, O Most High!*

**REFRAIN:** **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.**

**VERSE:** *To proclaim Your mercy at dawn and Your truth by night!*

**REFRAIN:** **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.**

**VERSE:** *Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**REFRAIN:** **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.**

### SECOND ANTIPHON

**VERSE:** *The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty; The Lord is robed, He is girded with strength!*

**REFRAIN:** **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

**VERSE:** *For He established the world which shall not be shaken!*

**REFRAIN:** **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

**VERSE:** *Glory to the Father...Now and Ever...Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...*

### THIRD ANTIPHON

**VERSE:** *Let us come before His face with thanksgiving, and with Psalms let us shout in jubilation to Him; For the Lord is a great God and a great king over all the Earth!*

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE ONE:

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure Body; You did rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O You who loves mankind.

### TROPARION TO THE HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT - TONE FOUR:

You sprang up, most holy one, as a branch and stem of holiness, a most sacred flower of the contest of martyrdom and as a most sweet fruit given by God to the faithful. But as one who shared the struggle of the martyrs and the throne of hierarchs, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

### KONTAKION TO THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE - TONE FOUR:

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee and learn humility from the Publican's tears. Let us cry to our Savior: have mercy on us, O only merciful One.

## The Epistle Lesson - 2 Timothy 3:10-15

*Celebrant:* Wisdom! Let us be attentive! Peace be to all!

*Reader:* *And to your spirit!*

*Celebrant:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone:  
*Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You.*

*Celebrant:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* *The reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy.*

*Celebrant:* Let us be attentive!

**M**y son Timothy, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra - what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

### THE ALLELUIA VERSES:

*God gives vengeance to me and subdues people under me; He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.*

### COMMENTARY ON THE EPISTLE:

The Apostle Paul's life exhibits what the Lord taught - in this world, godliness elicits persecution - "Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you" (John 15: 19). While awaiting his execution at the hands of the Roman emperor Nero, Paul encourages his disciple Timothy and reminds him of the training he has received in the Scriptures as well as "the things...learned and been assured of...knowing from whom;" in other words, Holy Tradition, the inseparable companion to Scripture in the teaching of the true Faith.

## The Holy Gospel - St. Luke 18:10-14

*Celebrant:* Wisdom! Let us be attentive! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be to all!

*People:* *And to your spirit!*

*Celebrant:* The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

*People:* *Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!*

Jesus said this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men: extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL

The sharp contrast between the two men is deliberately drawn by Jesus. The Pharisee is highly respected as a zealous observer of God’s law, whereas the tax collector is despised as a public sinner and a cheater of the people. The Pharisee prays “thus with himself” while the tax collector prays simply, “God be merciful to me a sinner,” the source of what is commonly referred to today as “The Jesus Prayer.”



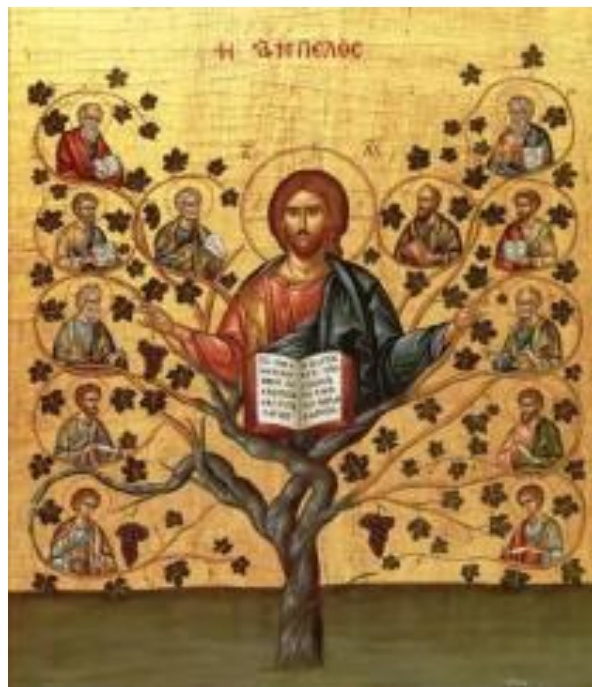
***“Prayer is a great weapon, a rich treasure, a wealth that is never exhausted, an undisturbed refuge, a cause of tranquility, the root of a multitude of blessings, and their source.”***

**—St. John Chrysostom**

The Orthodox Church has always viewed body and soul as inseparable thus stressing the necessity for preserving both in good health, following our Lord, Jesus Christ's exhortation to his disciples to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons" (Matthew 10:10). This follows Christ's ministry to "heal the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind" (Luke 4:18; see Is 61:1), and to heal "all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease" (Matthew 4:23).

In healing, the Church follows the procedure prescribed by the Apostle James: ***"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sin, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14-15).*** If you or a family member are in the hospital or is in need of pastoral care, please contact Fr. Nick, our Cathedral Dean and our church office at 626-284-9100. Pastoral Care is the ministry provided by our priests to visit the sick in the hospital and homebound. It is an outreach program to ensure that our faith reaches all of those that are part of our parish.

Additionally, our parish bulletin prayer list is maintained regularly by our Cathedral office. Please contact the office to add a name to this list, or to inform us that the person has recovered and their name may be removed from this prayer list of the sick.



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### **WESTERN DIOCESE & SERBIAN CLERGY BROTHERHOOD CALENDARS**

The Western Diocese calendar is \$5.00 and the Clergy Brotherhood calendar is \$15.00. Proceeds from the Brotherhood calendar benefit widows of Serbian Orthodox priests in North America.

### **ANNUAL EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS ARE UNDERWAY**

Many parishioners have their homes blessed during the year, sometimes at their family feast day (slava), or other occasions. For those who would like their home to be blessed during this Epiphany Season, please contact Father Nick. He will continue blessing homes in the Whittier/LaHabra Areas this week and other areas will follow.

### **RCA WINTER CAMP FOR GRADES 1-12: REGISTER NOW!**

This year's camp takes place in Wrightwood from Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Forms have been mailed and emailed so see Fr. Norman if you still have questions and register at your earliest convenience!

### **ORTHODOX SCOUT SUNDAY**

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the Americas has designated February 5th, as "Orthodox Scout Sunday." Through the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting, the Assembly has been actively supporting both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the USA since the 1960's.

### **BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, February 6**

2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13

#### **Tuesday, February 7**

2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23

#### **Wednesday, February 8**

2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31

#### **Thursday, February 9**

1 John 1:8-2:6; Mark 13:31-14:2

#### **Friday, February 10**

1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9

#### **Saturday, February 11**

2 Timothy 3:1-9; Luke 20:45-21:4

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