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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

## February 4, 2024

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2

Afterfeast of the Meeting

Ven. Isidore of Pelusium

Rt. Blv. George, Great Prince of  
Vladimir

## VENERABLE ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM

Saint Isidore of Pelusium lived during the fourth-fifth centuries. He was a native of Alexandria, and was raised among pious Christians. While still a youth he quit the world and withdrew to Egypt to Mount Pelusium, which became the site of his monastic efforts. Saint Isidore's spiritual wisdom and strict asceticism, combined with his broad learning and innate knowledge of the human soul, enabled him to win the respect and love of his fellow monks in a short time. They chose him as their head and had him ordained a priest. Following the example of Saint John Chrysostom, whom he had managed to see and hear during a trip to Constantinople, Saint Isidore devoted himself primarily to Christian preaching, that "practical wisdom" which, in his own words, is both "the foundation of the edifice and the edifice itself", while logic is "its embellishment, and contemplation its crown". He was a teacher and a willingly provided counsel for anyone who turned to him for spiritual encouragement, whether it was a simple man, a dignitary, a bishop, the Patriarch of Alexandria, or even the emperor. He left behind about 10,000 letters, of which 2,090 have survived. A large portion of these letters reveal profound theological thought and contain morally edifying interpretations of Holy Scripture. Saint Photius calls Isidore a model of priestly and ascetical life, and also a master of style. Saint Isidore's love for Saint John Chrysostom resulted in his support of Saint John when he was persecuted by the empress Eudoxia and Archbishop Theophilus. After the death of Saint John, Saint Isidore persuaded Theophilus' successor Saint Cyril to inscribe the name of Saint John Chrysostom into the Church diptychs as a confessor. Through the initiative of Saint Isidore the Third Ecumenical Council was convened at Ephesus (431), at which the false teaching of Nestorius concerning the person of Jesus Christ was condemned. Saint Isidore lived into old age and died around the year 436. The Church historian Evagrius (sixth century) writes of Saint Isidore, "his life seemed to everyone the life of an angel upon the earth."

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: John, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Basil, Michelle, Yuri, Davide, Pina, Kelsey and her unborn

CATECHUMEN: Calvin, Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

DEPARTED: Archpriest Moses, Archpriest Ivan, Tony, Nicholas

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSING OF CANDLES:** This Sunday, our Church School children will prepare candles for the feast of the Meeting of the Lord celebrated on February 2. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Alessandro will bless the candles that will then be distributed to parishioners to take home.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** A big football game is coming up on February 11, 2024, and once again on that weekend our parish will "tackle" hunger to help people in need both near and far. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and diapers (sizes 5 and 6) for the Grace Pantry in Alexandria. We also will collect donations for IOCC, including for their ongoing emergency relief efforts in the Holy Land and Ukraine. Our goals for this event are to collect 500+ diapers in size 5, 500+ diapers in size 6, and \$500 in donations for IOCC. Please bring your donations on or before Sunday, February 11. Lory Easton is willing to purchase diapers at Costco for any who would like to contribute that way (PayPal to LBEBiz2010@gmail.com), and a Souper Bowl of Caring Amazon Wish List also is available (via email).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men from the parish will get together for breakfast on Saturday, February 10, 8:30a at The Executive Diner (1400 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314).

**HOME BLESSINGS:** If you would like to have your house blessed, please let Fr. Alessandro know. Home blessings will be scheduled through the end of February. To prepare for Father's visit, on your dining room table or at your icon corner, lay out a white cloth if you have it, and set on it a candle that can be carried around the house and your prayer list.

**OYM DC RETREAT:** Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministries (OYM) is hosting a pan-Orthodox retreat for youth and adults on Saturday,

Feb 10, at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Silver Spring, MD. The full-day retreat will have two tracks, one for youth (grades 6-12, high school and middle school) and one for adults including young professionals, parents, and youth workers. The theme is "3E-Treat" with the goal to help participants encounter Christ, embody His Church, and engage the world in His Name. The retreat is without cost but pre-registration is required. For more information and to register: [theoym.org/washingtondc](http://theoym.org/washingtondc)

### UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

February 4, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

February 8, Thu

7:00 PM

Journey to Fullness

February 10, Sat

8:30 AM

Men's Breakfast

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

February 11, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

### MINISTRY ROTATIONS

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*Coffee Hour:*

Margheritino

Garber

*Reader:*

Bob Easton

Hughes

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment*