



WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING & GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S!

A parish of the UOC-USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate

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“Each one shall give what he has decided in his own mind, not Grudgingly or because he is made to - for God loves a cheerful giver.” - II Cor. 9:7

February 18, 2024

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 18: 37th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of Zacchaeus / Holy Martyr Agatha

Tone 4 / Epistle: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; **Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

9:00AM Divine Liturgy of – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/>

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Feb. 19: Ven. Bucolus, bishop of Smyrna

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-3:9; **Gospel:** Mark 12:13-17

Tues, Feb. 20: Ven. Parthenius, bishop of Lampsacus

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:10-22; **Gospel:** Mark 12:18-27

Wed., Feb. 21: Great-martyr Theodore Stratelates – FAST

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:1-11 **Gospel:** Mark 12:28-37

Thur, Feb. 22: Apodosis of the Meeting of the Lord

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Fri., Feb. 23: Ven. Prochorus of the Kyiv Caves – FAST

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10; Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Sat., Feb. 24: Hieromartyr Blaise, bishop of Sebaste

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:11-19; Gospel: Luke 18:2-8

Sunday, Feb. 25: 38th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee / St. Martinian [FAST FREE WEEK]

Tone 5 / Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

9:00AM Divine Liturgy of – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/>

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, FEB. 18, 2024

1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)

Timothy, my son, this saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)

At that time, entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

PARISH NEWS

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Fr. Dn. Paul Cherkas (Feb. 14), and Wedding Anniversary Greetings to: Natalie & Michael Brennan (Feb. 18), may God grant you all, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

--PLEASE BE GENEROUS! Souper Bowl Sunday is a major fundraiser organized by Ukrainian Orthodox League (UOL) chapters throughout the UOC of USA to raise funds that are desperately needed to support soup kitchens that help feed the elderly in Ukraine. The War in Ukraine is still ongoing and the situation there for the hungry and elderly is very desperate. Donations are needed more than ever!

A "Souper Bowl" collection pot will be located in the back of the church in February. Please make a donation on your way in or out of Church on Sunday (or see either Janice, Erika or Cindy at Coffee Hour)

Checks can also be mailed to:

St. Michael UOL
Attn: Cindy Charest
74 Harris Ave
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Please write checks to "St. Michael UOL" with "Souper Bowl" in the memo line. You can also contribute via our PayPal donation page Please select "Souper Bowl/St. Andrew Society" in the drop down menu.

Thank you for your support! Your contributions DO make a difference!

--FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF: The kitchen personnel have asked that the kitchen be used only for the preparation of food. Thank you for your understanding.

--FROM AQUIDNECK UKRAINE RELIEF PROJECT: We are excited to offer a screening of the documentary Back to Bucha: Finding the Spirit in Ukraine on Monday, February 26 at 5:30pm at the Newport Public Library. The filmmaker will be with us and lead a question and answer session following the film. The film about the rebuilding of the Ukrainian city tells a story of hope and resilience. This is a donation driven event, which means that while there is no charge to attend, we do welcome donations to cover our costs for the event and the film. We also share half of a screening's net proceeds (after expenses which are already partially covered) with foundations and charities that support Ukraine. So, everyone that donates supports the film and Ukraine directly! And the film's interviewees largely speak English making it ideal for American audiences. For more information please visit:

<https://www.theoeco.org/backtobuchanewport.html> or our website <https://ukrainereliefproject-aquidneck.org/>. A flyer is attached. Please

share it if you can! Can't make it to the Newport screening? It will be offered in Jamestown on Sunday, 2/25 at 1pm at the Jamestown Arts Center.

Our pysanky egg workshop had to be postponed due to illness. Luckily, we could reschedule for Monday, March 4 from 10 am-noon. We do have 2 openings available, so let me know if you would like to join us! The cost is \$35 for all materials and refreshments. Proceeds will benefit Ukraine Relief Project - Aquidneck for projects including solar lights for Ukraine, art supplies for the children's art center in Lviv that we helped renovate, iPads for remote learning and a recovery camp for traumatized children in Ukraine.

Looking forward, we are planning a wine and paint night in May and participation in Newport Polo's Charity Day on July 14. More information about those will follow. Hoping to see you at one or several of these upcoming events!

--FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY / Dues and Diocese

Obligation: \$105 A reminder that St. Michael parish must meet a monetary obligation of \$105 per adult member to the Consistory of the UOC of USA at the beginning of each year. **TO RECONFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP** with St. Michael parish each year we ask that you please use an envelope marked "dues and diocese" and submit this obligation as soon as possible at the start of each calendar year. There are envelopes available at the desk in the narthex of the church. (Use memo: "Dues and Diocese 2024" if paying by bank check, online bill pay or PayPal... Thank you!)

Reminder: Only parishioners who have reconfirmed their membership by submitting their yearly Dues and Diocese obligation and participate in the life of the parish (members in good standing) have the right to participate in votes/elections that happen the annual meeting. Please keep this in mind as we have a special vote coming up this year regarding the possibility of adopting the Revised Julian Calendar as our liturgical calendar. (More details forthcoming)

Yearly giving statements for 2023 are now on the table in the narthex.

--WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, LARGE OR SMALL:

We are most grateful for your kindness. Your donation is essential to the church. From your contribution, we pay the priest's salary and health insurance, as well as pay the utilities for the church including water, heat, electricity, lawn care and at this time of year, snow plowing and salting the ice on the driveway.

Checks should be made out to St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Please offer your donations during the church collection or send your dues and donations to:

St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church
74 Harris Ave.
Woonsocket, RI 02895

--SEEKING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS: We are seeking volunteers to sponsor a coffee hour. There will be a white board setup in the Hall with the dates. Simply, write your name for the Sunday you wish to sponsor. Usually the coffee pot and water kettle are ready to go upon your arrival. The coffee pot needs to be plugged in by 8:30 am. You are responsible for purchasing milk and half & half for the coffee. There are presently packaged goods in the kitchen. There also may be frozen items in the freezer designated for coffee hour. Feel free to bring your own items as well. At the end of coffee hour, you are responsible for washing the coffee pot, utensils, plates, etc., wrapping any leftovers, cleaning the food tables and kitchen counter. Please ask if you have any questions or need help with your coffee hour. Thank you for volunteering. Thanks, Eleanor

--2ND COLLECTION: The Special Collection will be to help with the expenses of repairing the front steps of the Church and other capital improvements. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

KITCHEN SESSIONS

Wednesday, February 21st -- Meat holubtsi & mushroom holubtsi (make & bake)

Wednesday, February 28th – fried perohe

UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

--2nd Thursday of every month – Akathist to the Mother of God, Healer of Cancer @ 7PM / Followed by Adult Religious Education class. Please submit the names of those you want to have remembered to Fr. Boris.

--MARCH 10TH: Meatfare Dinner / Chef Jeff's Famous Meatballs & Pasta

--MARCH 17TH: Cheesefare Brunch / Cheesy Potluck

--MARCH 17TH: Changing of Altar cloths to purple / after the Divine Liturgy / Please stay to help

--MARCH 23RD: SPRING COOKIE WALK / 9 – 11AM. More info to follow.

--APRIL 14TH: Lenten Sunday Evening Vespers @ St. Michael's UOC / 5PM

--JUNE 23RD: Important Annual Meeting of St. Michael's / More Info To Follow

UOL CORNER

--UOL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "The Ukrainian Orthodox League is a national volunteer organization of members in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, who are committed to promoting the Orthodox Faith, supporting the Church, developing the potential of our youth and their active participation in the life of the Church, and preserving Ukrainian heritage and culture."

--UOL MOTTO: "Dedicated to our Church, Devoted to Its Youth"

--GOALS OF THE UOL:

- Promoting active participation in all aspects of the Orthodox faith and supporting the Church.
- Developing and maintaining programs and projects which educate members and promote dedication and commitment to the Church, Her teachings, traditions, and missions.
- Proving opportunities for the development of leadership skills and responsibility among the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
- Providing and promoting information on Ukrainian heritage and history to the general public and establishing means which ensure the continuation of cultural awareness and pride within our membership.

--FEB. 25TH: UOL meeting during coffee hour

--MAR. 31: UOL Soup Sale \$5 for a bowl/container

--APR. 28: Lazarus Saturday/Spring Church Cleaning Day. More info to follow.

2024 UOL ESSAY CONTEST TOPICS

Pre-K and Kindergarten: (Category A)

Draw a picture of your favorite plant or animal that God created.

Grades 1 and 2: (Category B)

Draw a picture of Moses with the Ten Commandments. Then, please, write two to three sentences on why we need to follow the Ten Commandments.

Grades 3 and 4: (Category C)

How does God show His Love to man? Please write a paragraph (5 to 7 sentences) on your thoughts about this question.

Grades 5 and 6: (Category D)

What must we do to please God and save our souls? Please write 75 to 100 words on your thoughts.

Grades 7 and 8: (Category E)

Please write 150 to 200 words on the following. Define “faith” in your own words. How do you know you are faithful? Give examples from your life that showed people your faithfulness.

Grades 9 and 10: (Category F)

During the UOL convention this past summer, Metropolitan Antony told us that once we have received the body and blood of Christ, we are perfect. He said our challenge is to stay that way as we go out in our current society past our church doors. Please write 175 to 250 words on what you think the Metropolitan meant by these words.

Grades 11 and 12: (Category G)

In an article written by Rev. Nicholas Fedorovich in 1971 for the Golden Anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA and later published in 1973 he talks about the future of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA; “Our forefathers were forced to leave their native land we inherited neither silver, gold nor millions. ...they brought with them into new settlements a deep love for their church, their native tongue and their national traditions.” How has this love of church, language and traditions shaped your life and prepared you for your future? Please write 200 to 300 words on your thoughts.

Adult: (Category H)

Over 2,000 years ago “normal” people condemned Christ to death by shouting crucify Him. On Good Friday we erect tombs in our Churches to symbolize the burial of Christ. But Good Friday does not deal with the past alone. It is a day of sin, a day of evil, a day in which our Church invites us to realize the reality of the power sin and evil has over our lives. It invites us to ask ourselves, what side would we have been on had we lived in Jerusalem under Pilate. Please write 300 or more words explaining why and how you came to this decision.

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES

- 1. Entries must be postmarked by April 8, 2024.**
- 2. NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.**

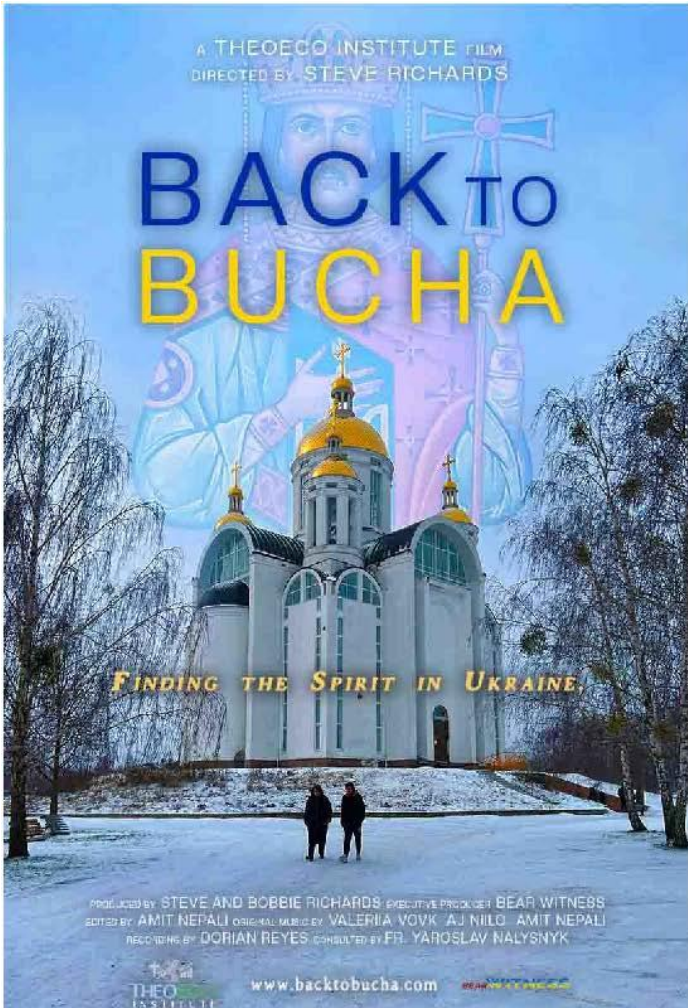
3. All entries must include the following information:
- Participant's first and last name
 - Age and grade in school
 - The name and address of participant's parish, including city and state
4. Drawings must be no larger than 12 x 18 and **NO** names on the front of drawing. Please attach a **COVER PAGE** or use the **BACK** of the drawing for the information listed above. **All drawings MUST be mailed.**
5. Written entries must be on 8 ½" x 11" paper. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed.
6. Emailed entries must be scanned in and emailed, **DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS OF ENTRIES AND EMAIL THEM, THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO READ AND WILL NOT BE JUDGED.** Emailed entries must be time stamped no later than 7:00 PM of the deadline date. All entries must be submitted in English or Ukrainian.
- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS.** No entries will be accepted after the previously mentioned deadlines.

Please send entries to
Teresa Linck: 413 Juniper Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410
Teresa Linck at: tlinck.essays@gmail.com

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

--15 MINUTES WITH FATHER -- Last Sunday of the month.





Jamestown Ukraine Relief Project and TheoEco
Present

BACK To BUCHA

Monday, February 26th, 2024
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM.

At

Newport Public Library
300 Spring Street, Newport



Admission is free. Donations are encouraged.

For more information:

TheoEco.org/BacktoBuchaNewport

Join us for the Prayerful
Commemoration of the
Second Anniversary of
**RUSSIA'S
GENOCIDAL
WAR IN UKRAINE**
on the Day of Resistance to the
Russian occupation of Crimea
and the city of Sevastopol

**26 FEBRUARY
2024**

7pm

UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER
135 Davidson Ave.
Somerset, NJ 08873

ORGANIZED BY THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA



Запрошуємо Вас
на спільну молитву
за Україну в другу
річницю повномасштабної

ВІЙНИ РОСІЇ ПРОТИ УКРАЇНИ

в день спротиву окупації
автономної республіки
Крим та міста Севастополя

**26 ЛЮТОГО
2024**

7 година вечора

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UKRAINIAN RABBIT

Hero

Would you consider helping Ukrainian children in the time of War?

Sponsor a hand-made toy and help a child in Ukraine - \$300

Please let us know where to mail your Ukrainian Rabbit Hero

Make your donation and order via the website

Маєте бажання допомогти українським дітям в час війни?

Зробіть пожертву в розмірі \$300 та отримайте іграшку ручної роботи - тим же допомагаючи дитині в Україні!

Будь ласка, дайте нам знати, куди надіслати вашого іграшкового Українського Кролика

Зробіть пожертву та замовлення в режимі інтернету





МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ

ГОСПОДИ, БОЖЕ НАШ,
ВЕЛИКИЙ І ВСЕСИЛЬНИЙ, МИ ГРІШНІ ДІТИ ТВОЇ, ЗВЕРТАЄМОСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У
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ТОБОЮ. БЛАГАЄМО ТЕБЕ ЗА БЕЗМЕЖНЕ МИЛОСЕРДЯ ТА ЩЕДРІ
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НЕБЕЗПЕКИ ДЛЯ ЇХ МИРНОГО ЖИТТЯ І ДОБРОБУТУ.

О ГОСПОДИ, НАШИМ БРАТАМ І СЕСТРАМ, ЗНОВУ ЗАГРОЖУЮТЬ АГРЕСОРИ,
ЯКІ БАЧАТЬ У НИХ ЛИШЕ ПРОСТУ ПЕРЕШКОДУ, ЩО ПЕРЕГОРОДЖУЄ ШЛЯХ
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УКРАЇНИ. ЗМИЦНИ ЛЮДЕЙ, У ЧАСІ ЦІЄЇ ВЕЛИКОЇ НЕБЕЗПЕКИ, ЯКІ
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ДАРУЙ ГОСПОДИ, ЄДНІСТЬ РОЗУМУ, СЕРЦЯ І ДУШІ ВСІМ ДЕРЖАВНИМ
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ПРОСЛАВЛЯЛИ ТВОЄ ВЕЛИЧНЕ ІМ'Я – БОГА В СВЯТІЙ ТРОЙЦІ – ОТЦЯ,
СИНА І СВЯТОГО ДУХА, НИНІ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.

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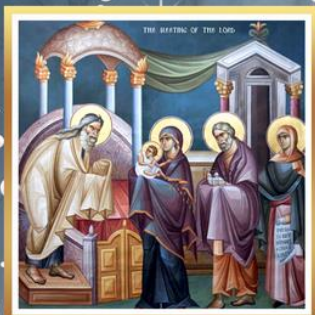
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

LORD OUR GOD,
GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH
HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE
BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE
NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER
TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY
AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS SIMPLE OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE
PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND
RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS
THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY
DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES.
SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF
KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR
WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC
SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT
CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY
MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER,
SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES.

AMEN.



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS В ЛЮТОМУ СВЯТКУЄМО

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



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ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

СВТ. ГРИГОРІЯ БОГОСЛОВА

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SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS:

**ST. BASIL THE GREAT, ST. GREGORY THE
THEOLOGIAN, AND ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

СОБОР ВСЕЛЕНСЬКИХ УЧИТЕЛІВ І
СВЯТИТЕЛІВ: ВАСИЛІЯ ВЕЛИКОГО,
ГРИГОРІЯ БОГОСЛОВА І ІОАНА ЗЛАТОУСТА

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**THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

СТРІТЕННЯ ГОСПОДА БОГА І СПАСА
НАШОГО ІСУСА ХРИСТА

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ZACCHEUS SUNDAY

НЕДІЛЯ ЗАКХЕЯ

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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

FAST-FREE WEEK

НЕДІЛЯ ПРО МИТАРЯ ТА
ФАРИСЕЯ

СЕДМИЦЯ ВСЕЇДНА

