

Week Schedule

Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions following Vespers

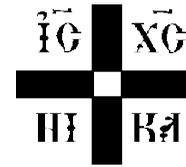
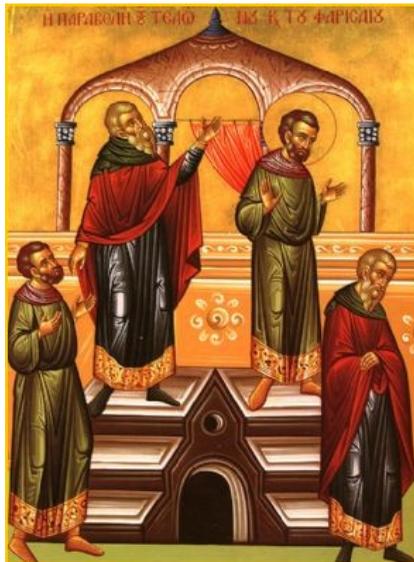
Sunday Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.



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Call to arrange sacraments, services, instruction, counseling, home visits, sick calls.

Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead//by His glorious Resurrection.

Kontakion (Tone 4, from Lenten Triodion)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, //O only merciful One!"

February 13, 2011

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Tone 5. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion].

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Dn. Peter Skoog, Lena Robovitsky, Albert and Catherine Kavalkovich, Ronnie Kavalkovich, Barbara and Norman Andrews, Child Elizabeth, Pellack family, Walker family, Emelie Albrecht, Robert Corba, Witiak family, James, Sharon, Patricia, Mark, Sally Lyons, Michael Makara. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

William (Bill), James Leddy, Anna Mackiewicz, Onufrey Spack, Helen Herbert, Deborah Archie, William and Julia Brasko. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:10-15

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, perseverance,¹¹persecutions, 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.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

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.

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

Church Education

Do remember that the last Sunday of the month is devoted to our church education. We'll continue to address suffering and Christ following the Divine Liturgy.

Easter Flowers

Debbie Kavalkovich has started collecting orders for Easter flowers. Please see her if you would like to place an order.

Parish Statistics for January 30, 2011

Attendance: 46

Deposit: \$1906.02 (includes garage rent and special offerings, such as youth and centennial fund)

Expenses: \$116.00