

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose 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 Lover of mankind!"

Troparion (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

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 05, 2012

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernígov (1696). Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.

Kontakion (Tone 1)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Lena, Bobby, David, Nina, Anna McCartney, Grace and Bob Corba, Emelie Albrecht, clergy and parishioners, Burychka family, Witiak family, Kavalkovich family, Veronila, William, John, Alex, Grace, Elizabeth, Diane, James, Sharon, James, Ronnie.
May God Grant Then Many Years!

Departed: Jan Kon, Daniel Tashman, Michael Thees, Debbie Archie, Zuzulock family members, Denise, John, Andrew, Vito, Helen, Al, Marion, Anne, Bridget, William. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Saturday NO VESPERS

Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy

2 Timothy 3:10-15

But 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.

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.

Announcements

Readers, Coffee Hour, and Church Cleaning

Please consider volunteering for any of the above. The church needs help especially with cleaning and coffee hour. Sign-up sheets are downstairs on the bulletin board.

Lecture

Fr. John Behr, Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary will be offering a lecture on "Being Human" to the University of Pennsylvania OCF on Thursday evening, February 9, as part of the OCF's "Orthodoxy Week." Everyone, student or not, is welcome to attend. The lecture begins at 7:00 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 8:00 p.m. It will be held in Houston Hall, Golkin Room 223 in University City on UPenn's campus. Please see Fr. Matthew if you were to have any questions.

Annual Meeting

Our annual parish meeting will be on Sunday, February 19, following the Divine Liturgy.

New Vespers Time

Starting February 18, Vespers will begin at 5:00 p.m. Note that there will be no Vespers on February 11.

Centennial Team

Please see Debbie Kavalkovich if you would like to serve on the team preparing for our centennial next year.

Weekly Financial Statement (01.29.12)

Attendance: 35

Money In: \$1558.00

Money Out: -\$2843.11

Net Total: -\$1285.11

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.