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Sunday, February 17, 2019 | [Lenten Triodion Begins]

Tone 5 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit (ca 306)
St Mariame, sister of Apostle Phillip (1st c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Throughout the following week there is a general dispensation
from all fasting! (February 16, 2019 to February 26, 2019)

Today: Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.
The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf! Understanding the Arrangements and
Beauty of the Eight Tones during
all Liturgical Services.

Saturday: February 23– Great Vespers at **4:00PM!** *Note Time Change!*

Sunday: February 24 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: February 24 – Annual Roast Pork Luncheon after Divine Liturgy in the
Church Basement.

Sunday: February 24 – Youth Outing to the Franklin Institute

Texts for the Liturgical Service

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 – 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!"

Prokeimenon (Tone 5)

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle Reading: 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.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)

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.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)



Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

2019 House Blessing

If you wish to have your home blessed, please speak with Father Mark for date availability to schedule a house blessing. The blessing of houses will begin after Theophany, which is Sunday, January 6. Items of importance when having your home blessed: 1) have a candle available to be burned during the house blessing, 2) a bowl of blessed holy water, 3) an icon (preferably the icon of Christ being baptized in the Jordan River), and 4) please make enough space for Father Mark to maneuver in the rooms you wish him to bless.

2019 Mission Service - Sunday, April 7, - At Our Parish

Our parish will be hosting a Mission Vespers Service on Sunday, April 7 (the 4th of Great Lent – St. John Climacus) beginning at 4:00PM. As a result of hosting this service during the Lenten Season, a church cleaning is scheduled the day before on Saturday, April 6 with a start time To Be Determined as we get closer to that date.

Thank you to all who spent a few hours last Saturday morning and afternoon (Feb 9) cleaning up and organizing the Hall Club. More heavy items were moved, boxes were taken out for recycling, and more trash was collected and taken out of the Club. In addition, certain areas were cleaned and organized. A small dent was established in getting the club organized, however, we are getting there to make its appearance pleasant and more accessible. The Property Committee will announce the next clean up day once a date has been established. In the meantime, much of the furniture, table and chairs no longer usable to the parish will be hauled off to a scrap dealer.

Lenten study resources available from OCA Department of Christian Education

With the beginning of Great Lent just around the corner, the Orthodox Church in America's Department of Christian Education [DCE] recommends a wide variety of online lessons and activities highlighting Lenten and Paschal themes that are ideal for use in Church school classes and adult study groups. To view this material, please check out the Department's website at dce.oca.org.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family and parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Christopher, Allison, and Baby Lucas Christopher Andrews
offered by MM A Kavalkovich
Alexandra Hourahan, Justin Drimak, Kevin Hourahan on their birthdays offered by the
Hourahan Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Joseph Herbert offered by MM Herbert
Helen Herbert, Reader Leonty Macalush offered by MM Herbert
Mary Makara offered by Joseph Rabik
Emelie Albrecht offered by Joseph Rabik
Joseph Herbert offered by Emily Gerasimoff

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 2/10/19:

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich; Dr. Jane Kelly; Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father
John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces! In addition, please
keep in your prayers the following: Lucas Christopher Andrews (**newly born – Feb 8**), Allison
Andrews, Christopher Andrews, grandparents Barbara and Norman Andrews, and great
grandparents Catherine and Albert Kavalkovich.

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**Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on
vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!**

Announcements (cont.)

Coffee Hour / Cleaning and Epistle / Hours Reading Schedule.

We now have an established full rotating schedule for the Coffee Hour & Cleaning, and the Hours & Epistle Readings. The Reading schedule sheets will be posted quarterly on the bulletin board in the church basement. The Coffee Hour/Cleaning schedule is in a binder located on the display case.

Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon.

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund (*reactivated July 2018*)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (February)

	<u>Week of February 4 to February 10</u>	<u>February Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	40	43 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,663.00	\$ 5,309.00
Funds Out:	\$ 212.39	\$ 4,039.72
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,450.61	\$ 1,269.28

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

Today - Church Life Discussion class (The 4th 3rd Sunday of the month) The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf! Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight Tones during all Liturgical Services. Please note the class will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month as a result of both our parish Meatfare dinner and the Youth Outing to the Franklin Institute on the Sunday, February 24th (the 4th Sunday of the month).

Sunday, February 24 – The Annual Roast Pork Sandwich Luncheon [Meatfare Sunday] after Divine Liturgy!
Plans on organizing the luncheon have begun. Please see Catherine Kavalkovich if you wish to provide a dish for this annual pre-Lenten luncheon. We do need volunteers to bring or prepare other food items!

Sunday, February 24 – Youth Outing to the Franklin Institute after the Parish Meatfare Luncheon. The Exhibit – Vikings: Beyond The Legend!
For those who wish to join our parish youth in experiencing the explorers, warriors, craftspeople, merchants and farmers the Vikings were, please get in contact with Lena Helen regarding the availability of tickets to this exhibit.

Sunday, March 3 – Holy Ghost's Annual Spring Fling - Pasta Luncheon! 2310 South 24th Street * Philadelphia, PA! Doors open at 11AM & Lunch served at 12 noon.
Tickets (including admission and buffet) are \$15 for adults 13 and over and \$7 for children 12 and under. There will be a lunch and dessert buffet along with standard and premium raffle baskets. For more information on this event from one of our neighboring churches a few blocks away, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board down in the church basement.

Sunday, March 10 - Forgiveness Sunday Vespers immediately following the Divine Liturgy.
The parish traditionally serves this vespers right after the Divine Liturgy. Please plan to stay and attend this beautiful service and asking forgiveness from your fellow parishioners and from God! It is during this service (during the reading "Vouchsafe, O Lord") that the Great Lenten Fast Begins!

Cleaning Teams: Today (Feb 17): Saint Juvenaly
(Jennifer Cantrell, Ron (and Cheryl) Homa).
Next Week (Feb 24): Saint Innocent
(David Albrecht and Melanie Albrecht).



Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

[February 17th]

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.