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### SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE - BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION February 25, 2024

#### TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

##### **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**

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**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!*

#### LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

##### **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee – Beginning of the Lenten Triodion**

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.

Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark’s Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior’s death and burial.

## EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

### Epistle: 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.

### Gospel: 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.”

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED

Dates are when the name was added to the bulletin; names will remain in four bulletins and then removed. To add the name again, please email Darice at daricekeyes@gmail.com.

### For the Sick / Caregiver

Anna (2/4)

Nick (2/4)

Julie (2/4)

Kelly (2/4)

Liam (2/4)

Dorothy (2/4)

Carmine (2/11)

Marianne (2/11)

Leon (2/18)

Michael (2/18)

Charlotte (2/18)

Subdeacon Serge (2/18)

Melody (2/18)

Nancy (2/18)

Father Paul (2/25)

Matushka Mary (2/25)

Alexandra (2/25)

### For the Deceased

Igor (2/11)

Haydee (2/11)

Ann (2/25)

Joseph (2/25)

## SERVICES

### Service Schedule for the week of February 25

**Sunday February 25** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

**Saturday March 2** – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday March 3** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

## DONATIONS

### Weekly Giving

February 18 – 67 adults, 17 youth, \$3,074

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week is Fast Free Week through Saturday March 2. There will be a potluck supper in Daria Hall on Fast Free Friday, March 1, starting at 5:30. **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church.** Please join us for an evening of fellowship!

The FOCA Club will have a Breakfast Fundraiser on Meatfare Sunday, March 10. **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church.** Please support our church clubs as funds raised support various Orthodox charities throughout the year.

The Ladies Assumption Altar Society will be raffling two homemade Spring wreaths. Chances are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Chances will be sold today and next Sunday, March 3. Winners will be picked on March 3.

The Ladies Assumption Altar Society will hold a bazaar/flea market in Daria Hall - open to the public and parish on Saturday June 22 and only for our parish June 23. Please bring gently used items and clothing to be sold; electric items must work; no rust or damaged items please. The items may be placed in the coat room or on the left side only of the stage in Daria Hall. Large empty boxes, newspaper, bubble wrap, and tissue paper are also needed. The ladies are looking for volunteers to help price items and set up, and also to help on Saturday June 22 during the bazaar. We would really appreciate some male volunteers for security detail on Saturday. See Alla with any questions.

Catechumen/Adult Education Classes will begin on Saturday March 2. Classes will be held in the church basement every Saturday after Vespers. There will be 10 to 11 classes, and in order to finish classes before Pascha - so the Catechumens have an opportunity to be Baptized and/or Chrismated before Pascha - there may be two classes on a few Saturdays, or possibly a class one evening during the week. Scheduled dates will be announced. The classes are not only for those interested in converting to Orthodoxy, but anyone who wants to further their Orthodox education. Instructors will be Father Volodymyr, Herman Meyer, Alan Berck, John Cassar, and Trudy Ellmore.

As discussed at the annual Parish Meeting on January 28, a goal of \$85,000 for "annual pledges" has been set for this year. We have received 19 pledges to date, and are at 68% of the goal. Please remember to turn in your green pledge card, which was included with your donation envelopes, as soon as you can. The cards not only indicate your pledge for the year, but also your stewardship interests in helping your parish. If you need another card, please see Alex Brasowski. Thank you – your pledges are used to help the Parish Council budget projects for the church.

Summer Camp for parish children will be held the last week of June (June 24-28) – **there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.** Ages 4 through 12 may attend, however children ages 4-6 are required to have a parent/guardian attend with them. There is no charge for camp. We will need several children to commit in order to have the camp.

**Your donations are needed to sustain Coffee Hour. Very little is being donated every Sunday, so please remember to put some money in the basket on the food table so we can continue to have Coffee Hour. Thank you!**

A sign-up sheet for House Blessing is on the table in the back of the church. Please sign up and Father Volodymyr will contact you to set up a time. All house blessings must be done before the beginning of Great Lent on March 18.

**Coffee Hour Support Persons are needed.** If you would like to volunteer to assist once or twice a month, please see Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Father Volodymyr. We encourage everyone to get involved in this weekly parish event.

The Ladies Altar Society is creating and publishing the first Parish Cookbook – with your help! We are interested in your favorite recipes, ethnic recipes, recipes from your grandparents, parents, children, relatives and friends, and Lenten recipes. They can include Appetizers, Main Meals, Side Dishes, Soup, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages. In addition to recipes, the Cookbook will include a Helpful Hints section. In order for the Cookbook to be a success, we will need many recipes! Each recipe should include your name, who you may have received the recipe from, and your phone number (phone number is only if we have questions and will not be published in the Cookbook). Please give your recipes to Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Nancy Mitsos. Thank you!

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Svetlana Sosedov – February 27

Panayiota Dorvil – February 27

Bill DiCicco – February 28

Lourdes Montiel – February 28

Betty Kavchok – February 29

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

## COFFEE HOUR

Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the refreshments in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM and after Holy Communion, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing, drying and putting away dishes, taking out the trash, and cleaning up the Coffee Room including turning off and cleaning the coffee and tea pots. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese, butter, or milk is needed. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky or Alla Strauss.

### SUGGESTED MENU:

Bagels / Breads

Donuts / Pastries

Frozen desserts are available to use from the two freezers in Daria Hall

Fruit

Salads

Tortilla chips & Salsa

Hummus

Sugar-free dessert

Oreos (non-dairy)

NOTE: Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) **with advance notice to reserve the specific date to host the event.** The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.

Feb. 25 Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Matthew & Kris Bohush  
Mar. 3 Karina Kotelnicki, Gabriela Plesa  
Mar. 10 FOCA Club Breakfast Fundraiser  
Mar. 17 **NO MEAT** Fiyori Habtesilasse, Gebrekvistos Amleset  
Mar. 24 **FAST** Christine Waite, Alla & Perry Strauss  
Mar. 31 **FAST** Svetlana Sosedov, Guy Radcliffe  
Apr. 7 **FAST** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Vera Pschenychny  
Apr. 14 **FAST** Corneliu & Florica Balasa, Viktoryia Baranava  
Apr. 21 **FAST** Alan & Mimi Berck, Paul & Patti Denko  
Apr. 28 **FAST** Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Anna & Leon Brasowski  
May 5 **PASCHA – NO COFFEE HOUR**  
May 12 Nina Schmidt, Alla & Perry Strauss  
May 19 Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Valeria & Timothy Srock  
May 26 Christina DiDonato, John Cassar  
June 2 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Edwin Correa Robles  
June 9 Manuel & Lourdes Montiel, Cole Johnson  
June 16 Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun  
June 23 Nina Laushell, Lynne Sheedy & Bill Hazelton  
June 30 Ludwig & Paula Koerte, Nina Shafran  
July 7 Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt, Ramazi Shubitidze  
July 14 Melody Stavisky, Awet Tesfa  
July 21 Nicholas & Samantha Torrisi, Herman & Francine Meyer  
July 28 Tamara Karkusova, Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky  
Aug. 4 **FAST** Luwam Tesfa, Nebiat Tesfa  
Aug. 11 **FAST** Nancy Mitsos, Darice Keyes  
Aug. 18 Tony & Chris Villabon, Alan & Mimi Berck  
Aug. 25 Alex Godun, Blake & Jessica Kilgore