

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.

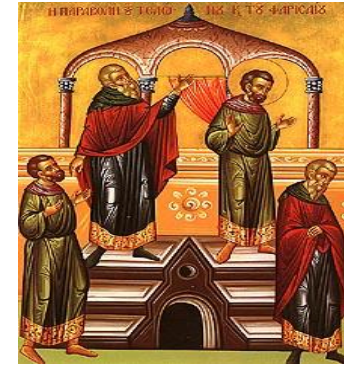
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Friend of the Bridegroom: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)



Sunday, February 9th, 2025

The Publican and The Pharisee

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Sunday, Feb 9th 33rd Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee / Tone 8
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Wednesday, Feb 12th St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch
5:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, Feb 14th Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia
6:00 pm Akathist

Saturday, Feb 15th Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy
5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, Feb 16th Sunday of the Prodigal Son / Tone 1
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour & Parish Annual Meeting

Attendance/Stewardship February 2nd

Attendance: 66 Adults and 24 Children	90 Total
Weekly Stewardship Offerings:	\$3,390.00
Weekly Candle Offerings:	\$217.00
Charity of the Month (Zoe for Life):	\$70.00
YTD Budget Inflows:	\$15,088.15
YTD Budget Outflows	\$11,466.55
YTD Surplus/deficit	\$3,621.60

Prayer Corner

The Crivella Family (covid)	Fr. Dcn John Tutoki
Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)	Sbdcn George Kaschack
Sarah Crivella	Patty DiGiacobbe
James Livermore Jr.	David Campbell
Cassandra, Patrick, Elizabeth, & Patrick	Renee & Anna
Wallace Family	Laura & Roy
Greg, Clara, Jeanie	Azouria
Cara DeToro (Fr Dcn John's Friend)	Nancy
Debbie	Tristan Beil
Barb Leis	Jeffrey
John & Joan Buranich (Eleanore Krenitsky's Brother & His Wife)	
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

Newly Departed: Walter Rusnak (1/3) [Harry Krenitsky's friend] & Also Ann Backiu (1/28) [Cheryl's Aunt]

Expecting: Tom & Cadie Kirk, Natalie & Chase York, Erin & Paul DiGiacobbe & their unborn children

Newborns: Allegra & her parents Nick & Raquel Cironi

Catechumens: Lucian & Lilianna Vasil, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christopher, & William Cunningham, Matthew Rose, Nicky Lewis, Alexander Mackey, Tristan & Colleen Beil

Birthdays: Cathy Cyhan (11th)

Anniversaries: Dean & Daria Fickes & Cesar & Kayla Ventura (14th)

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Altar	For the Health of the Phillips Family
Christ	For the Health of Joe Yez

Announcements

Parish Annual Meeting

Will be held after Liturgy and a brief coffee hour in the Nave of the church on Sunday February 16th.

2024 Donation Statements

2024 donation statements are available. Please see Carol Bobosh to get your statement or if you have any questions. Also the 2024 altar candle commemoration list is available at the candle stand.

Coffee Hour

A friendly reminder that coffee is self-serve during coffee hour. Please help yourself.

Welcome

Please welcome Fr. Adamcio to our parish. Thank you for coming to lead us in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on such short notice.