

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion* (Feb 5)

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.

Text & icon from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/02/05/2-sunday-of-the-publican-and-the-pharisee-embeginning-of-the-lente>



ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the
Antiochian Archdiocese

Metropolitan ANTONIOS,
Patriarchal Vicar



His Grace Bishop THOMAS



Father Noah Bushelli, Pastor
215-954-9286



Father James Thayer
215-692-0890

February 5, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

COMMEMORATIONS:

AFTERFEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR IN THE TEMPLE
AGATHA THE MARTYR
POLVEUKTOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
ANTONIOS THE NEW MARTYR OF ATHENS
THEODOSIOS, ARCHBISHOP OF CHERNIGOV
THEODOSIOS OF ANTIOCH

Tone 1 - Eothinon 1

Orthros Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:10-14

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST - Tone 1 - Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
1-Year Memorial for Wendy Susannah
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Women of St. Mariamne
SJA Informational Meeting 12:45 p.m.

1970 Clearview Road, Souderton, PA 18964
www.st-philip.net (215) 721-4947

Emails: office@st-philip.net nbushelli@gmail.com frjamesthayer@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

