

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Beginning of the Lenten Triodion
February 9

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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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

COMMEMORATIONS:

LEAVETAKING OF THE PRESENTATION OF
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR IN THE TEMPLE,
NICEPHOROS THE MARTYR OF ANTIOCH,
MARKELLOS, PHILAGRIOS, & PANKRATIOS
THE HIEROMARTYRS, TEILO, BISHOP OF
LLANDAFF

Tone 8 - Eothion 11
Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25
Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Liturgy Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

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, 8:15 a.m.**
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Trisagion Memorial: (Hind Jacob & Wendy Suzanna), 11:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School following Liturgy
Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m.

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

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week	Next Week (Feb. 16):
COFFEE HOUR:	Sissy Hill's Aunt Hind Memorial	St. Justin Academy DONATION Luncheon
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela Pleasa	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	Yvonne Ulrick-Ken's Surgery	Bushelli-Joachim's Birthday
USHERS:	Nick M. & Chris H.	John Nicholson & Bill Henry
CLEANING TEAM:	Catechumens	Todd & Kristi M., Kim B.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Miriam K., Conor M., Daniel C., Laura Schoenhals	Calvin S., Mary T., Miria S., Christian L.

Mark Your Calendar:

Great Vespers February 22
Great Vespers with be sung by the St.
Tikhon's Seminary Choir
Fr. John will give a talk: "Responding
to God's Call"

Choir Workshop
Saturday, February 22
With Fr. Caleb Lewis, Director of
Music at St. Tikhon's Monastery &
Seminary

Forgiveness Vespers
March 2

Lenten Retreat
March 22
Missions with Fr. Hector Firoglanis
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Choir Concert
April 6-1:30 to 2:30
Passion & Resurrection of Christ
Invite family and friends!

Holy Pascha
April 20, 2025
We live from Pascha to Pascha!

**FEBRUARY OUTREACH
COLLECTION:**
Paper Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of the Holy Land and Syria Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Displaced of Southern California. NI. Ambrose (Bryson), Lydia, James, Edwin, Michael Serge Nun Sergeia Doris Michael John James Steven Paraskevi Elizabeth Michaela Nicholas John Denis-Patrick Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries Nathan, John, & all seminarians Those searching for spouses Engaged Couples Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers New mothers and their babies The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	+Eustathia +Costantine +Claudia +Hind- Georgette (February Parish Diptychs) +Frank +Kristina +John +Steve +John +Hertanse +Thomas +Wendy Susanna <u>Catechumens</u> Lucretia Andrew Ryan Michael Kassandra Rose Jasper Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Carol Morgan Meghan John Steven Bobby Liara Asher Sarah

This Week:

- Mon, Feb 10:** Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- Tues, Feb 11:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 pm
- Wed, Feb 12:** **Divine Liturgy, 7:00 am**
Confessions, 6:00 pm
Little Compline, 6:30 pm
Patristic Discussion Group, 7:00 pm
- Thurs, Feb 13:** 12 Baskets Full Serving Night, 6:30 pm
Vespers, 6:30 pm
Revelation Bible Study, 7:30 pm
- Fri, Feb 14:** Confessions, 6:00 pm
Paraklesis, 6:30 pm
- Sat, Feb 15:** **Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am**
Catechumen Class, 4:30 pm
Handmaiden's Meeting, 4:30 pm
Parenting Book Study, 4:30 pm
Great VESPERS, 6:00 pm
Confessions, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, Feb 16:** **The Prodigal Son**
ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 am
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9 am
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 2/1: 80

Liturgy 2/2: 309

OFFERINGS 12/8: Candles, \$326. Collections, \$1,340.52. Book Shelf Ministry, \$165. Building Fund, \$400. Needy Fund, \$176.44. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship, \$5,058.07. Total received: \$7,563.55.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

St. Philip Mission Chapel Attendance
12/29: 33 - 1/15: 39
1/12: 45 - 1/19: 48 - 1/26: 32