

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

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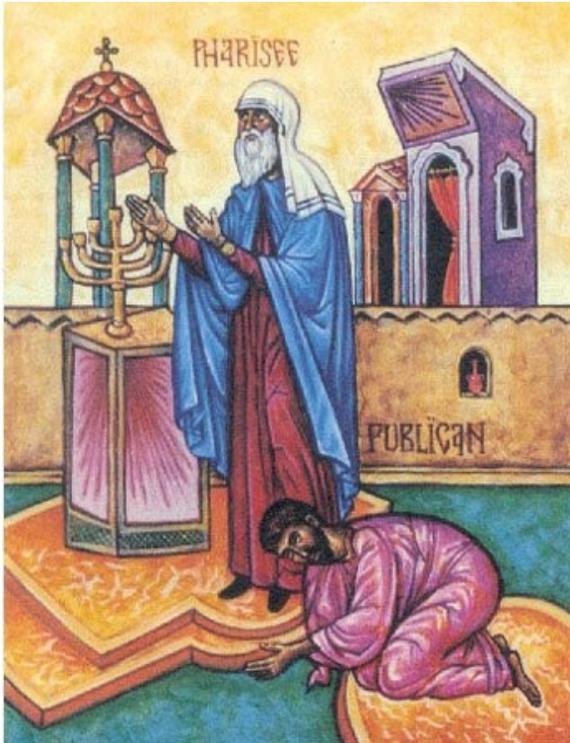
Sunday February 5th 2017

Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



WELCOME

If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Tropar and Kondak Tone 8– Blue Book pg. 102 Red Book pg. 117

Kondak of the Publican and the Pharisee Tone 3

As the Publican, let us bring cries of sorrow to the Lord,* and let us fall before Him as sinners at the Master's feet.* For He desires the salvation of all men;* He grants forgiveness unto all that repent* and He has for our sake taken flesh,* though He is God co-eternal with the Father.

Who was the Pharisee? When we hear the story of the Publican and the Pharisee we don't get many details about the lives of the two men from Christ's parable. The Publican, or Tax-Collector, we know to be a sinful man, because this was part of what his career entailed. As for the Pharisee, we know that he was a religious leader. We know that he was not an executioner, that he was not unjust, that he was not an adulterer, and that he was not a tax collector (Luke 18: 11). We also know that the Pharisee fasted twice a week and gave tithes (10%) of everything he owned to the Church.

By all accounts if we look at this information, we can assume that the Pharisee was a good and faithful man. Giving the Pharisee the benefit of the doubt we can assume he had many other great qualities, and that all in all he was a "good" person.

On the other hand, we can assume that the Publican was a great sinner, known by all to be a liar and a cheat. Yet what is it that Christ says about these men? Christ tells us that it is the Publican who goes home justified. Christ tells us that "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14).

To be a Christian means infinity more than being a "good" person, The Pharisee was potentially a "good" person (in the eyes of the world) and yet it is the Publican who goes home **justified**. This lesson is so important for us as we prepare for Great Lent, and that is why the Church reminds us every year at this time to be humble. If we, like the Publican, wish to go home justified we must pray to the Lord, asking for His mercy, admitting our sinfulness in Holy Confession, and asking our Lord for more humility: before Him and before our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Publican and the Pharisee

P I J B A Z S N Q Z P E X P M
 L O S V F F T A I D N P P G T
 U G U P N I H A Z O W O S H V
 F X I C T A I V I S B D U D D
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 O E N S J Y T I L I M U H E W
 D I Y U R Q I V I B E R T Y K
 S H U P I W K K S A B C Y E F

1. Another name for a tax-collector...
2. This person did not leave the Temple justified.
3. The tax collector "raised his ___ to heaven"
4. The tax collector said "God be _____ to me a sinner"
5. The tax collector came before the Lord in....
6. This many weeks until Great Lent begins...
7. If we come before the Lord just like the Publican, then we too will go home _____.
8. We say the same words as the Publican in the prayer before Holy _____.
9. "God be merciful to me a ___"

Announcements: If you have yet to have your home blessed please make arrangements with me as soon as possible!

If you have yet to do so, please turn in your pledge card for 2017.

- **Happy Birthday to Fred Mileszko (2/18)** and congratulations on the birth of his fourth great grandchild— may God grant many happy and healthy years to Riley-Anne!
- Next Week's Coffee Hour is available for sign up!
- This Tuesday evening everyone is invited to the Sr, ACRY meeting at Monterrey's Mexican Restaurant on Highway 92 in Woodstock at 6:30PM



Weekly Schedule: Fast Free Week

Wednesday 2/8 6:30AM— Daily Matins

Thursday 2/9 7:00PM— Parakalis to the Mother of God followed by Orthodoxy Class

Saturday 2/11 4:30PM— Great Vespers

Sunday 2/12— 10Am— Divine Liturgy

Please send in any names you would like prayed for on the all soul Saturday's.

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig , Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela , Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae , The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Mileszko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family, Bryan (Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert (Blessed Repose), Joseph, Boris, Maria (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie (Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda, Janis, John Haddad , David Novak, Suzette Gardenhour, Bob, David. Michelle, Stephen, James, Brian Paul Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!