

Bulletin Sponsors for this week are for:**The health of:**

Goddaughter **Nicole**, on her 17th birthday, offered with love by Aunt Tammy.
Alexander Stefy on his birthday, offered by his grandmother Lore Stefy.

The memory of:

Theodore Prinz, father of Nelly Freed and Lore Stefy

Readings:

II Timothy 3:10-15 (*Publican and Pharisee, 4th Sunday before lent*)

Luke 18:10-14 (*Publican and Pharisee, 4th Sunday before lent*)

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Lord said this parable, “Two men went up into 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 like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up 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, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Sunday Service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

With the increase in COVID cases, it has been requested that we wear masks in Church, (and during Coffee Hour unless eating or drinking)

Coffee hour

Coffee hour will resume on Meatfare Sunday, February 27th. In observation of this day, there will be a potluck luncheon. If you wish to bring something to the luncheon, please let the Sisterhood know by signing up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Church School

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday March 6.

The schedule for March: March 6th and March 20th.

Classes will meet at the same times as prior to the hiatus.

Announcement:

- **The Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioner** will be held on March 13, 2022, after coffee hour. The annual meeting of the parishioners is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, reports by the Rector and Council members, and for other business. Please email Andrew Romanofsky, the Council President, if you have an item that you want included on the agenda or if you plan to nominate someone for a Parish Council position.
- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2022. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

Reminders:

- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
 Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
 111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
 Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee:

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.**

To read more about Pre-Lent, see:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/articleschurch/about-services-and-prayers/3070-pre-lent.html>

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/02/13>

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Christ is in our
midst!

He is and
ever shall be!

Sunday of the Publican and the
Pharisee

*Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
And learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior,
have mercy on us, only merciful One!*

Troparion – Tone 4

February 13, 2022

Today the Church remembers:

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE • Beginning of the Lenten Triodion • St. Seraphima (Sezhenovo, Russia—1877) • Saints Martinian, Zoe, and Photina of Caesarea in Palestine (5th c.) • Ven. Stephen (in monasticism Simeon), the Myrrhusher, Prince of Serbia (1199) • St. Eulogius, Archbishop of Alexandria (607-608) • Appearance of Christ to Saint Martin of Tours (316)

34th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Publican and the
Pharisee

Tone 1 of the [Octoechos](#)
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion
(Fast Free week)