

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**For the health of:****Emily** Turpin on her third birthday, offered by her family.**David** Searforce on his birthday, offered by his family.**Andrew** Romanofsky on his birthday, offered by his family.

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."

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:****Hours** - 9:40 AM**Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM**(Private Confession** – After Vespers by appointment.)**(General Confession** – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)**(Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)**Church School**2nd through 8th grades – 9:30 AM (No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.)Preschool through 1st grades meet immediately after communion every Sunday.**Coffee hour** - after Liturgy**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.****Announcements:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** today, February 17, 2019 right after coffee hour. Dues for 2019 can be paid at the meeting.

Special Announcements:

- Parishioners who would like to donate items for use in the kitchen, can check the blackboard in the kitchen for what is needed.
- Please sign up for a **Coffee Hour date**. You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to sign up.
- **Please note** – If you are bringing food for coffee hour because you had a Pannikhida, or other special event, please notify Lore Stefy at 609 625-1184 in advance.

Reminders:

- **Announcements or Prayer Requests** for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
 - **Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored** by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. If using the signup sheet, **please give two weeks' notice**.
 - **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.
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The lives of the saints remembered today can be read at:
<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/02/17>

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion*

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.

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**Glory to
Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

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!*

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On this day the Church remembers:

- SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE** • Greatmartyr Theodore the Tyro ("the Recruit"—ca. 306) • Hieromartyr Germogén (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1612)
- Ven. Theodore the Silent, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.) • St. Mariamne, sister of Apostle Philip (1st c.) • Uncovering of the Relics of Martyr Menas of Alexandria (867-869) • The weeping "TIKHVIN" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos on Mt. Athos.

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