

Bulletin sponsor this week is for:**The health of:**

Mat. Holly on her birthday, requested by her family.

For the memory of:

Joseph, father of Maribeth, offered by the Romanofsky family

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

Hebrews 7:7-17 (*Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Feb. 2*)

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

Luke 2:22-40 (*Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Feb. 2*)

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 Iiconion, 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 Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew

Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee Hour.

Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.

Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.

Announcements:

- **Dues and assessments are now being collected for the year 2026.** Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200 per person. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- **On Sunday February 8th, we will have our Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy.** 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.
- The **Sisterhood** is planning two upcoming **pre-Lenten luncheons**, on **Sunday February 15th (Meatfare)**, and on **Sunday February 22nd (Cheesefare)**. Tickets for each luncheon will **cost \$10** for those 13 years of age and up, payable at the door. Twelve and under are free. **Sign-up sheets for both luncheons** are posted downstairs, for anyone wishing to prepare a food item. You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to provide a food dish.

Reminders:

- The **Parish Council** has created a special fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark any donations** for this important fund with the designation **“Rectory”**.
- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you!
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to: bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> .
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

Forefeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple:

Today we will be celebrating the Holy Day of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple. (The Holy Day is Feb. 2nd). (Hymns for Feb 2nd)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!

*From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection!*

Tone 1 Troparion

*By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb
and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God.*

*Now You have come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,
O only Lover of Man!*

Tone 1 Kontakion

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

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 about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/02/01>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: www.oca.org/

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*Glory
Forever*

*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

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!*

Tone 4 – Kontakion

February 1, 2026**Today the Church remembers:**

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE • **Forefeast of the Meeting** • Martyr Tryphon of Lampsacus near Apamea in Syria (250) • Martyrs Perpetua, a woman of Carthage, and the Catechumens: Saturus, Revocatus, Saturninus, Secundulus and Felicitas (202-203) • Ven. Peter Galata, Hermit, near Antioch in Syria (429) • Ven. Vendemianus (Bendemianus), Hermit, of Bithynia (ca. 512) • Ven. Bridget (Brigid) of Ireland (523)

Triodion week 1

Tone 1 of the *Octoechos*
Fast free week