

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor is for:****The Health of:**

**Reader David** Searforce on the occasion of his birthday requested by his family

**Emily** Turpin on her 5th birthday requested by her family

**Andrew** Romanofsky on his birthday, offered by his family.

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

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

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**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.”

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**Sunday service:**

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page [nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org) has online services for viewing.**

**Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)**

**Church School**

Church School is temporarily not meeting.

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We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

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**Announcement:**

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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**  
The parish still needs to pay its bills. **(Our monthly revenue has recently dropped below our monthly expenditures.)**  
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.

**Reminders:**

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org) (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer in time to get it into the bulletin.
- 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 *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion:***

Pre-lent begins today with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. The focus here is on the two men who went to the Temple to pray—one a pharisee who was a very decent and righteous man of religion, the other a publican who was a truly sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. The first, although genuinely righteous, boasted before God and was condemned, according to Christ. The second, although genuinely sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God (Lk 18:10-14). The meditation here is that we have neither the religious piety of the pharisee nor the repentance of the publican by which alone we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, and to beg for mercy.

**LENTEN TRIODION** – One of the basic liturgical books of the Orthodox Church, which contains hymns and prayers proper to the period of Lent and Passion Week; the Lenten Triodion begins with the fourth Sunday before Lent — the “Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee” — and concludes with Holy Saturday. There are two types of Lenten Triodion: a reader's version, which contains only texts, and a singer's version, in which the texts are supplied with musical notation. The earliest notated versions of the Lenten Triodion in the Russian Church arose in the 12th c., as part of the so-called “Triodic Sticherion.” The first printed edition of a notated Lenten Triodion in Russia, entitled “Triodion, sirech' Tripesnets,” was published in square notation in 1772. The name Triodion stems from the fact that many of the kanons in it contain only three odes.

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/02/21>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

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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!*

Troparion – Tone 1

**Today the Church remembers:**

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE** • Saint Makarios of Glinsk Hermitage (19th c.) • Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (9th c.) • St. Eustathius (Eustace), Archbishop of Antioch (377) • St. George, Bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea (802-811) • “KOZEL'SHCHANSKAYA” Icon of the Mother of God (1881).

**February 21, 2021**

**37<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Beginning of the Lenten Triodion**

**Tone 4** [of the Octoechos](#)  
(Fast free week)