

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For Health of:**

Nicole Zimmerman on her birthday, offered with love by Godmother Aunt Tammy, Nick, and Elizabeth.

For eternal memory of:

Mary Kuzemchak, mother of Bill Kuzemchak

Helen Selima, sister of Bill Kuzemchak

Anthony Jankowski, offered by his parents, Paul and Linda

Josephine Danesh, mother of Linda Jankowski

Pauline Prinz, offered by daughters Lore Stefy and Nelly Freed

Readings:

- Hebrews 7:7-17 (leave-taking Meeting)
- Luke 2:22-40 (leave-taking Meeting)
- **Timothy 3:10-15 (Publican & Pharisee)**
- **Luke 18:10-14 (Publican & Pharisee)**

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 – Will resume in March..

Sunday service:

Hours – 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Private Confession – Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.

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

Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room

Church School - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

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

Announcements:

- Our **Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioners** will be held **today, Sunday, February 9, 2014**, right 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 contact Holly Dawson, 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.
- **Reader Charles** has accepted the call to serve with an **OCMC Youth Outreach Mission Team** going to Albania June 16 to July 1, 2014. Please remember him in your prayers in his many preparations. The cost of the trip is \$3,500. If your heart is moved to support him financially, please speak to him for information on how to do so. **There will be a special collection today** for Reader Charles, to help offset the cost of his trip.
- The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God is sponsoring two upcoming luncheons. **A Meatfare luncheon** will be held on **February 23rd**. The luncheon will feature Italian specialties. **A Cheesefare luncheon**, featuring dairy specialties including blini, will be held on **March 2nd**. Cost of both luncheons will be \$10.00. Children under 12 are free.
- **Home Blessings** – There is a sign-up sheet at the candle stand to inform Father that you wish to have your home blessed. Home blessings will be done in March. Father will contact you to arrange a date and time.

Special Announcements:

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee - Beginning of the Lenten

Triodion:

The first Sunday of the **TRIODION** (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) is devoted to the **Publican and the Pharisee**

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.**

Great Lent Services:

- March 3 (Monday) 6:30PM The Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- March 5 (Wednesday) 6:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (St. Gregory)
- March 8 (Saturday) Vespers 6:30PM
- **March 9 Sunday of Orthodoxy – Divine Liturgy 10AM**
- March 12 (Wednesday) 6:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- March 15 (Saturday) 6:30PM Vespers
- **March 16 (Sunday) Divine Liturgy Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, 10AM**
- March 19 (Wednesday) 6:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- March 22 (Saturday) Vespers 6:30PM
- **March 23 (Sunday) 10AM Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross**
- **March 24 (Monday) 6:30 PM Vespers Liturgy Eve - Annunciation on the Most-Holy Theotokos**
- March 26 (Wednesday) 6:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- March 29 (Saturday) Vespers 6:30PM
- **March 30 (Sunday) 10AM Liturgy, St. John Climacus**
- April 2 (Wednesday) 6:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- April 5 (Saturday) Vespers 6:30PM
- **April 6 (Sunday) Divine Liturgy 10AM Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt,**
- April 9 (Wednesday) 6:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts



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**Glory to
Jesus Christ!**

**Glory
Forever!**

**The 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!*

Kontakion -

Today the Church remembers:

Sunday Of The Publican And The Pharisee • Leavetaking of the Meeting. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion • Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria (ca. 257) • Uncovering of the Relics of St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1805) • Ven. Pankratii (Pancratius) of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.) • Ven. Nikifor (Nicephorus—1557) • and Gennádii (Gennadius—ca. 1516) of Vazheozérsk • Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bishop of Sicily • Philagrius, Bishop of Cyprus • and Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina (1st c.)

February 9, 2014

**33rd Sunday After Pentecost
Triodion week 1**

**Tone 8 of the Octoechos
4th Sunday before Lent (Fast free week)**