

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:****For the health of:**

**Claudia** Searfoorce on her birthday, offered by her family.

**Aris**, offered by Svetlana

Godchild **Nicole** on her birthday, offered by Aunt Tammy

**Andrew** Romanofsky, having surgery this week, offered by his family.

**For the memory of:**

**Liubov** and **Ivan** offered by Svetlana

**Readings:**

Hebrews 7:7-17 (*Leave-taking Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ*)

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

Luke 2:22-40 (*Leave-taking Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ*)

**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**

**(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)**

**Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

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

**(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**Church School**

**All classes will meet every Sunday.**

**Grades 5-8 – 9:30 am**

**Preschool and Grades K through 4 – immediately after communion.**

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

**Announcement:**

- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2020. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- The **annual meeting of the parishioners will be next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, after coffee hour. The meeting is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting. Please contact Andrew Romanofsky, the Council President, if you have an item that you want included on the agenda. Although all are welcome to attend the meeting, only parishioners who have paid their 2019 dues and assessments, can vote, nominate, or run for office.

**Reminders:**

- We offer general confession the first Sunday of each month, and Private Confession after Vespers by appointment on Saturday evenings. It is important that every Orthodox Christian go to confession.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- 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*)

Today, the Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus, is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. This is the fourth Sunday before Lent. At Vespers the night before, the **TRIODION** (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

(See today's reading, Luke 18:10-14)

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.

**Leavetaking of the Meeting of the Lord**

*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

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:  
<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2020/02/09>

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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!*

Kontakion - Tone 4

**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, 2020**

34<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Triodion week 1**

**Tone 1** of the Octoechos