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Sunday, February 25, 2024

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican



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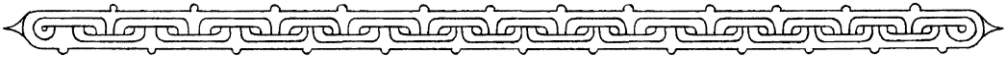
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Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word: coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Kontakion for the Pharisee & Publican (Tone 4): Let us run away from the words of the boastful pharisee and learn the humility of the publican, crying with sighs to the Savior: Have mercy upon us, O Thou alone of true conciliation.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.



THE EPISTLE

For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (3:10-17)

My son Timothy: 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 Iconium, 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. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for

correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

THE GOSPEL

For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

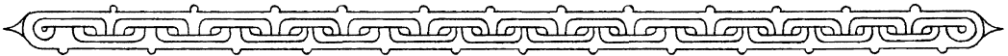
The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:9-14)

The Lord spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: 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 thee 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.



:: FR. ALEXANDER SCHMEMMAN ON HUMILITY ::

The Following is an excerpt from Great Lent, chapter 2: “Preparation for Lent.”

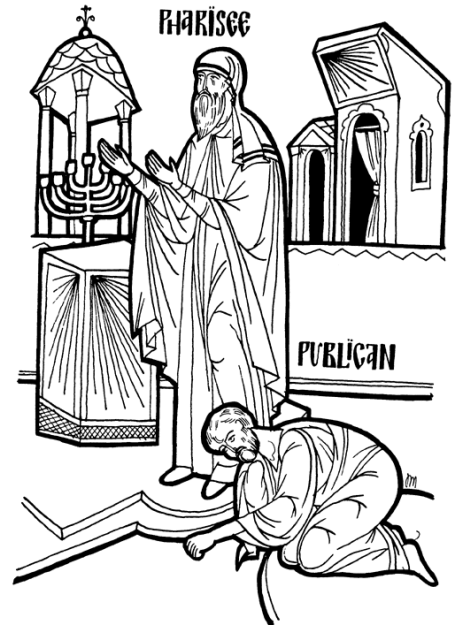
[This Sunday] is called the *Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*. On the eve of this day, on Saturday at Vespers, the liturgical book of the Lenten season-- the *Triodion*-- makes its first appearance and texts from it are added to the usual hymns and prayers of the weekly resurrection service. They develop the next major aspect of repentance: *humility*.

The Gospel lesson (Luke 18:10-14) pictures a man who is always pleased with himself and who thinks that he complies with all the requirements of religion. He is self-assured and proud of himself. In reality, however, he has falsified the meaning of religion. He has reduced it to external observations and he measures his piety by the amount of money he contributes to the temple.

As for the Publican, he humbles himself and his humility justifies him before God. If there is a moral quality almost completely disregarded and even denied today, it is indeed humility. The culture in which we live constantly instills in us the sense of pride, of self-glorification, and of self-righteousness. It is built on the assumption that man can achieve anything by himself and it even pictures God as the one who all the time "gives credit" for man's achievements and good deeds. Humility -- be it individual or corporate, ethnic or national -- is viewed as a sign of weakness, as something unbecoming a real man. Even our churches -- are they not imbued with that same spirit as the Pharisee? Do we not want our every contribution, every "good deed," all that we do "for the Church" to be acknowledged, praised, publicized?

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The Lenten season begins then by a quest, a prayer for humility which is the beginning of true repentance. For repentance, above everything else, is *a return to the genuine order of things*, the restoration of the right vision. It is, therefore, rooted in humility, and humility -- the divine and beautiful humility -- is its fruit and end. "Let us avoid the high-flown speech of the Pharisee," says the *Kontakion* of this day, "and *learn the majesty* of the Publican's humble words..."



Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today: Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (G-K) and church school. Choir practice, 1-3pm today.

Tuesday, Feb. 27: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Feb. 28:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, Feb. 29: Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, March 1: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, March 2:

- Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy & Memorial Prayers, 10am. *Please bring lists of the names your departed loved ones, pictures, and boiled wheat (kolyva) if you wish.*
- Potluck lunch and Romans Bible Bowl study, following Liturgy
- Great Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, March 3: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (L-P) and church school.

Other upcoming events & services:

Saturday, March 9: Wedding of Hanna Saba & Shay McMullan, 2pm at Holy Resurrection Serbian Cathedral. (There will be no Vespers at All Saints that evening.)

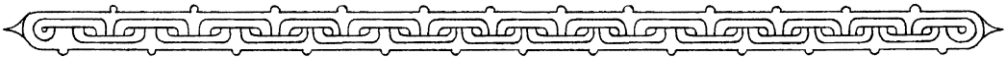
Sunday, March 10: Meat-fare Sunday. This is traditionally the last day to eat meat before Pascha.

Sunday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day and Cheese-fare/Forgiveness Sunday. This is the last day for dairy and eggs before Pascha.

March 17-23: First week of Great Lent (services every evening at 7pm)

Saturday, March 23: Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, 6pm at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines. *Guest preacher will be Bishop John Abdalah. Note this service is normally on a Sunday evening, but it was moved to Saturday this year so as not to conflict with the feast of the Annunciation.*

Monday, March 25: Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Annunciation, 10am.



Parish Life Conference 2024: As you are likely aware, All Saints Church will be co-hosting our diocese Parish Life Conference this summer, along with Holy Transfiguration in Warrenville. Mark your calendars: the dates are **Wednesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 29**. We will be in need of volunteers, particularly folks to help staff the registration table Wednesday through Friday, and volunteers for the kids' club events – curriculum planning and teaching.

At this time, Melissa is looking for volunteers for kids' club curriculum planning. Please see Melissa W. if you would like to volunteer!

POST-GOSPEL LENTEN TROPARIA FROM MATINS

On all Sundays of the Lenten Triodion, we hear the following hymns at Matins.

OPEN TO ME THE DOORS OF REPENTANCE, O LIFE-GIVER; FOR MY SOUL GOETH EARLY TO THE TEMPLE OF THY HOLINESS, COMING IN THE TEMPLE OF MY BODY, WHOLLY POLLUTED. BUT BECAUSE THOU ART COMPASSIONATE, PURIFY ME BY THE COMPASSION OF THY MERCIES.

PREPARE FOR ME THE WAY OF SALVATION, O THEOTOKOS; FOR I HAVE PROFANED MYSELF WITH COARSE SINS, AND CONSUMED MY WHOLE LIFE WITH PROCRASTINATION. BUT BY THINE INTERCESSIONS PURIFY THOU ME FROM ALL ABOMINATION.

IF I THINK UPON THE MULTITUDE OF MY EVIL DEEDS, WRETCH THAT I AM, I TREMBLE FOR THE TERRIBLE DAY OF JUDGMENT. BUT, TRUSTING THE COMPASSION OF THY MERCY, I SHOUT TO THEE LIKE DAVID: "HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD, ACCORDING TO THY GREAT MERCY!"

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Feb. 25	Michelle C	Sandy A	Domitille	Alina S	G-K
<u>Sat. March 2</u> <i>Soul Saturday</i>	Sdn. Joseph	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	Potluck
Sun March 3 <i>Prodigal Son</i>	Jim K	Debbie K	John O	Domitille	L-P
Sun. March 10 <i>Meatfare</i>	Paul K	Pat K	James B	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun March 17 <i>Forgiveness</i>	Joseph L	Domitille	Azizeh	Zach C	A-F
<u>Wed, March 20</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Cristina P	Nancy L	n/a	Sign-up
Sun, March 24	Doug J	Sarah S	John O	Alina S	G-K
<u>Mon, March 25</u> <i>Annunciation</i>	Richard C	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	Potluck
Wed., March 27 <i>Presanctified</i>		Cristina P	Domitille	n/a	Sign-up
Sun, March 31	Michelle C	Sandy A	James B	Domitille	L-P

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

***Shaded dates** indicate fasting – no meat, dairy, or eggs should be served on these days.*

*If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves. **Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour.** And of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY 25–MARCH 2, 2023

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

During the four weeks leading up to Great Lent, the lectionary readings take us through the Epistles of Sts. Peter, John, and Jude, while the Gospel readings give us a foreshadowing of Holy Week with the Passion narratives from St. Mark and St. Luke.

Sunday, Feb. 25: Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Luke 24:12-35 / 2 Timothy 3:10-17 / Luke 18:9-14

Monday, Feb. 26: St. Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza

Jeremiah 17 / 2 Peter 1:12-2:9 / Mark 12:38-44

Tuesday, Feb. 27: Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis

Jeremiah 18 / 2 Peter 2:9-22 / Mark 13:1-13

Wednesday, Feb. 28: Basil the Confessor

Jeremiah 19 / 2 Peter 3:1-18 / Mark 13:14-23

Thursday Feb. 29: Righteous John Cassian

Jeremiah 20 / 1 John 1:1-2:6 / Mark 13:24-31

Friday, March 1: St. David, Archbishop of Wales

Jeremiah 21 / 1 John 2:7-17 / Mark 13:31-37

Saturday, March 2: Hesychius the Martyr

2 Timothy 3:1-9 / Luke 20:45-21:4

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