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TONE 5

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

EOTHINON 5

SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

*THE HOLY GREAT-MARTYR THEODORE THE SOLDIER ("TYRO")
EMPEROR MARCIAN & EMPRESS PULCHERIA OF CONSTANTINOPE*

Today, we remember the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist (18.10-14).

In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous, and a publican, a tax collector who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility.

The godly Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Verse:

*If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple;
For inside is Christ, before Whom only the humble are acceptable.*



LITURGY VARIATIONS

THIRD ANTIPHON: APOLYTIKION OF 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.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship....

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: Matins, 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Wednesdays: Vespers, 6:30 PM

Saturdays: Great Vespers, 5 PM

Confession: After Saturday Vespers
During Sunday Matins
Or by Appointment

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled



Remember to turn cell phones off!

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

Troparion of St. George (Tone 4; Byzantine)

Liberator of captives, Defender of the poor,
the Physician of the sick and the Champion
of kings, O Trophy-bearer, Great-martyr

George, intercede with Christ our God that
our souls be saved.

Kontakion of the Pharisee and the Publican (Tone 4)

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting;
let us learn the Publican's humility, and
cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who

alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious
unto us.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Tone 8; Psalm 75.11, 1 LXX)

Make your vows to the Lord, our God, and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

St. Paul's 2nd Epistle to Timothy (3.10-15; Pharisee and Publican)

TIMOTHY, MY SON, you have observed my
teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my
faith, my patience, my love, my steadfast-
ness, 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.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18.10-14; Pharisee and Publican)

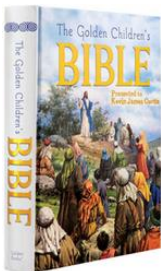
THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "Two men
went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee
and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee
stood and prayed thus with himself,
'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other
men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or
even like this tax collector. I fast twice a
week; 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."

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By the children and grandchildren of Fred and Ann Freije, for the health of Karla FitzSimons and Kathleen Dean, and in memory of Ann Freije (4-year memorial), Fred M. Freije (31-year memorial), William and Charlene Eckhart (10- and 3-year memorial), Georgia FitzSimons (4-year memorial), John Kafoure (8-year memorial), George and Agia Freije (68- and 49-year memorials), Frank and Julia Kafoure (33- and 29-year memorials).
- By Salim and Paula Najjar, for the health of Mark Olas, and in memory of George Gaha.
- By Barbara and Greg Mitchel, for the health of Vicki Mesalam and Gloria Kafoure.

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.



TODAY'S STUDY TOPIC: LESSON III.17

All church school classes from age 5 up will be resuming their regular curriculum; they will be studying **The Crucifixion** (from Mt. 27; Jn. 18-19; Mk. 15; Lk. 23, found on pages 448-55 of *The Golden Children's Bible*).

Those who are still working on their creative projects, however, can get supplies from their Church School teachers and continue working at home to reflect on the meaning of the verse, **"I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me,"** from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians 4.13.

All creative arts/writing/poetry/photography must be turned in to Ann Clough by Sunday, March 3, so it can be prepared for shipping to be entered into the judging, with awards being presented at the Parish Life Conference in Illinois in June.



FAST-FREE WEEK (BUT LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER!)

Aside from preparation for Communion, there is NO fasting or abstinence from meats and dairy products during this week—even on Wednesday and Friday—in commemoration of the Pharisee and Publican. When we fast—and Lent is coming up—we must remember to fast with humility.

The last day we eat meat will be March 3. Then we begin the Great Fast proper by eliminating cheese (i.e., dairy products) and fish after Forgiveness Vespers on March 10.

SATURDAY OF SOULS: MARCH 2



Matins 9 am • Divine Liturgy 10 am Memorial for All the Departed at the end of Liturgy

This is a day for remembering as many of our forebears as we can, praying that God will remember them in His Kingdom always. Bring with you a list of names of all the departed you wish to remember. It is also customary to bring with you a small bowl of Koliva (as you see in the photo), but if you don't have time to make it, don't worry, as Kh. Elaine will be making a large bowl on behalf of the whole parish. Just come, and bring a list of the Christian names of your beloved departed (i.e., first names only, as given at baptism, not nicknames).

PROJECT MEXICO MISSION TRIP: JUNE 18-24 - ACT FAST

This Central Indiana mission team will build a home for a poor family. Accommodations are at the nearby St. Innocent Orphanage, where you would also interact with teen boys there.

There are only 8 spots still available. Contact Brad Tingwald or Fr. Nabil for more general information. Contact Neal Locasto at locasto@rtmconsultants.com or Dn. Paul McDonald at deacon@saintsconstantineandelena.org to sign up.

Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

Following the dismissal and verbal announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the north (left side) doors, and join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments. The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit.

House Blessing Scheduling Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Check ALL Possible Days: Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Check ALL Possible Times: Mornings Afternoons Evenings

Please place in tray in church, or mail back as soon as possible.

WORDS OF WISDOM

On Prayer Producing Humility

Let me recall a wise custom of the ancient Holy Fathers: when greeting each other, they did not ask about health or anything else, but rather about prayer, saying "How is your prayer?" The activity of prayer was considered by them to be a sign of the spiritual life, and they called it the breath of the spirit. If the body has breath, it lives; if breathing stops, life comes to an end. So, it is with the spirit. If there is prayer, the soul lives; without prayer, there is no spiritual life.

However, not every act of prayer is prayer. Standing at home before your icons, or here in church, and venerating them is not yet prayer, but the "equipment" of prayer. Reading prayers either by heart or from a book or hearing someone else read them is not yet prayer, but only a tool or method for obtaining and awakening prayer. Prayer itself is the piercing of our hearts by pious feelings towards God, one after another – feelings of humility, submission, gratitude, doxology, forgiveness, heart-felt prostration, brokenness, conformity to the will of God, etc. All of our effort should be directed so that during our prayers, these feelings and feelings like them should fill our souls, so that the heart would not be empty when the lips are reading the prayers, or when the ears hear and the body bows in prostrations, but that there would be some qualitative feeling, some striving toward God. When these feelings are present, our praying is prayer, and when they are absent, it is not yet prayer.

It seems that nothing should be simpler and more natural for us than prayer and our hearts' striving for God. But in fact, it is not always like this for everyone. One must awaken and strengthen a prayerful spirit in oneself, that is one must bring up a prayerful spirit. The first means to this is to read or to hear prayers said. Pray as you should, and you will certainly awaken and strengthen the ascent of your heart to God and you will come into a spirit of prayer.

*From **On Prayer**, Homily 1, by St. Theophan the Recluse
Delivered 21 November 1864*

More on Humility

Learn patience, patience and patience, and humility will sprout with it - "grow out of it." Out of this comes true spiritual life, and not an imitation of it.

Fr. John Krestiankin

The man who endures accusations against himself with humility has arrived at perfection. He is marveled at by the holy angels, for there is no other virtue so great and so hard to achieve.

St. Isaac the Syrian

WINTER 2019 ADULT STUDY:

St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

Wednesday Evening Schedule

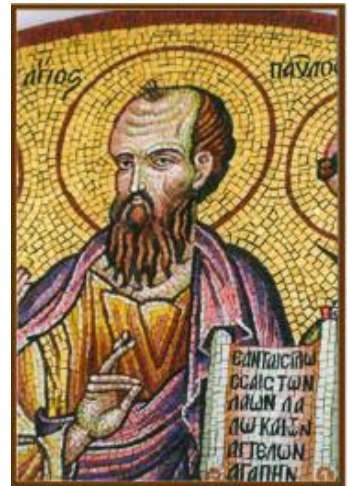
- 6:30 pm** **Vespers** – We start with a short Evening Prayer service
- 7:00 pm** **Dinner** will be provided – *you can take a turn preparing, or contribute to help those preparing the meal*
- 7:20 pm** **Bible Study: St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians**

Reference

Tarazi, Paul Nadim. *The Chrysostom Bible: Philippians*. St. Paul, Minnesota: OCABS Press, 2009.

Syllabus

- Feb. 6** **Introduction**
Scripture and Pauline Thought; Setting of Philippi; Paul's Visits to Philippi; Date and Occasion of the Epistle; Salutation (Phil. 1.1-2)
- Feb. 13** **Chapter 1.3-30**
Paul's Prayer; To Live Is Christ
- Feb. 20** **Chapter 2**
Christ's Humility and Christian Humility; Christological Hymn; Shining as Lights; Timothy and Epaphroditus
- Feb. 27** **Chapter 3**
True Righteousness; Pressing toward the Mark
- March 6** **Chapter 4**
Exhortations; the Philippians' Gift; Final Greetings



St. Paul
St. Lydia's Greek Orthodox Church
Philippi, Greece

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John

Carol Abraham, Copper Trace Rehab., 3/29

Mary Janet Wahl, 3/27

Domnikya Butenko, 3/24

Hana Musleh, IU North Hosp., 3/11

Fouad Fred Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 3/5

Elias AlTawil, Carmel Care Rehab., 3/5

Mark Poulos, 2/19

Robert Scott, Nicholas Woodward's teacher, 3/23

Efim Chilat, uncle of Ludmila Woodward 3/17

Chris Russell, cousin of Jeff Beck, 3/13

Mark Olas, 3/11

Thomas Burnworth, Jamie Ward's father, 3/11

Karen Christoff, friend of Kathleen Everhart, 2/28

Sherry Zerbe, Selena Kanazeh's sister, 2/27

John Meyer, Fr. Nabil and Elaine Hanna's brother-in-law, 2/27

Lilly Perkins, child of Lesli Handwork's friend, 2/24

All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Fr. John Mason, former pastor of the Chelovitzes', 3/12

Virginia Starzak, sister of John Mavris, 3/12

Jasser AlShawareb, uncle, of Hani, Manal and Rami Sharaya, 3/6

George Gaha, Roye's brother, 2/22

The victims of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

February 2019

Sun. 17	<p><i>Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican</i> Matins, 8:50 am Choir practice, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • Charity Ministry Team meeting
Tue. 19	Parish Council meeting, 7 pm
Wed. 20	<p>Vespers, 6:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • Bible Study on Philippians
Thu. 21	Ladies' Book Discussion , 7 pm at the Roberts' (3254 Smokey Ridge Way, Carmel)
Sat. 23	<p>Choir practice, 1 pm Great Vespers, 5 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions heard • Family Night by Ladies of St. George
Sun. 24	<p><i>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</i> Matins, 8:50 am Choir practice, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School
Wed. 27	<p>Vespers, 6:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • Bible Study on Philippians
Thu. 28	St. George Day at City BBQ
March 2019	
Fri. 1 – Sun. 3	Midwest Diocese Spring Gathering , Flint, Michigan

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar