

**The Reading from the 2nd Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (3:10–15)**

My son Timothy, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:10–14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up to 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 as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise 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, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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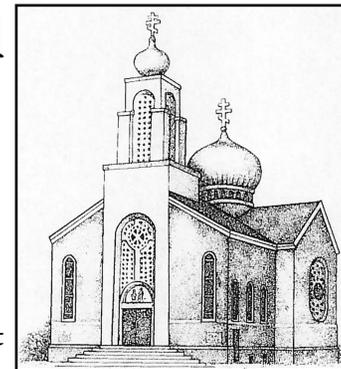
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34th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 1  
Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee  
February 13, 2022

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381).  
St. Aleksy, Metropolitan of Moscow,  
Wonderworker of All Russia (1378). Ven.  
Mary (who was called Marinus), and her  
father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria (6th c.).

**Welcome!**

We rejoice that we are able to draw near to our God in faith and love. As we continue to reopen, please be understanding and patient with the parish and with each other. We ask that you follow all government directives: [portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Reopen-CT](http://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Reopen-CT).

For those who need to continue distancing, we have reserved the left-hand side of the church with distancing markings. The right side and the choir area allows for households to stand closer together.

Among our temporary responses to COVID has been the use of multiple spoons for the distribution of Holy Communion. Please be advised that we will return to normative Orthodox practice, using one spoon at Communion, starting Sunday, March 6. If you have questions or concerns, please speak with Fr. Joshua.

## Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website ([sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, Feb. 12	Great Vespers, followed by Confession	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 13 <i>Publican &amp; Pharisee</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Today marks the beginning of the Lenten Triodion, the book of hymnography and directions on how to observe the season of Great Lent and Passion Week. Always, there are Four Sundays to prepare us for the Fast: The Publican and the Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, the Last Judgment, and the Expulsion from Paradise.	
	We begin our Lenten preparations by putting aside all pride in our own spiritual efforts. To remind us to avoid the self-justification of the Pharisee, we are not permitted to fast at all during this coming week.	
Saturday, Feb. 19	Great Vespers, followed by Confession	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 20 <i>Prodigal Son</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Having completed a fast-free week, on the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, we begin increasing our efforts each week until the beginning of Great Lent. This week is the time to consume or freeze all remaining meat.	
Sunday, Feb. 27 <i>Meatfare Sunday</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	<b>Meatfare Dinner on Feb. 27:</b> We are planning both a dinner and take-out for those who can't stay. Please let Donna Leonowich know whether you will participate: 203-887-5155. Donations are welcomed.	

Please remember that, if conditions force **church service or event cancellations**, announcements will be posted on WFSB (channel 3) and WNBC/WVIT (channel 30), as well as on our website: [sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org) .

As we begin to gird ourselves for Great Lent, **we are blessed with the offerings of our Parish Bookstore.** We have stocked it with excellent and accessible resources to strengthen our spiritual lives. We have a few varieties of prayer books that were carefully chosen to be an encouragement to those of different ages and experience. We also have picked out a few books that share the life and teaching of wise and holy people who understand contemporary struggles and show us the way. Before you leave today, take a close look at these offerings in the bookstore downstairs, and **consider claiming one for your own spiritual effort this Lent.**

**The cross is lit today as an offering for the anniversary of M. Lydia Westerberg's 39th birthday.** May God grant her many years!

### We Ask Your Prayers

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Veronica Tassmer (Feb. 13). Valentina Wigglesworth (Feb. 14). Kelso Tassmer (Feb. 15). Carina Weidmann and M. Lydia Westerberg (Feb. 17).

For Al and Vera Mankevich, who celebrate their anniversary on Feb. 17.

**For those suffering from the coronavirus, physicians, nurses and all working in hospitals and public health.**

**For the Sick & Suffering:**

William (Derrig)—cousin of Sarah Massaro  
 Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident  
 Alexander (Mankevich)—Alzheimer's Disease  
 William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis  
 Adrian (Weidmann)—healing after breaking her leg  
 Judy (Zeuwalick)—Jen Sullivan's mother, suffering from a complicated operation  
 Gregory (Mankevich)                      Jill (Zadar)  
 Paul (Leonowich)                         Robert (Hodges)  
 Patricia (McFarland)                     Maureen and Robert (Nalewajack)  
 Margaret                                        Irene    Maria  
 Veronica                                        Cyprian and Dana  
 Nicole and Naaman                        Helen and Helene

**For Our Shut-Ins:**

Yvonne (Rutcho)                             Jennie (Padick)  
 Margaret (Savchik)                         Ann (Kreshik)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: [priest@sspeterpaul.org](mailto:priest@sspeterpaul.org) or 203-237-4539.  
 If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

## Hymns of the Day

### Tone 1 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Your Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### Tone 4 Troparion – Apostles Peter and Paul

O first-enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe:  
entreat the Master of all  
to grant peace to the world,//  
and to our souls great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

### Tone 2 Kontakion (*Apostles Peter and Paul*)

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest  
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings  
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,  
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling  
sacrifice,//  
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### Tone 1 Kontakion (*Publican & Pharisee*)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!  
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!  
Let us cry to our Savior:  
“Have mercy on us,//  
O only merciful One!”

## Prokeimenon in the First Tone (*Resurrection*)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You!  
(Ps. 32:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!  
(Ps. 32:1)

## Alleluia

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.  
(Ps. 17:48)

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with  
David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

## Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps.  
148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Notes on the Week

When the Pharisee went up to the temple in his vainglory and the publican bowed in repentance, they both stood before you, O Master! The one lost his reward through boasting; while the other won your blessing through his sighs. Because I too am sighing in your presence, strengthen me, Christ God, for you are the lover of mankind.

Almighty Lord, I have known how effective tears are, for they saved Ezekiel from the teeth of death and delivered the sinful woman from her repeated iniquities. As for the publican, they justified him instead of the Pharisee. Therefore I beseech you to count me among the former and have mercy on me.

— *from Vespers of the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*

He who seeks forgiveness of his sins loves humility, but if he condemns another he seals his own wickedness. Just as water and fire cannot be combined, so self-justification and humility exclude one another.

— *St. Mark the Ascetic, “On the Spiritual Law” 125, 126, from the Philokalia.*