

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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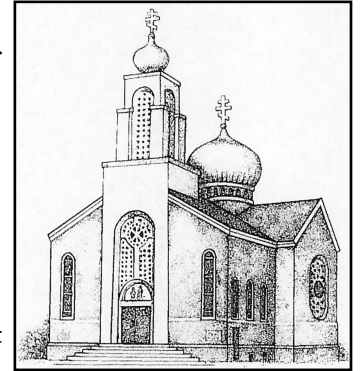
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38th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 5
Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee
February 25, 2024

Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.
St. Tarasius, Archbishop of
Constantinople (806).

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (at the beginning of the book). The most significant hymns and responses specifically for today are printed inside this bulletin.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called “antidoron,” this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, Feb. 24	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 25	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
<i>Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee</i>	This day 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.	
Tuesday, Feb. 27	Online Study of the Gospel of Luke chapters 5–6: sspeterpaul.org/study	7 PM
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Thursday, Feb. 29	Foundation in Orthodox Christianity Session 3: “Jesus teaches us how to be human” — sspeterpaul.org/study	6:30 PM
Saturday, March 2	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, March 3 <i>Prodigal Son</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Saturday, March 9	Memorial Saturday Liturgy	9:30 AM
Sunday, March 10	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Meatfare Sunday Dinner: We enjoy together the last day to eat meat until Pascha. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. Donna Leonowich is taking reservations. We hope you are able to join us in this celebration. Since this is a catered event, we need to submit a count on March 4.	

Please share recommendations of local families in need, for our customary Easter basket gifts on Western Easter. Our previous method for identifying and contacting families no longer works, so we need your help! Share details with Fr. Joshua.

We Ask Your Prayers

For those celebrating birthdays: Doctor Jacob Stankiewicz on Feb. 26.

For the Sick & Suffering:

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Joyce—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Gregory (Mankevich)

Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter)

Rosemary (Delaney)

Douglas (Hodges)

Steven (Rygiel)

Michael (Edwards)

Irene

Lorraine

Jacob

Juliana

Katelyn

Crystal

Angela

Innocent

Larissa

Jeffrey

Stacia

Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

Georgiy and Galina

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)

Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik)

Helen (Olsen)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: 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: 203-623-5336.

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Hymns of the Day

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Apostles Peter & 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 & 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 2 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

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 Fifth Tone *(Resurrection)*

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! *(Ps. 11:1a)*

Before the Gospel, the Alleluia

Verse: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will
proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. *(Ps. 88:1-2)*

Verse: For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will
be prepared in the heavens. *(Ps. 88:3)*

Communion Hymn

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

Notes on the Week

Brethren, let us not pray like the Pharisee!
He who exalts himself will be humbled.
Let us prepare to abase ourselves by fasting;
let us cry aloud with the voice of the Publican://
"O God, forgive us sinners!"

The Pharisee went up to the temple with a proud and empty heart;
the Publican bowed himself in repentance.
They both stood before You, O Master:
the one, through boasting, lost his reward,
but the other, with tears and sighs, won Your blessing:
Strengthen me, O Christ our God, as I weep in Your presence,//
since You are the Lover of man!

I know the value of tears, O almighty Lord:
they delivered Hezekiah from the gates of death,
and rescued the harlot from repeated sins.
Tears justified the Publican instead of the Pharisee.
I pray You, O Lord://
"Number me with the former, and have mercy on me!"

— *Stichera of the Triodion.*
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.*

Meatfare Sunday Dinner

Sponsored by the Parish Council
Catered by Ken Marshall

SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

After Divine Liturgy

Adults and children 12 yo and older - **\$25 per person**
Children under 12 yo - **Free**

MENU:



Chicken
Francaise



Sliced Pork
Roast
With
Applesauce



Penne
Alla
Vodka



Mashed
Potatoes



Steamed
Vegetables



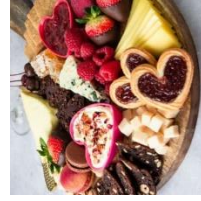
Tossed
Salad



Dinner
Rolls



Italian
Bread



Dessert



Beverages