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**HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** - If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** - Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** - Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** - Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** - The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** - For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**February 17, 2019**  
**Volume 55: Number 07**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of February 17 - 24, 2019**  
**Celebrating our 92<sup>nd</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**THIS IS A FAST FREE WEEK**

Sunday, February 17 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee – Tone 5

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Oath of Office for Our New Officers

Panakhyda: +Stella Thomas (40<sup>th</sup> Day)

Panakhyda: +Dorothy Tyrawski (36 Yr. An.), Stephania Hnatow (8 Yr. An.) &  
+John Hnatow (5 Yr. AN.) – Linda Hnatow & Michael Tilson

Panakhyda: +Howard Thurstlic & +Katherine Thurstlic

Coffee Hour

Monday, February 18

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, February 19

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

Thursday, February 21

7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes

Friday, February 22

7:00 AM – Making the pyrohy

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Pick up

Sunday, February 24 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Tone 6

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

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## SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Liturgy: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14

Monday – 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13

Tuesday – 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23

Wednesday – 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31

Thursday – 1 John 1:8-2:6; Mark 13:31-14:2

Friday – 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9

Saturday – 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Luke 20:46-21:4

Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32

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## 2. HUMILITY

### (Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee)

Today 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 18:10-4) 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 instilled with that same spirit of the Pharisee? Do we not want our every contribution, every "good deed", all that we do "for the Church" to be acknowledged, praised, publicized?

But what is humility? The answer to this question may seem a conflicting one for it is rooted in a strange affirmation" **GOD HIMSELF IS HUMBLE!** Yet to anyone who knows God, who contemplates Him in His creation and in His saving acts, it is evident that humility is truly a divine quality, the very content and the radiance of that "glory" which, as we sing during the Divine Liturgy, fills heaven and earth. In our human mentality, we tend to oppose "glory" and "humility" - the latter being for us the indication of a flaw or deficiency. For us it is our ignorance or incompetence that makes or ought to make us feel humble. It is almost impossible to "put across" to the modern man, fed on publicity, self-affirmation and endless self-praise, that all that which is genuinely perfect, beautiful and good is at the same time naturally humble; for precisely because of its perfection, it does not need "publicity", external glory, or "showing off" of any kind. God is humble because He is perfect; His humility IS His glory and the source of all true beauty, perfection and goodness, and everyone who approaches God and **KNOWS** Him immediately partakes of the Divine Humility and is beautified by it. This is true of Mary, the Mother of Christ, whose humility made her the joy of all creation and the greatest revelation of beauty on earth, true of all the Saints, and true of every human being during the rare moments of his contacts with God.

How does one become humble? The answer, for a Christian, is simple: by contemplating Christ, the divine humility incarnate, the One in whom God has revealed once and for all His glory as humility and His humility as glory. "Today", Christ said on the night of His ultimate self-humiliation, "the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in Him." Humility is learned by contemplating Christ Who said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Finally, it is learned by measuring everything by Him, by referring everything to Him. For without Christ, true humility is impossible, while with the Pharisee, even religion becomes pride in human achievements, another form of pharisaic self-glorification.

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 flower speech of the Pharisee," says the Kondak of this day, "and learn the majesty of the Publican's humble words. . ." We are the gates of repentance and at the most solemn moment of the Sunday Vigil; after the Resurrection and the appearance of Christ have been announced - "having beheld the Resurrection . . ." - we sing for the first time the Tropars which will accompany us throughout the entire of Lent:

Open to me the gates of repentance, O Giver of Life, for my spirit rises early to pray towards Your holy temple, bearing the temple of my body all defiled; but in Your compassion, purify me by the loving kindness of Your mercy.

Lead me on the paths of salvation, O Mother of God, for I have profaned my soul with shameful sins and have wasted my life in laziness. But through your intercession, deliver me from all impurity.

When I think of the many evil things I have done, wretch that I am, I tremble at the fearful day of judgment. But trusting in Your loving kindness, like David I cry to You: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy.



### **"HE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED"**

This morning, Orthodox Christians throughout the world take our first step on our annual journey to Paska. Today is the first of the Pre-Lenten Sundays, commonly known as the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Christ's famous parable concerning these two individuals is placed before us as we begin our lengthy spiritual pilgrimage that will take us to the joyful commemoration of our Lord's Resurrection.

Through observing the Publican and the Pharisee at prayer, we are provided with a wonderful insight into what is really pleasing to God. Pharisees were well respected within the Jewish community, for they were well versed in the Law of Moses. Everything they did - their prayer life, their ascetic practices, their almsgiving - was carried out to the "letter" of the law. Publicans were tax collectors, employed by the Romans to cheat their own people. They were looked upon with disdain, and were perceived as being "traitors" to their nation.

This parable beautifully shows us that God looks at what is in a person's heart rather than the image he projects. Through his own words, the Pharisee is

exposed for being a proud and arrogant man. The Publican, however, proves to be the better man, as he humbly asks the Lord to be merciful unto him.

As we approach the Great Fast, the Church urges us to prepare ourselves for it with great humility, being mindful of our sinfulness. Without humility, we cannot return to God as we are called upon to do during the Lenten Season. May the words of the Kondak hymn for this Sunday guide us in the penitential weeks ahead: "Let us flee from the words of the boastful Pharisee and learn the humility of the Publican, crying out to our Savior: Have mercy on us, O You who alone are merciful!"

For this Sunday, we begin the Lenten Triodion. Let us meditate on some of the verse from Vespers and Matins: The Pharisee, overcome with his pride, and the Publican, bent down in repentance, came before You, the only Lord: the first trusted in himself and was deprived of Your blessings; the other spoke but a few words and received Your blessings in abundance. Behold my tears and strengthen me, O Christ our God, for You are indeed the Lover of Mankind.

Because of my sins my eyes are weighed down, and I can no longer raise them up to see the light of heaven. But grant that I may repent like the Publican; O Lord, have mercy on me.

Open to me the doors of repentance, O Giver of Life. As we worship in Your Temple this morning, teach us how to purify the temples of our bodies, and in Your compassion, purify me by the goodness of Your mercies.

Vain pretensions deprive us of every good deed while humility purifies us of every evil. O faithful, let us embrace the ways of humility and totally despise the ways of vain-glory.

O faithful let us humble ourselves. With tears and sighs let us strike our conscience so that on the day of eternal judgment we may be found without reproach and may obtain forgiveness. For this is the true repose that we hope to see one day and for which we now pray. It is the repose from which all pain, sorrow and sighing are absent. It is the marvelous garden and the new Eden which Christ has gained for us; for He is the Word of God and coeternal with the Father.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Jennifer Robinson, 2/19 & Carl Krauthauser, 2/22. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**THE POWER OF PRAYER** – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 14.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – what a great meeting. Our prayers and congratulations are expressed to our 2019 Parish Board who will be installed today:

President:	Very Rev. Stephen Hutnick
Vice Pres.:	Alex Czernik
Secretary:	Nancy Hlywiak
Corresponding Sec.:	Jean Roeth
Treasurer:	Michael Tilson
Financial Secretary:	Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
Assistant Fin. Sec.:	Kathy Duncan
Auditors:	John Plachuta Mark Andreas Thomas Kasprzak
Trustees:	Victor Kaliakin (5 Yr.) Lorraine Neff (4 Yr.) Ann Duncan (3 Yr.) Linda Hnatow (2 Yr.) Thomas Bringle (1 Yr.)

**PYROHY – ORDERS (9-11AM) (302) 798-4588**

**Monday – Tuesday**

February 18 & 19

March 18 & 19

**MAKING & PICKUP**

**Friday**

February 22

March 22

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES** – will begin at our Parish on Wednesday, March 13 with the Canon of St. Andrew at 6:00 PM and a Lenten Supper to follow.

**DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.



**A NEW FREEZER** – will be purchased by our Sisterhood for the needs of the Parish and to be able to make more food for our Parish Bazaars and generate a greater cash flow in support of the Parish. The cost of the freezer is \$3,500.00. Anyone wishing to help contribute to the cost of the freezer can see Kathy Duncan or Lorraine Neff. Thanks for your support!

**DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?** – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

### **MEETINGS - MINISTRIES**

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30 PM

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

February 17 - John and Sandy Cramer

February 24 - David & Eve Lazaration

March 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

March 10 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

### **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

February 17 - Irene Maskaly

February 24 - Andrew Duncan

March 3 - Jean Roeth

March 10 - Linda Hnatow

March 17 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

March 24 - Jean Roeth

March 31 - Thomas Kasprzak

April 7 - John Plachta

### **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

February 17 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

February 24 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

March 3 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

March 10 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

March 17 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

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**BREADS IN THE FREEZER** – Special price: \$4.00. See Kathy!

**DUE TO A SCHEDULE CONFLICT** – The Icon of Our Lady of Taylor, PA will visit our Parish on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. More later.

**GETTING READY FOR THE SPRING BAZAAR** – we have much to prepare for with the number of people we had at the last Bazaar. Here is the schedule of work parties that are scheduled so far:

Baking nut rolls – Tuesday, February 26 @ 9:00 AM

Making holubtsi – Saturday, March 16 @ 9:30 AM

### **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of February 19 – Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of February 26 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of March 5 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of March 12 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of March 19 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of March 26 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

### **Tentative 2019 Schedule**

Monday, March 11 – First Day of the Fast

Wednesday, March 13 – Community Lenten Service (here)

Saturday, April 13 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 28 – Pascha

Sunday, May 5 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day Dinner

Saturday, June 15 – Visit by Weeping Icon from Taylor, PA

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day Dinner

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle’s Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

**DONATIONS FOR THE BAZAAR** – of Coke products and water as well as Bounty (Paper Towels) and Bathroom tissue will be graciously accepted.

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**HEAVENLY HUNDRED** – will be honored at 3:00 PM our spiritual center this Wednesday, February 20. Our honored guest will be President Poroshenko of Ukraine. Everyone must be in the Church by 3:00 PM.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Mary Berbick, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Stephen Farrell, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Richard Simmons, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szweg, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

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## THE MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

**T**he Law of Moses was fulfilled when the Ever-Virgin Mary and Joseph presented our Lord in the Temple. Let us reflect on what St. Sophronius wrote about this event:

“The true light has come, the light that enlightens everyone who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in His splendor.

Through Simeon’s eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which He prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as He came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen Him present among us and have mentally received Him into our arms, we are called the new Israel.”