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**Sunday February 9, 2020 SUNDAY OF THE  
PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 1.**  
*Leavetaking of the Meeting. Beginning of the Lenten  
Triodion. Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria (ca.  
257). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Innocent, Bishop of  
Irkutsk (1805). Ven. Pankratii (Pancratius) of the Kiev  
Caves (Far Caves – 13th c.). Ven. Nikifor (Nicephorus –  
1557) and Gennádii (Gennadius – ca. 1516), of  
Vazheozérsk. Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bishop of Sicily,  
Philagrius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Pancratius, Bishop of  
Taormina (1st c.).*

## **This Week's Schedule**

*Thursday 2/13 Study Group 10:00 a.m.*

*Friday 2/14 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.*

*Saturday 2/15 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.*

*Sunday 2/16 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*Followed by Coffee Hour*

## **Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Feb-9	BUNITSKY	DORAZIO	CAREY
Feb-16	J PECK	PECK	PECK
Feb-23	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Mar-1	LEWIS	SULPIZI	LEWIS



## Hymns and Prayers

### **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 1 Troparion**      *(Feast)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

### **Tone 4 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!”

### **Tone 1 Kontakion**      *(Feast)*

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb  
and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now You have come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,//  
O only Lover of Man!

### **Tone 1 Prokeimenon** (*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 ye righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32:1)*

### **Tone 3 Prokeimenon** (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
(Lk 1:46-47)

### **Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15**

*But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, 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.*

### **Hebrews 7:7-17** (*Feast, Meeting of the Lord*)

*Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.*

*Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.*

*Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.*

*Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron*

*For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.*

*For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.*

*For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.*

*And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.*

*For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."*

### **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! (Ps 17:48)*

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

### **Tone 8**

*v: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word! (Lk 2:29)*

## **Gospel Luke 18:10-14**

*"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."*

### **Luke 2:22-40 (Feast, Meeting of the Lord)**

*Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the*

*Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD”),  
and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord,  
“A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”  
And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and  
this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and  
the Holy Spirit was upon him.  
And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see  
death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.  
So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought  
in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,  
he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:  
“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to  
Your word;  
for my eyes have seen Your salvation  
which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,  
a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people  
Israel.”  
And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken  
of Him.  
Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this  
Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign  
which will be spoken against  
(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts  
of many hearts may be revealed.”  
Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the  
tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband  
seven years from her virginity;  
and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not  
depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night  
and day.  
And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him  
to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.  
So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord,  
they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.  
And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and  
the grace of God was upon Him.*

***(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)***

**Tone 3**

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,  
protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

In the shadow and letter of the Law,  
let us the faithful discern a figure:  
every male [child] that opens the womb  
is holy to God.

Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who  
has no beginning, //  
the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115/116:13*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcements**

***Fast Free Week*** The week of the Publican and the Pharisee is fast free. Please use this week to finish up most of the non-Lenten foods in the freezer or pantry in preparation for great lent. Enjoy!

***Study Group*** Our Study group will continue this week reading and discussing chapter 10 of the gospel of St. Matthew. We will continue this Thursday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 :00 a.m. All are welcome!

***Parish Council Meeting*** Just a reminder that our parish council meeting will be held during the coffee hour today. Council members who are unable to attend please see Jeff Kendall.

***House Blessings*** House blessings are available. Please see Mat. Daria or Fr. Barnabas at coffee hour for scheduling. Also, a reminder if anyone needs Holy Water, it is available upon request at any time throughout the year.

***Great Lent Begins in Three Weeks*** Our Lenten journey will begin with Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.. All should make a sincere effort to begin the Lenten season with this service and the "Mutual Rite of Forgiveness". "On Forgiveness Sunday, we sing of

Adam's exile from paradise. We identify ourselves with Adam, lamenting our loss of the beauty, dignity and delight of our original creation, mourning our corruption in sin. We also hear on this day the Lord's teaching about fasting and forgiveness, and we enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive us. If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Mt 6.14–18)."

### ***Wisdom from the Holy Fathers***

*'As long as you have bad habits do not reject hardship, so that through it you may be humbled and eject your pride.'*

*St. Maximos the Confessor*

*What can be simpler than giving a glass of cold water or a piece of bread, or refraining from one's own desires and petty thoughts? Yet through such things the Kingdom of Heaven is offered to us--by God's grace.*

*St. Peter of Damascus*

*“These eight passions should be destroyed as follows: gluttony by self-control; unchastity by desire for God and longing for the blessings held in store; avarice by compassion for the poor; anger by goodwill and love for all men; worldly dejection by spiritual joy; listlessness by patience, perseverance and offering thanks to God; self-esteem by doing good in secret and by praying constantly with a contrite heart; and pride by not judging or despising anyone in the manner of the boastful Pharisee (cf. Luke 18 : 11–12), and by considering oneself the least of all men. When the intellect has been freed in this way from the passions we have described and been raised up to God, it will henceforth live the life of blessedness, receiving the pledge of the Holy Spirit (cf. 2 Cor. 1 : 22). And when it departs this life, dispassionate and full of true knowledge, it will stand before the light of the Holy Trinity and with the divine angels will shine in glory through all eternity.”*

+ *St. John Damascene, “On the Virtues and the Vices” from The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 2)*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Fr. John Kuchta, Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, David Rex, Lubov Baldychev

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, , Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest

**Prayers for Catechmens** Kristin Mackenzie, Edward Jones

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>
<b>9-Feb</b>	J. Peck/Mackenzie	Hojnicky/Najemy	Bunitsky/Finck
<b>16-Feb</b>	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Telep/Baldychev	Farrell
<b>23-Feb</b>	C. Peck/Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Bunitsky/Morjana	Clause/Whalen
<b>1-Mar</b>	Stephanie George/Sue Dorazio	Riley/Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis/M Kiflemarian

***Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind***

- Great Fast Begins.....March 2
- Holy Pascha..... April 19
- Ascension.....May 28
- Pentecost.....June 7