

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican February 5, 2012



Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his

external religious observances.

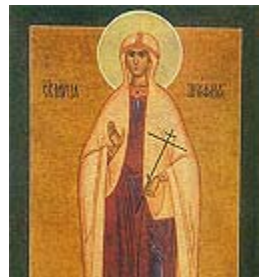
The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily

The Holy Virgin Martyr Agatha was the fifteen-year-old daughter of rich and respected Christian parents from the city of Palermo (formerly Panormos) in Sicily. During the persecution under the emperor Decius (249-251), the city prefect of Catania, Quintianus, having heard about Agatha's wealth and beauty, sent his soldiers after her to bring her to trial as a Christian.

At Catania they housed the saint with a certain rich woman, who had five daughters. They all attempted to tempt St Agatha with fine clothes, amusements and entertainment, urging her to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, but the saint disdained all these things. The more they tried to move her, the more resolute she became. She prayed that she might soon face martyrdom.



During her interrogation under Quintianus, the holy martyr was swayed neither by the flattery, nor by the threats, and she was subjected to cruel torments. They also tried to remove her breasts with metal tongs, and when this failed, they used knives.

The holy Apostle Peter appeared to her in prison and healed her wounds. St Agatha was led to torture again, and Quintianus was astonished to see her completely healed, with no trace of cutting. Then the torture began once more.

At this moment an earthquake took place in the city, and many buildings were destroyed. Among those killed were two of Quintianus's advisors. The terrified inhabitants rushed to Quintianus, demanding an end to Agatha's tortures. Fearing a revolt by the people, Quintianus sent St Agatha back to prison. There the martyr, offering thanks to God, peacefully surrendered her soul to the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism of Tim & Kelly Peterson Next Sunday – Please pray for our dear brother & sister Tim & Kelly as they prepare for Holy Baptism this coming Sunday, February 11th. Please join us next Sunday for this glorious event!

Hall Rental Help Needed for Saturday, February 11th

Send email to Joy Corey or phone her at 777-2863 or 660-0538 to tell her which date(s) and time(s) you are able to help:

Sunday, Feb. 5	Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Need 5 people to help set up tables and chairs for 250 people
Thursday, Feb. 9	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Need 3 people to help put on tablecloths, centerpieces & skirts
Friday, Feb 10	Noon - 2:00 p.m.	1 person to be at church with Joy while User decorates
Saturday, Feb 11	1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Helping Ed Corey with directing cars in parking lot (need 2 - 3 men) (250 guests - This is a must)
"	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	To help Joy in overseeing the reception runs smoothly - 1 person
"	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	To take down the buffet food tables ONLY to make room for dancing. Need 1 person to help Joy
"	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Need 1 person present
"	8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Need 4 people to help with the final clean-up of the hall and kitchen. User will be doing their OWN CLEANING but we need to wet mop the floors and set up tables and chairs for coffee hour on Sunday.

As a team, we will be able to get things accomplished more quickly and efficiently. Thank you one and all for your help!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bake Sale Donations Needed - It's baking time again and we need help with supply donations. If you are able to provide any of the following supplies, it would be most appreciated. It will help to keep costs down and up our profits. Many, many thanks and may God bless you for your generosity and provision. If you cannot shop for these items, but would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to St. John and give it to Joy Corey.

Gold Medal All Purpose White Flour (Only) 30 lbs plus	20 lbs butter unsalted
White granulated sugar (20 lbs plus)	(4) 3 lb bags of walnuts from Costco
Powdered Sugar (10 lbs)	Clover Honey (3 gallons)
Brown Sugar (For Queen Elizabeth Cakes) 6 lbs	20 pkgs foil cupcake liners
Shredded Cocoanut - (12) 1 lb packages	20 pkgs colored paper cupcake liners
Pitted Dates - 18 lbs	

Houseblessings

It's that time of year again -- time for houseblessings! If you would like your house blessed simply contact Fr. Basil via email at: frbasil.caldaroni@gmail.com or phone him at: (208) 818-2646 to set up a time to do the blessing!

Lenten Retreat March 30-31 at Holy Myrrhbearers in Bonner's Ferry

The parish of Holy Myrrhbearers in Bonners Ferry will hold a parish retreat on Friday, March 30-Saturday, March 31, on the topic of St. Innocent and the Holy Cross given by Fr. Paul Jaroslaw, pastor of the Prophet Elijah Mission Parish in Ellensburg, WA. More details will follow but please save the dates for now and inform your friends!

Gallatin Day Care needed

The Gallatin family is in need of day care once again. Schedules have recently changed. It would be 2 or 3 days a week. We pay between \$35 and \$40 a day. If you are interested, please contact Tiffani @ 208-819-3221 or Josh @ 208-818-9135.



Camp St. Mary Registration Now Open

Calling all campers ages 9 to 17, ONLINE Registration for St. Mary of Egypt Summer Camp is now open! CSME will be held July 16-21 on the beautiful Spokane River at Ross Point in Post Falls, Idaho. We have had to raise our prices due to the move to this American Camping Assoc. accredited facility, so please register soon and then start fundraising! See your priest NOW to apply for limited scholarship funds granted each parish by the Order of St. Ignatius (due by end of Feb). Adults may apply ONLINE for Counselor or Staff positions. To register OR for more information, visit our website: www.campstmary.org. If you do not have internet access, please contact our Registrar Tina Hippner at (360) 650-0931. Can't wait to see you at camp!

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

Make vows to the Lord thy God, and perform them.

In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and 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.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

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

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, extortionists, 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."

The Didache: The Lord's Teaching Through the Twelve Apostles to the Nations. (Late 1st Century)

Chapter 1. The Two Ways and the First Commandment. There are two ways, one of life and one of death, but a great difference between the two ways. The way of life, then, is this: First, you shall love God who made you; second, love your neighbor as yourself, and do not do to another what you would not want done to you. And of these sayings the teaching is this: Bless those who curse you, and pray for your enemies, and fast for those who persecute you. For what reward is there for loving those who love you? Do not the Gentiles do the same? But love those who hate you, and you shall not have an enemy. Abstain from fleshly and worldly lusts. If someone strikes your right cheek, turn to him the other also, and you shall be perfect. If someone impresses you for one mile, go with him two. If someone takes your cloak, give him also your coat. If someone takes from you what is yours, ask it not back, for indeed you are not able. Give to every one who asks you, and ask it not back; for the Father wills that to all should be given of our own blessings (free gifts). Happy is he who gives according to the commandment, for he is guiltless. Woe to him who receives; for if one receives who has need, he is guiltless; but he who receives not having need shall pay the penalty, why he received and for what. And coming into confinement, he shall be examined concerning the things which he has done, and he shall not escape from there until he pays back the last penny. And also concerning this, it has been said, Let your alms sweat in your hands, until you know to whom you should give.

Chapter 2. The Second Commandment: Grave Sin Forbidden. And the second commandment of the Teaching; You shall not commit murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not commit pederasty, you shall not commit fornication, you shall not steal, you shall not practice magic, you shall not practice witchcraft, you shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill that which is born. You shall not covet the things of your neighbor, you shall not swear, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not speak evil, you shall bear no grudge. You shall not be double-minded nor double-tongued, for to be double-tongued is a snare of death. Your speech shall not be false, nor empty, but fulfilled by deed. You shall not be covetous, nor rapacious, nor a hypocrite, nor evil disposed, nor haughty. You shall not take evil counsel against your neighbor. You shall not hate any man; but some you shall reprove, and concerning some you shall pray, and some you shall love more than your own life.

Chapter 3. Other Sins Forbidden. My child, flee from every evil thing, and from every likeness of it. Be not prone to anger, for anger leads to murder. Be neither jealous, nor quarrelsome, nor of hot temper, for out of all these murders are engendered. My child, be not a lustful one. For lust leads to fornication. Be neither a filthy talker, nor of lofty eye, for out of all these adulteries are engendered. My child, be not an observer of omens, since it leads to idolatry. Be neither an enchanter, nor an astrologer, nor a purifier, nor be willing to look at these things, for out of all these idolatry is engendered. My child, be not a liar, since a lie leads to theft. Be neither money-loving, nor vainglorious, for out of all these thefts are engendered. My child, be not a murmurer, since it leads the way to blasphemy. Be neither self-willed nor evil-minded, for out of all these blasphemies are engendered.

Rather, be meek, since the meek shall inherit the earth. Be long-suffering and pitiful and guileless and gentle and good and always trembling at the words which you have heard. You shall not exalt yourself, nor give over-confidence to your soul. Your soul shall not be joined with lofty ones, but with just and lowly ones shall it have its intercourse. Accept whatever happens to you as good, knowing that apart from God nothing comes to pass.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Saturday, February 4 – Great Vespers 6:00pm

Sunday, February 5 – **Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican** - Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Sunday School & Lunch following

Week of February 6 – February 10: No Fasting (Pharisee and Publican)

Wednesday, February 8 – Vespers 6:00pm

Friday, February 9 – Spiritual Circle 9:30am

Saturday, February 10 – Great Vespers 6:00pm

Sunday, February 11 – **Sunday of the Prodigal Son** - Orthros & Baptism of Tim and Kelly Peterson 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Sunday School & Lunch following

EPISTLE READERS

February 5 - Reader Mark Fellegly

February 12 - Joy Corey

February 19 - Sbdcn. Barnabas Schaefer

February 26 - Owen Rush

CHURCH CLEANING

Week of Feb 6 - Fellegly/Holman

Week of Feb 13 - Corey/Rush

Week of Feb 20 – Schaefer

Week of Feb 27 - Goolsby

LUNCHEON & CLEANUP

February 5- Team 3 - Garbinski, Tourous, Weddle, Ayres, O'Daniel

February 12 - Team 4 - Townsend, Rush, Caldaroni, Sanman, Stillman

February 19 - Team 5 - Poland, Schaefer, Gallatin, Johnson

February 26 - Team 1 - Tsalaky, Ayoub D., Ayoub M., Vlahos

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING:

Nancy Corey, Deacon Elijah, Robert & Katelyn (friends of Townsends), Ed Mattmiller, George/Joseph Nolan, Celia (sister of Lucille Horton), Jean (Fr. Basil's mother), Jim Ayres, Tim Peterson's grandfather, Bob Rutherford, Sarah Riccio, Cameron (son of Michelle Parge), Jon Paul, Bobby Clark (friend of the Olinger's), Emmet (friend of Nanette's), James Bentley (Bryne's grandfather), Bob (Owen's father), Baby Girl Sunny Fox & mother Tiffany, Terri (Dianne Nolan's sister), Katrina (Mike Kerr's wife), Rita & Kent Little (friends of Trudy Olinger), Bonnie (Jenny Dancy's mother), Lou Papachristos (friend of Karen Karres), Teri Hundt (sister of Tiffany Gallatin), Inna Epling, Moses Kemper, Pam, Susan, Marc (Jenny Dancy's sister-in-law and friends), Crystal, Riley, Emily, Boston, Caleb, Nancy Corey (Ed Corey's sister), Jamie Landers, Nikolai Kupcow, George Kucera.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:

Paul Truebenbach, Mike Kerr, Shirley Jenkin, Diantha Ebert, Hieromonk Basilios Nassar, Fr. Michael Lewis, Fr Basil Steiger, Fr. Thomas O'Dea, Charlotte, Carla Scherer (Hannah's grandmother), Bill Goolsby (Steve's father), Wisdom Gonzalez (Bartimaeus' cousin), Nina Bergoltseva, John Schrom Sr. (father of Sbdcn. John Schrom). William Brisbane (Nanette's father), Jack and Steve (Dianne Nolan's father and brother-in-law), Milic Milojevic, Wilma Young (Steve Wood's mother), Vasso Papachristos.