

# **SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

*Today, the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, is the first of the Pre-Lenten Sundays and the Beginning of the Lenten Triodion, the Hymn Book of Orthodox Great Lent.*

## ***1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday***

**37<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4**

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE**

**Saturday, February 20**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, February 21**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Reader Aaron Gray**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray**

**Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 GOPEL: Luke 18:10-14**

**Throughout the following week there is a general  
dispensation from fasting**

**Tuesday, February 23 – Heromartyr Polycarp of Smyrna**

**Wednesday, February 24 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Finding of the Honorable**

**Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, John the Baptist**

**Saturday, February 27 – Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn**

## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday***

**38<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**Saturday, February 27**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, February 28**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32**

# **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

## ***Beginning of the Lenten Triodion***

Commemorated on [February 21](#)

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.

# **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

### **The Man of God and the Word of God**

<sup>10</sup> But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> 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.

## **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.”

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

## **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

## **Troparion** *(St. Elia)*

The Glorious Elia, Incarnate Messenger of God, Pillar of Prophets and second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, sent grace from on high to Elisha that he might heal sickness and purify the lepers. Therefore, he intercedes on behalf of those who honor him.

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

## **Kontakion** *(St. Elia)*

O glorious Prophet Elia who foresaw the glories of God, by your command the rains were withheld from the earth. As you bound the clouds of heaven by your word, so by your intercession loosen the bonds of our many sins.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## **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!"

## **REMEMBER THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr .Don and Popadia Donna  
Egor Cravcenco. Son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

## **REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Metropolitan Herman  
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)  
Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)  
Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)  
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo  
Larissa Freude Newman  
Reader William Paluch  
Martin and Rose Marie Vronick  
Matushka Myra Kovaiak and Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak  
Matushka Chrisitne Zebren;  
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

## **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

<b>Candles:</b>	<b>\$ 38.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>969.00</b>
<b><u>Improvement Fund:</u></b>	<b><u>100.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,107.00</b>