



# Weekly Bulletin

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 21</b>	<i>37th Sndy aftr Pntcst / Tone 4 / Publican &amp; Pharisee</i>
Fast Free Week		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 24</b>	<i>Eve of St Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople</i>
		6:30 pm Vespers Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 27</b>	<i>St Raphael of Brooklyn</i>
		5:30 pm Great Vespers Confession
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>	<i>38th Sndy aftr Pntcst / Tone 5 / The Prodigal Son</i>
		Readings: 1 Cor 6:12-20 Lk 15:11-32
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

### STEWARDSHIP / Feb 14

Operating	\$4,342
OCA Assessments	1,296.00
Maintenance	100.00
Icons	65.00
Uganda	200.00
Charities	199.00
ZOE	55.00
Cleveland Deanery	50.00
Wi Fi	94.00

### MEATFARE CYCLE

The Meatfare Cycle will be served beginning with the Vespers of the Departed on Friday, March 5 at 6:30 pm and the Liturgy of the Departed on Saturday the 6th at 9:30 am. This is the Great Commemoration of the Departed in the Orthodox Church and all others are modeled upon it. Wheat will be blessed after Liturgy and a Coffee Hour will be held. Please see Subdeacon Daniel if you need to make any additions to your family's List of the Departed. Each name is read aloud during the Liturgy. Please join us for this beautiful and powerful intercession for all of our beloved Departed.

### PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Ted Geletka, Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), our Parish Faithful, the Furman family, Marie Gaydos (Maryann S' csn), Mary Ellen (Ruth B's mom), Fred Bessel (Jean M's frnd), Dr Michael Soroka, Mike Nadolski (Gloria H's frnd), Richard

Mirauntz, Ruth Bede, Tim Price, Francis James (Anna D's frnd), suffering Christians in the Middle East.

**Anniversaries:** Nick & Debbie Covelli (2/26).

**Birthdays:** Alexandra Walker, Ron Sieloff, Calin Lechintan (2/21), Valerie Christani (2/22), Juliana Kingsbury, Christian Rausch (2/23), Diane Patton (2/24), Tina Capitan, Don Patton (2/25).

**Expecting:** Greg & Grace, John & Michelle, Matt & Michelle, David & Maria, Patrick & Deanna, Jairus & Riley.

**Newly Departed:** Fr John Tkachuk (Fr A's frnd, 2/19), Nick Stchur (Tom A's frnd 2/7), Fr Daniel Hubiak (Deb's cousin 2/5), Prtdcn John (Fr A's frnd 2/1), Fr Alexander Cutler (1/26), Sotire Agapetus (1/24, Adam C's Godfather).

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 Mankind!

— Vesper verse for Publican & Pharisee —

# Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

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.

## Kontakion

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! And learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior, have mercy on us, only merciful One!