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**WEEKLY BULLETIN      Sunday, February 9, 2020**

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**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee – Tone 1**  
**Leavetaking of the Meeting**  
**Beginning of the Lenten Triodion**

**Commemorating: Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria (ca 257); Uncovering of the Relics of St Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1805); Ven Pancratius of the Kiev Caves (13th); Ven Nicephorus—1557 and Gennadius—ca. 1516, of Vazheozérsk; Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bishop of Sicily, Philagrius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Pancratius, Bishop of Taoromina (1st).**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 3:10-15 [The Pastor's Defense against apostasy: Loyalty to Tradition]

**Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14 [The Pharisee and the Publican]

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

We are pleased to have visitors worship with us. We pray that you will be blessed through your experience in our services.

In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved to those who are baptized and chrismated members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves by fasting, prayer, participation in the divine services, and a timely Confession.

**SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

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
Next Sunday:	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Luke 15:11-32

**THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH**

**TODAY: 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY** followed by Church School and Luncheon and our Annual Parish Meeting

**Candlestand:** Joseph Sheeler    **Greeter:** Vera Klavzar  
**Prospora:** Tanya Franchak    **Reader:** Nate Cooper  
**Counters:** Kim Klavzar and Ken Telles  
**Father Elias:** Glen Hester  
**Pot-Luck Luncheon:** Bring something to share!

**TUESDAY: 7:00 pm February Parish Council Meeting**

**SATURDAY: 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Confession**

**NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY** followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

**Candlestand:** Leo Hays      **Greeter:** Anna Hubler  
**Prospora:** Ken Telles      **Reader:** Dale Franchak  
**Counters:** Dale Franchak and Joe Temnick  
**Father Elias:** Joe Temnick  
**Coffee Hour:** Dobrota, Radulescu, Rahal

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS** -- On behalf of the entire community we extend our prayers and best wishes to the following who will celebrate their **BIRTHDAY** this week: Mark Sladack, Monday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>; Leo Hayes, Friday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>; **ANNIVERSARY** Kyra and Josh Toth, Saturday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. May God grant you all His blessings for **MANY YEARS!**

If we do not have your special occasions, please give the specific information to Matushka Vickie so we can offer our prayers and best wishes on your behalf.

**SECOND SUNDAY -- TODAY** we remember those who died during the month of February. Please clearly write a note to let Fr. Alexander know who you want to remember during the memorial. Give it to the candle stand attendant.

**OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - TODAY!**

- 1) An updated Membership List is posted, as required per our bylaws
- 2) The meeting packet, including the agenda, minutes, and reports, was sent via e-mail and regular mail last week.
- 3) Enjoy the Pot-Luck Luncheon!

**ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS --** Every year we elect four members to the Parish Council. Consider volunteering to serve the church! We will also elect representatives to our Diocesan Assembly, to be held in Las Vegas on October 13-15, 2020, as well as two auditors.

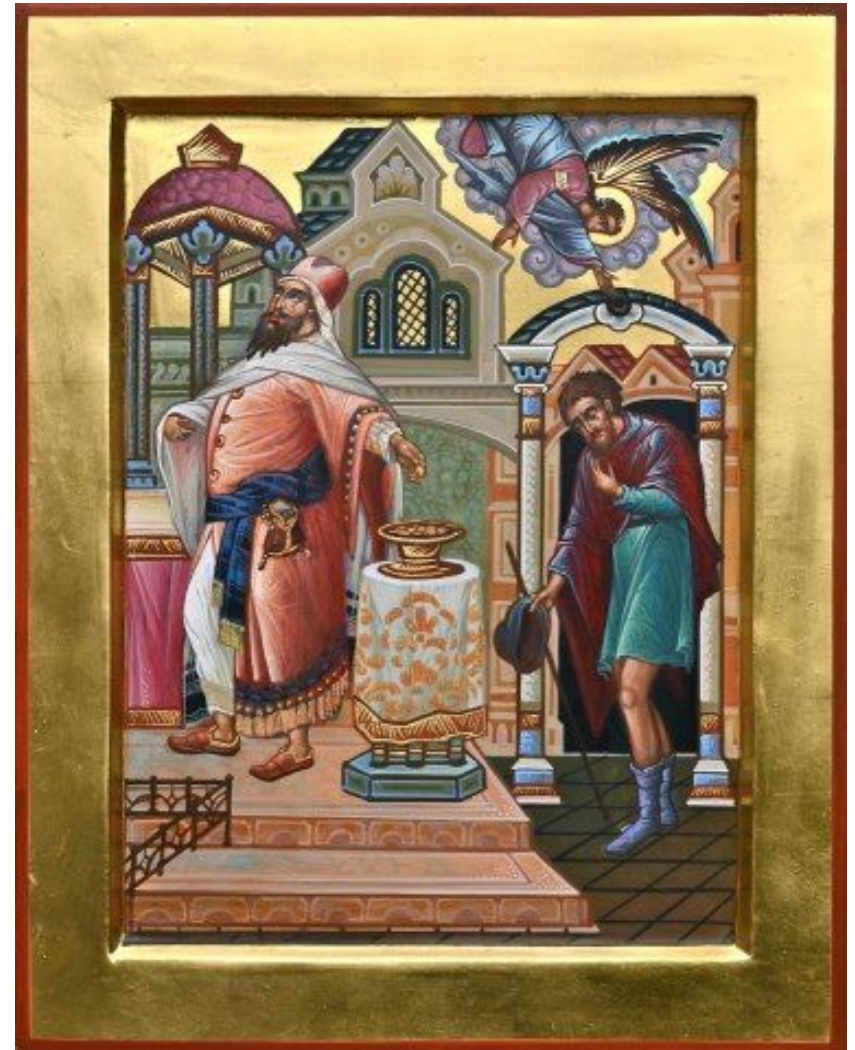
**FAST FREE WEEK --** The Orthodox Church gradually takes us into the fasting period by designating **THIS WEEK**, following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, as a Fast-Free Week - time to feast before our Lenten effort!

**COOKING SESSION, THIS TUESDAY --** We will be making pierogi for the upcoming Easter Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2020. We can use your help! See Tanya!

**LENTEN CLASS --** Every year during Great Lent our parish has held a class on Saturday afternoon, about the Orthodox Faith. In the early church Great Lent was the time for catechumens to prepare for Baptism on Holy Saturday. This year's class will center on the book, *Introducing Eastern Orthodox Theology* by Fr Andrew Louth. The class will begin on Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 3:30 pm to Vespers.

**BUY SCRIP --** The best way to increase profit from selling Scrip is to have more individuals participate and to purchase Scrip on a regular basis.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 79 Adults 29 Children



**The Publican and Pharisee Sunday  
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