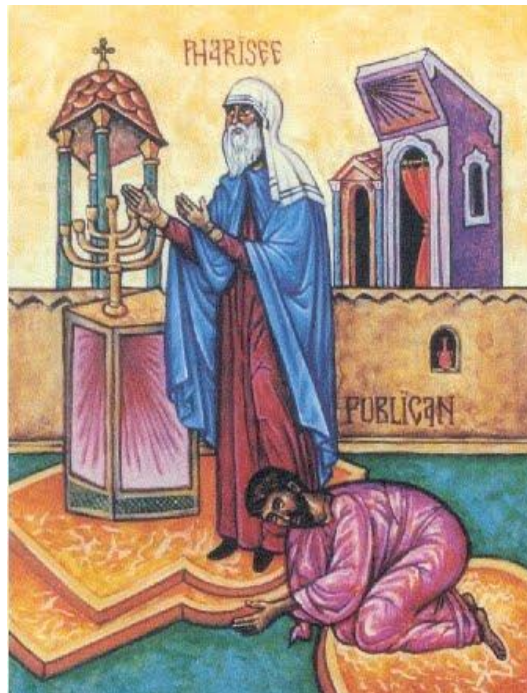


SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE



God, be merciful to me, a sinner! (Luke 18:13)

**Liturgical Hymns from the Triodion:
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Saturday Evening Vespers**

Tone 1

Brothers, let us not pray like the Pharisee: he who exalts himself will be humbled! Let us prepare to abase ourselves by fasting; Let us cry aloud with the voice of the Publican: O God, forgive us sinners!

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!

Tone 8

I know the value of tears, almighty Lord: They delivered Hezekiah from the gates of death and rescued the harlot from repeated sins. Tears justified the Publican instead of the Pharisee: I pray you Lord, number me with the former, and have mercy on me!

Ask with tears, seek with obedience, knock with patience

(St John Climacos)

PREPARATION FOR GREAT LENT



The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee commemorates the parable and begins the three week pre-Lenten Season, Tridion.



Long before the actual beginning of Lent, the church announces its approach and invites us to enter into the period of pre-lenten preparation. It is a characteristic feature of the Orthodox liturgical tradition that every major feast or season – Easter, Christmas, Lent, etc. – is announced and “prepared” in advance. Why? Because of the deep psychological insight by the Church into human nature. Knowing our lack of concentration and the “worldliness” of our life, the Church knows our inability to change rapidly, to go abruptly from one spiritual or mental state into another. Thus, long before the actual effort of Lent is to begin, the Church calls our attention to its seriousness and invites us to meditate on its significance. Before we can practice Lent we are given its meaning. This preparation includes five consecutive Sundays preceding Lent, each one of them – through its particular Gospel lesson – dedicated to some fundamental aspect of repentance. (Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent)

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We must realise first of all that preparation is a constant and essential part of the Church’s worship as a whole. It is impossible to enter into the spirit of liturgy, to understand its meaning and truly to participate in it without first understanding that it is built primarily on the double rhythm of preparation and fulfilment, and that this rhythm is essential to the Church’s liturgy because it reveals and indeed fulfills the double nature and function of the Church herself. (Alexander Schmemmann, Of Water and the Spirit)



The Gospel is According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said 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 you that I am not like other men, extortioners, 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.”

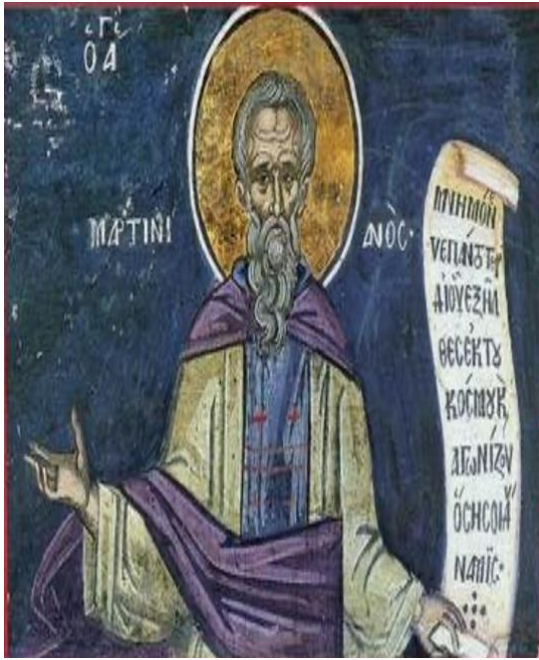
[Click here to read a sermon on the Publican and the Pharisee](#)

St Paul’s Second Letter to 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, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, 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.

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TODAY WE COMMEMORATE THE HOLY ONES



[Martinianos the Righteous](#)



[Apostles Aquila and Priscilla](#)



[Eulogios, Patriarch of Alexandria](#)



[Symeon the Myrrhbearer of Serbia](#)

TYPIKON OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Hymns After the Small Entrance.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1. *Automelon.*

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your kingdom! * Glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind!"

Kontakion. Mode 4. *You appeared today.*

Let us flee the Pharisee's * exalted parlance; * let us learn the Publican's * humble demeanor, and with sighs * unto the Savior cry out and say, * To us be gracious, O only forgiving Lord.

Fasting Rule

Fast Free: All foods allowed.

It is the first week of the Triodion.



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MEAT-FARE SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022

St Nektarios Outdoor Church Luncheon

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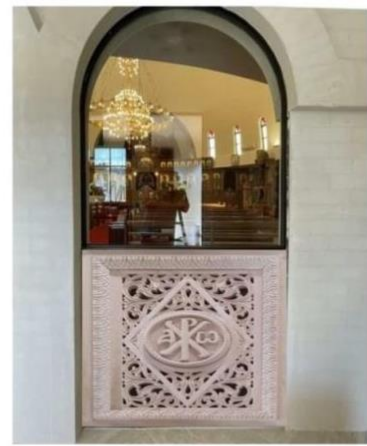
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