



Sunday February 21, 2016 TONE 5

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (9th c.). St. Eustathius (Eustace), Archbishop of Antioch (377). St. George, Bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea (802-811). The “KOZEL’SHCHANSKAYA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1881).

This Week’s Schedule

Saturday 2/27: Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 2/28: Hours 8:40 a.m. **Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**

followed by Fellowship/ Coffee hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3 RD HOUR	6 TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Feb-21	RILEY, A	RILEY, J	CAREY
Feb-28	SOUDER, C	PECK	BUNITSKY, S.
Mar-6	CARPENTER	SULPIZI, L	PECK
Mar-13	BUNITSKY, S	BUNITSKY, K	BRASOWSKI
Mar-20	RILEY, A	RILEY, J	RILEY, J.

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 5 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 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!”

Tone 5 Prokeimenon

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

(Ps 11/12:7)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

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.

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

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.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.” (Ps 88/89:2)

Gospel 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.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

Many Years to the Newly Illumined! We welcome into the Church this morning Imani Robinson by virtue of the Sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation. We want to wish her and her family congratulations and many years of health, happiness, and prosperity!

Please Save The Date - We have set a date of Saturday, May 21 for our Spring rummage sale. Please begin setting aside any of your attic treasures of clothes, household items, furniture, knick knacks, etc. Also, please save the date as we can use your help anytime before, during, and after the sale. It's fun to help with the sale and it helps to build relationships in our community and among our parishioners, all while raising money for St. Michael's. Further details will be provided as we get closer to May.

Journeys to Orthodoxy We are asking both cradle Orthodox and convert alike to share your journey to the Orthodox Church. We hope to compile these stories and make them available to both the faithful of St. Michael's and our guest and visitors. We hope that your story may be an inspiration and a help to others. Journeys to Orthodoxy may be submitted to Laura Najemy or Fr. Barnabas. Please consider sharing your journey with us.

Calling all Church Keys In an effort to improve security at St. Michael's the parish council is currently looking at having all locks re-keyed and repaired. Therefore we are asking that anyone who has a church key please turn it in to Fr. Dn. James Carpenter. Thank you.

Study Group This past week. Nine of us started reading and discussing chapter 10 of 2nd Corinthians. We talked about bearing with others as well as the practice of "*Economia*" in the Orthodox tradition.. Our next study group will meet Thursday March 3rd. The study group is an excellent opportunity for continuing adult education. Please join us!

Archbishop MARK to Visit On Sat. & Sun. March 12th & 13th (Cheesefare Sunday) His Eminence Archbishop MARK will be making an archpastoral visit to St. Michael's. Cheesefare Sunday is also "Forgiveness Sunday" where we make the transition from the Sunday's after Pentecost to the Lenten

period. Following coffee hour that day we will come back in to the church for Forgiveness Vespers and begin our lenten journey together. Please make plans to join us for this wonderful opportunity in the life of the church.

The Ladder of Divine Ascent On Friday evenings during Great Lent Fr. Barnabas will be offering a study and discussion group on St. John Climacus' "Ladder of Divine Ascent". We will try and make it through the first six or seven steps in this important spiritual work. Please make plans on joining us following services on Friday evening's during Lent.

Dear St Michael's Parishioners,

In response to inquiries from people in the Wilmington area regarding whether St Michael's might have food to give, we would like to start a small St Michael's Food Pantry with your help. The idea is that we will have food available to provide on an ongoing basis. Therefore we would like to ask our community to kindly bring food items that are either frozen or non-perishable, as nutritious and as minimally processed as possible. We would like to include some items that are easy to open and require little or no preparation for those who might not have fully operational kitchens. (No junk food or highly processed foods please.) Here are a few suggestions, but certainly donations are not limited to this list.

A bin will be made available to place the non-perishables. If you bring frozen items, please label them as "St Michael's Food Pantry" donation and place in the freezer.

Clif Bars/ Energy Bars, Canned soups with easy open tops (eg Amy's Organic), Soups in boxes with plastic lids (eg Pacific), Various soups in paper cups with easy tear-off tops, Organic apple sauce in easy-open individual serving cups, Easy-open fish or chicken in cans, brown rice dried peas or lentils, canned (easy open) or boxed tomatoes, jars pasta sauce, whole grain (and gluten free?) pasta, whole grain or sprouted bread that can be frozen, frozen or canned fruits and vegetables frozen meats, etc.

A huge thank you to whoever recently provided the frozen turkey and ham!

Thank you! In Christ,

Cindy Peck and Connie Gerassimakis

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Meatfare Sunday March 6th

Cheesefare / Forgiveness Sunday March 13th (Archbishop MARK+)

Beginning of Great Lent March 14th

Annunciation March 25th

Palm Sunday April 24th

HOLY PASCHA MAY 1st

Do Not Rely on Your Own Insight

The title words are from Proverbs 3: 5b, which is read on February 26.

That verse begins: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart," and the following verses continue: "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones."

On this same day, the readings from Genesis that began on the first day of Great Lent continue, as they will until Palm Sunday. This day's verses include some of the most beautiful and fundamental in Genesis, telling us how Adam and Eve were created to be together.

Genesis 2: 17 gives the story of God forming Adam from the dust of the ground and "breathing into his nostrils the breath of life" and then planting the Garden of Eden with every tree that is "pleasant to the sight and good for food." The garden is watered by four rivers.

God puts Adam in the garden to till and keep it, and gives him the commandment to enjoy everything except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Almost as soon as He has done this, God declares that "it is not good that the man should be alone."

God presents all the beasts of the field and birds of the air to Adam, who has the privilege of naming them. But among all of these there isn't found "a helper fit for him." So finally God takes Adam's own ribs while he sleeps, and fashions Eve. Adam pronounces her to be that fit helper, "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh."

All this beauty and true companionship, so perfectly planned by God, still depends on the free will that God has also given to His creatures. In the very next day's reading, Adam and Eve will, as we know, undo all the good things God planned for them. How we wish they could have heeded those words from Proverbs: "Do not rely on your own insight; be not wise in your own eyes," and "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

In the Greek Orthodox Church's calendar on this day, another woman who needed to trust the Lord is commemorated. She is Photini, the Samaritan Woman who meets Christ at Jacob's Well. She has many questions, but she also has patience and she doesn't rush ahead to act on her "own insight." Once she understands that Christ is the promised Messiah, she humbly becomes one of His servants as an evangelist, and does great work in spreading the Gospel.

What about Adam and Eve? We know that the icon of the Resurrection will greet us at the Lenten journey's end. There on the icon they will be, the first two people, no longer outcasts from Paradise. Christ is stretching out His hand to take them to the Kingdom.

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Prayers for the Departed: *Archpriest John Udics, Archimandrite Athanasy*

Allen Theohan Shatley

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. David Shewczyk,, Fr. Josef Petranin, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Lemlem Resat, Harry Wujcik, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Lily Nassif, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke Wales, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Georgia Harb, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Caton Tompkins, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Fink*

Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them: *Maria Peck,, Elizabeth Clause, Matushka Anastasia Hojnicky*

Birthdays : *Christine Roberts (18th), Melissa Conover (22nd), Harriet Madeline Clause (26th)*

Service Ministries

Date	<u>Coffee/ Fellowship Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	<u>Library</u>
21-Feb	Hamwi/Morjana	Elia/Morjana	Fravel	Lewis
28-Feb	Gerassimakis/ Bunitsky	Riley	Gerassimakis	Gundersen
6-Mar	Whale/ Gabriel/ Sheeler	Sulpizi/ Fink	Whalen/ Fink	Farrell
13-Mar	Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday	Hojnicki/ Souder	Farrell	Skomorucha
20-Mar	Lachance/ Shatley/ Hines	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Kendall	Maloney
27-Mar	Najemy/ Kendall	Bunitsky/Lewis	Baldychev/ Shatley	Lewis

Last Week's Attendance

02/14 Divine Liturgy.....75