

## *Liturgical Book of the Triodion is Opened*

*About this Sunday...*

Today is called the "*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.*" On the eve of this day, on Saturday at Vespers, the liturgical book of the Lenten season-- the *Triodion*-- makes its first appearance and texts from it are added to the usual hymns and prayers of the weekly resurrection service. The develop the next major aspect of repentance: *humility*.

The Gospel lesson (Luke. 18:10-4) pictures a man who is always pleased with himself and who thinks that he complies with all the requirements of religion. He is self-assured and proud of himself. In reality, however, he has falsified the meaning of religion. He has reduced it to external observations and he measures his piety by the amount of money he contributes to the temple. As for the Publican, he humbles himself and his humility justifies him before God. If there is a moral quality almost completely disregarded and even denied today, it is indeed humility. The culture in which we live constantly instills in us the sense of pride, of self-glorification, and of self-righteousness. It is built on the assumption that man can achieve anything by himself and it even pictures God as the one who all the time "gives credit" for man's achievements and good deeds. Humility-- be it individual or corporate, ethnic or national-- is viewed as a sign of weakness, as something unbecoming a real man. Even our churches-- are they not imbued with that same spirit as the Pharisee? Do we not want our every contribution, every "good deed," all that we do "for the Church" to be acknowledged, praised, publicized?

### **TO OUR VISITORS:**

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

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Commemoration of: Agatha the Martyr; Polyuktos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Antonios the New Martyr of Athens

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### APOLYTIKIA - ENTRANCE HYMNS

*Here keharitomeni* (Presentation of the Lord) Tone 1

*Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.*

*Ex ipsus katilthes* (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 8

*Here keharitomeni* (Presentation of the Lord) Tone 1

*Tu Stavru Su* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.*

### KONTAKION

*O mitran parthenikin* Tone 1

*For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Symeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.*

### EPISTLE READING

2 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.

### GOSPEL READING

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."

### ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

SUN 2/5– Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee; Triodion begins today; \*\*\*No fasting restrictions this coming week, including Wednesday and Friday.\*\*\* We welcome Professor Christine Walters and her students from Leeward Community College who are attending our services today; 2nd Annual Fundraiser Soup Sunday benefitting our Aloha Youth Choir

This Week

TUE 2/7– Meeting with Moms and Grandmothers to discuss an interest in “Moms and the Orthodox Family” Fellowship 10 a.m.

THU 2/9– Parish Council Meeting 6 p.m.

FRI 2/10– St. Haralambos the Priest Martyr: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

SUN 2/12– Sunday of the Prodigal Son

### Announcements

- ✘ **2nd Annual Soup Sunday Fundraiser**– Please join us today for “friendship soup” with proceeds benefitting the Aloha Youth Choir. A bowl of soup with a roll are \$5. Thank you for your support!
- ✘ **Moms and the Orthodox Family**- Moms and Grandmothers interested in joining this Fellowship are welcome to join us for a planning meeting this Tuesday, February 7th, at 10 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to discuss matters of faith along with challenges and dynamics faced in parenting.

### Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

*“He who busies himself with the sins of others, or judges his brother on suspicion, has not yet even begun to repent or to examine himself so as to discover his own sins...”*

~St. Maximos the Confessor (Third Century on Love no. 55)

*“We advance toward humility by means of trials. He who rests on his virtue without suffering tribulation has the door of pride open before him.”*

~St. Isaac of Syria

*“The man who cries out against evil men, who does not pray for them, will never know the grace of God.”*

~St. Silouan the Athonite