

SCRIPTURE READING OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 3:10-15 (Epistle)

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.

Luke 18:10-14 (Gospel)

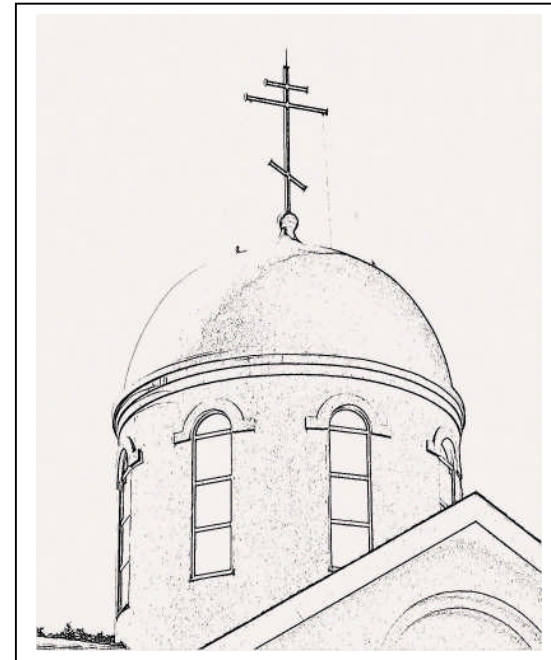
Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 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.

TODAY is Sanctity of Life Sunday as proclaimed by the Standing Council of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America (SCOBA). On this day, we pray that all humankind will come to recognize, respect, and protect God's gift of human life!

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH'S FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY!

- **Grocery Store Coupons** (Matushka Mary)
 - Shoprite, Foodtown, Pathmark, Stop & Shop
- **Dessert Rolls** - \$12 each (Cathy Berger)
 - Walnut, Walnut Chocolate Chip, Poppy, Apricot, Apricot-Walnut, Prune
- **Pierogi** - \$7/Dozen (Mary Herelick)
 - Potato & Cheese

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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January 24, 2010

33rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Tone 8. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.]. *Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5th c.). St. Gerásim, Bishop of Perm (1441). Martyr John of Kazan' (1529). Martyrs Babylas (Vavíla) of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius (3rd c.). St. Macedonius, Hermit, of Syria (ca. 420). Translation of the relics of St. Anastasius the Persian (7th c.). Ven. Dionysius of Olympus (16th c.). Ven. Philotheus, founder of Philotheou Monastery (Mt. Athos—10th c.). Bl. Xenia of St. Petersburg (19th c.).*

Today's Readings: *Epistle:* 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Saturday – 7:00pm Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Coffee Hour Teams:
Today - Pasick Team
Next Sunday - May Team

IOCC, a charitable arm of the Orthodox Church, is accepting donations to help the relief effort in Haiti. To make a gift, visit www.iocc.org, call toll free at 877-803-IOCC [4622], or mail a check or money order payable to IOCC, PO Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263-0225.

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Among them are: **Julia Katko, Paul Charuk, Ludmilla Tjaden, Steve Murko, Dorothy Gornick, Mary Bionde, and Anna Hlinka.**

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after Divine Liturgy for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

Adult Education class takes place Sundays at 9:00am in the church. We are studying the wonderful and important book, **“Partakers of Divine Nature”** by Archimandrite Christoforos Stavropoulos. **All are invited to participate.**

This upcoming week is a **fast-free** period. Consumption of meat and dairy is allowed on all days including Wednesday and Friday.

Saturday, January 30 – The Most Rev. and Rt. Honorable Rowan Williams, archbishop of Canterbury and senior bishop of the worldwide Anglican communion, will deliver the annual **Father Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture** at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. The archbishop will speak on the topic “Theology and the Contemplative Calling: The Image of Humanity in the *Philokalia*.” The lecture is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m., and will be followed by a Q&A session. A public reception will follow the lecture. The seminary is located at 575 Scarsdale Road, in Yonkers, NY. Please visit www.svots.edu or call the seminary events coordinator at 914-961-8313 ext. 351 for further information.

Sunday, January 31 is the date of the **Annual Parish Meeting**. A packet of reports is being distributed today. The remainder will be available at the meeting. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend this meeting. We need a **simple majority (+50%)** of parishioners present in order to conduct the meeting.

The **blessing of homes** will continue on Monday, January 25. If you have yet to have your home blessed or scheduled for a blessing, Father Gary will be in contact with you within the next several days. If you have **not signed up** for having your house blessed, please **sign up** on the sheet in the narthex or call Father Gary at the rectory at (732) 458-9032.

Many Years!

Wedding anniversary this week: Thursday – John and Tami Economou (#14)

*Bishop-Elect Michael (Dahulich) will be consecrated to the episcopacy on Saturday, May 8, 2010. As part of the celebration, a **banquet meal** will take place the afternoon of Saturday, May 8 at Casino-in-the-Park restaurant in Jersey City from 1 to 5pm. Tickets are \$75 per adult, \$25 per child under 8. **Our parish will reserve 2 tables of 8.** If you would like to attend and sit with fellow parishioners, contact Matushka Mary ASAP. These seats will be available on a first come, first served basis.*

OUTREACH

- **Food Pantry donations** are always accepted. Place non-perishable food items in blue bin in the narthex
- **Clothing donations** are accepted on the last Sunday of each month. Place donations next to the food pantry bin.