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## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

### Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:10-15

### Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

### 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.

### Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, Resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind, And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

### Kontakion (Publican and the Pharisee)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! And learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior, have mercy on us, only merciful One!

### Kontakion (St. Luke)

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

### Memory Eternal + Večnaja Pamjat +

We pray for the soul of newly departed Scott, brother-in-law of Ron and Cindy Kecman, and for Milan, brother of Nevenka Milosevich and Borka Sucevic forty days since his repose. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants.

### The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Today 10-week Lenten Triodion begins; this week is Fast-Free.  
(4 Pre-Lenten Sundays, 6 weeks of Lent followed by Holy Week)  
Monday, March 18 Great Lent begins  
Sunday, May 5 Holy Pascha (Easter)

**Welcome** to all guests via livestream and in person today. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

**We may schedule our Home Blessings with Fr. John now through March 6.**

### Addictions Workshop Support Network – Mon., February 26 – 7-8:15PM on Zoom

The free monthly session is for anyone interested in Orthodox Christian addiction support: <https://zoom.us/j/2100687480> Meeting ID: 210 068 7480, Password: 208156

### “Sacred Alaska” Premier Showing – Tuesday, February 27 at 5:30PM

The new film “Sacred Alaska” is coming to the historic Avalon Theatre on Connecticut Ave. in Washington DC for one day this week. Come and see beautiful St. Herman's Spruce Island, Kuskokwim, the Yukon, the Alaskan clergy and people, plus Q&A with the director. Tickets in advance are \$12 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sacred-alaska-washington-dc-premiere-tickets-842121988537>

### Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 28 at 7PM on Zoom

Come join this week's discussion of the Gospel of John chapter 20, The Empty Tomb.

### First-Saturday-of-the-Month – March 2

Come join the Men's Prayer Breakfast at 9AM on Saturday and Great Vespers at 5PM.

### St. Luke Middle and High School Students' Event – Saturday, March 2 – 4-8PM

Church School students who are interested in “MS/HS Night” at Vespers and the Pizza Party next Saturday may RSVP by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>: <https://forms.gle/48nUt3gE4mSoWByg8>

### First-Sunday-of-the-Month – Potluck & Food for the Needy - March 3

Next Sunday we welcome food for Coffee Hour and non-perishable Food for the Needy.

### Clothing Drive for Prison Ministry

Louise Romanchak is coordinating an on-going collection of clothing for men and women inmates who are preparing for release and new jobs. She welcomes business attire and work wear in new or used good condition. All donated clothing will be delivered to OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources) in Fairfax, VA.

### FOCUS DC Meeting – Thurs., March 12 - 6:30PM - <https://focusnorthamerica.org/>

Anyone interested in joining the pan-Orthodox outreach ministry to feed the hungry may see Donna Karabin to RSVP. The meeting will be at St. Katherine's in Falls Church.

### God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

God bless Miles Fancovic, Matushka Anne Gariano and Kelly Pavela on their birthdays. God bless Fr. John and Popadija Kitty on the 15th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. AXIOS! God grant all of them peaceful lives, health, strength, salvation and furtherance in all Godly things.