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February 25, 2024
**Sunday of the Publican
and the Pharisee**

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Sat., Mar. 2 nd	Great Vespers with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Mar. 3 rd	Sunday of the Prodigal Son Holy Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus, and Basiliscus	
		Sunday School	9:15 am
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgy.

Epistle:	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel Reading:	Luke 15:11-32

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection) Let <u>us</u> , the faithful, praise and <u>worship</u> the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the <u>Spirit</u> , <u>born</u> for our salvation from the <u>Virgin</u> ; for He <u>willed</u> to be lifted up on the <u>Cross</u> in the flesh, to <u>endure</u> death, and to <u>raise</u> the dead // by His <u>glorious</u> Resurrection.	Tone 5 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion) Let us flee from the pride of the <u>Pharisee</u> ! Let us learn humility from the <u>Publican's</u> tears! Let us cry to our <u>Savior</u> : “Have <u>mercy</u> on us, // O only <u>merciful</u> One!”	Tone 5 Prokeimenon (Resurrection) Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7) V. <i>Save me, O Lord,</i> <i>for there is no longer</i> <i>any that is godly!</i> (Ps. 11:1a)
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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.

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.”

Announcements:

A special thank you to everyone that made the Archpastoral visitation of His Eminence Melchisedek last Sunday extra special. Those who contributed to the luncheon, those who served, those who sang the responses, and all who attended are greatly appreciated!

TODAY is our Annual Parish meeting being held during coffee hour. Grab a cup of coffee and find out the status of your parish.

Our home bounds appreciate all the greetings that are sent out during the holiday seasons. Unfortunately, we often forget about them the rest of the year. Please try to take a few minutes to check on them throughout the year. Even better, take some time to visit them, check to see if they are in need of anything and just make them feel as if they are part of our Church community/family. The blessing that they bestow upon us for simple acts of kindness are beyond our comprehension. An **UPDATED** home bound list is an insert in today’s bulletin.

Paska! Paska! Paska! Nothing could replace this precious tradition to celebrate the joyous Resurrection! The men and women of HROC will be rolling up their sleeves **TWICE** during the weeks leading up to Pascha to assure that past and new customers will have this wonderful delicacy to enjoy for their Easter. As an insert in today’s bulletin you will find Baba’s Paska Order Form.

PLEASE NOTE: This form is to be used to order Paskas for **BOTH** Western Easter (March 31st) **and** Pascha (May 5th). Please note that the last two columns on the form are where you are to indicate for which Easter your Paska is needed and will help organize the orders.

The orders are due **Sunday, March 10th**. Please leave your orders at the candle stand. Due to the large demand for Baba's Paska, no orders can be accepted after the due date. Please remember to include telephone numbers on the order form.

The baking session for orders placed for March 31st is **Saturday, March 16th**

The baking session for orders placed for May 5th is **Saturday, April 6th**

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners by coming to one and/or both baking sessions. **Both sessions will start at 7 am.**

This year, Baba will be making an extra treat for the Paschal Celebration – Cheese Braids! We are not taking orders for them but will be getting together to make a few batches on **Saturday, March 9th at 7 am.** Please come and lend a hand and get “warmed up” for Paska Baking!

Save the Date:

- Save the date for an upcoming retreat at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral to be held on **Saturday, March 9th**. Presenter Steven Christoforou has spent 9 years as the founder and leader of Y2AM and is perhaps best known for his work on “Be the Bee”, “Pop Culture Coffee Hour”, and “Effective Christian Ministry”. He is a graduate of Yale University, Fordham University School of Law, and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He is currently the Director of Operations & Community Engagement for FOCUS North America. Steve will be providing a retreat entitled “What Do People Need from the Church?: How to lead Effective Christian Ministry” focusing on why most young people who grow up in the Church fall away as they grow into young adults. Why is the ministry they experience falling short? What can the Church do to form faithful Orthodox Christians more effectively? In his presentation, Steve will distill years of research and experience as he helps participants understand (i) why our ministry efforts have been ineffective, (ii) what people need from the Church and (iii) how we can meet those needs in 5 basic practices. To register contact Fr. David Vernak (frdavidvernak@verizon.net or 201/704-6217). Registration fee for the retreat is \$20.
- Pi Day is celebrated every year on the 14th of March around the world. Pi is used to represent a mathematical constant. Not only is it the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, but it's also the 16th letter in the Greek alphabet (π). Coffee Hour will be celebrating π Day on **Sunday, March 10th** with a selection of pies. Do you have a favorite apple, blackberry, pumpkin, etc. pie you would like to share? Or how about a savory creation like a pizza pie, a Shepard's pie, etc.? Coffee will be in abundance as we enjoy a slice of delicious!
- The Miraculous Myrrh Streaming Kardiotissa Icon of the Theotokos from Taylor, PA will be at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Monongahela on **Friday, April 5th**. A prayer service with this icon will begin **at 7 p.m.** Fr. Mark Leasure, custodian of the icon from St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA will share many of the miraculous stories associated with the icon.