



# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Sun, February 9, 2020 - Publican and the Pharisee

Beginning of the Period of Lenten Preparation — Tone 1  
Leavetaking of the Meeting of the Lord. Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria.



## Hymns for Today

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!"

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, // Who grants us the Resurrection!

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!"

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, // O only Lover of Man!

## Epistle Reading - 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 Reading - 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."

**DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS:** A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament through prayer and fasting.

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**TODAY: 9:00 AM** - 3rd/6th Hours (8:40AM), Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Church School, [Intro to Divine Liturgy Class](#), Parish Council Meeting

**WED: Feb 12, 6:30 AM** - Divine Liturgy

**SAT: Feb 15, 4:00 PM** - Great Vespers & FAMILY NIGHT

**SUN: Feb 16, 9:00 AM** - 3rd/6th Hours (8:40AM), Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Church School, [Intro to Divine Liturgy Class](#)

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## Attendance & Donations - 2/2/20

Attendance: 70 | Regular: \$1285  
Improvements: \$344 | Candles: \$191

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## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Living:** Cynthia Dulsky, Josie Bisset, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nancy Valletta & Family, Nadine Breisch, Luke Austin, Susan Goobic Howell, Rosalie Bagenski, Paul Loftus, Rachael Macking, Connie Padrezas, Denise Meck, Sonja & Leighann Kay, Mary Krill, John Roman, Ann-Marie Roma, John C. Metz **Departed:** Thomas Kay

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## ++ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS ++

**The Russian Club is seeking pictures** from in and around the club over the years. This is in preparation of the 100th Anniversary to be held later this year. Please see Colleen with questions.

**BAZAAR 2020 MEETING:** It's that time again my friends to talk about BAZAAR 2020! There will be a Bazaar committee meeting on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> after coffee hour. This meeting will be held in the Pavilion. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

**PIEROGIE PROJECT 2020:** The first pierogie project of 2020 is February 10 and 11. To order, call Denise at 570-825-9719 or place your order on the list in back of the church. Due to some medical problems, a few people will be missing. We will need more help on both days.

Please come out and help with this project. Begins 7AM each morning. You can show up anytime after that.

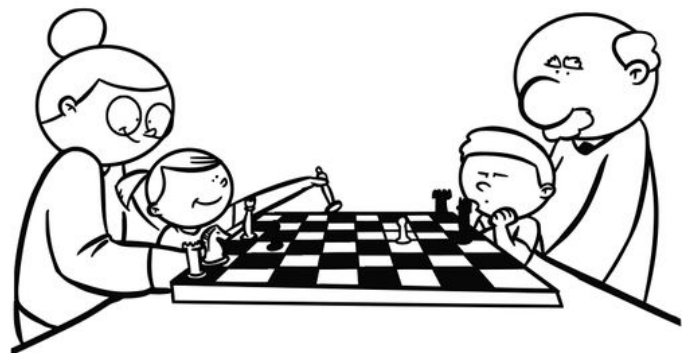
**WOMAN'S RETREAT at ST. TIKHON'S:** A Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Department of Curriculum and Education of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern PA, will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 in St. Tikhon's Monastery Trapeza. The topic for this year's retreat is: **"Preparing our Hearts for Great Lent."** The speaker will be Mother Gabriella, who serves as the Abbess of Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan. The cost for the retreat is \$10 which includes breakfast and lunch. It is open to all women. See the flyer on the bulletin board and speak with Matushka Melanie if you would like to carpool.

**MEATFARE SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR: Sunday, February 23rd** We will have our traditional Meatfare Sunday Coffee Hour which will comprise of our special meat fare dishes at this time of year. Please feel free to bring your favorite meat pre-Lenten dishes. A sign-up sheet is provided in the vestibule, however, if you are unable to bring anything, NO WORRIES! We will have plenty of food to enjoy! Please just come and enjoy the fellowship and also bring your friends who are always welcome every week!

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## FEBRUARY FAMILY NIGHT

SAT, FEB 15th, 4PM-7PM:



Join us for an evening of games, conversation, food & fun at HOLY TRINITY FAMILY NIGHT. The evening will begin with Great Vespers at 4PM. Immediately following we'll go downstairs for **food and fun** for kids and families. Everyone in the parish is invited and you are welcome to bring guests. See you there!