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Gospel Reading ~ Luke 18:10-14
Epistle Reading ~ 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

This Week at a Glance

Fast-Free Week

Thurs, Feb 1st

6:00 pm - Vesperal
Liturgy for the Meeting of
the Lord in the Temple

Sat, Feb 3rd

6:00 pm - Great Vespers
& Confession

Sun, Feb 4th

9:00 am - The Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Gospel Meditation

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.



Pierogi Making Sign-up

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for our upcoming pierogi making days. These pierogi will supply our Lenten Pierogi Dinners, which is a big fundraiser for our parish. Please sign up and help make this year a success.

Parish Council Elections

If you would like to nominate someone to run for Parish Council, please submit those names to Fr. Joseph by February 4th. Positions up for election: President, Financial Secretary, Trustees.

Mazlenitsa

This year's Mazlenitsa will be held on Meat Fare Sunday, Feb. 11th after Divine Liturgy. Meal is Chicken Paprikash. \$15 per adult. Children are free and will have a children's menu. See one of the Sams to reserve your seats.

