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February 10, 2019 — Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Intention: Private

Troparia:

1. *Resurrection (tone 5)*, p. 75
2. *St. George*, p. 24
3. Kontakion of the Pharisee and the Publican: Let us shun the boastful words of the Pharisee and learn from the Publican humility with sighing; let us cry out to our Saviour: "Have mercy on us, O You who alone are merciful!"

Prokeimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; // let all round about bring gifts to the awesome God.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 (Today: Jon Rebholz. Next Sunday: Benjamin Newman)

Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14

Ushers: Anthony Geiger, Joseph Wahhab (Next Sunday: Mark Spankowski, Said Audi)

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$41; ordinary collections=\$1225; donations=\$370. Thanks for your generosity!

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Mary Fisher (Benjamin Newman's aunt and godmother), John & Alice Herro, Bill Koutris, Bill & Kathy Jones, Nick Langefeld, Henry Look, Fr. Frank Milienewicz (former pastor), Barb & Bruce Moden (sister- and brother- in-law of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, Espe Villasenor, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo. All those who have died: Alice Nasr.

Coming Up: Great Lent

Meatfare Sunday (Last lay when meat is eaten): February 24th

Cheesefare (Last Day when dairy and poultry is eaten): March 3rd

Start of the Great Fast: March 4th

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Tuesday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Wednesday: Abstinence- and Fast- Free Day
7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Thursday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Friday: Abstinence- and Fast- Free Day
7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Saturday: 5pm Great Vespers

Sunday: *Sunday of the Prodigal Son*
9:45am Orthros (Matins)
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Amanda Wahhab (2/14). May God grant you many years!

Sayings from the Fathers on the Pharisee and the Publican

"Let another praise you, not your own mouth; a stranger, not your own lips" (Proverbs 27:2).

"An elder said: 'Humility, even without toiling, has often saved many people. The Publican and the Prodigal Son bear witness to this: all they did was to speak a few words and they were saved. A man's toiling will bring him to perdition if it does not have humility, for many end up arrogant because of the great toiling they accomplish, as did the Pharisee'" (*Anonymous Sayings of the Desert Fathers*)

"When the foolish thought of counting up any of your good works enters into your head, immediately correct your fault and rather count up your sins, your continual and innumerable offenses against the All-Merciful and Righteous Master, and you will find that their number is as the sand of the sea, while your virtues in comparison with them are as nothing" (St. John of Kronstadt, *My Life in Christ*).

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness and according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. As I ponder in my wretchedness the many evil things I have done, I tremble for the fearful day of judgment. But, trusting in Your merciful compassion, like David do I cry out to You: have mercy upon me, O God, in Your great mercy" (Verse from Orthros).

"Christ became man and called to repentance robbers and harlots. Repent, my soul! The door of the Kingdom is already open, and the transformed pharisees, publicans and adulterers are seizing it ahead of you" (Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete).