

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN

On February 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Venerable Fathers Martinian of Palestine and Simeon the myrrh-streaming, prince of Serbia; Apostles and Martyrs Aquila and Priscilla; and Eulogios, patriarch of Alexandria.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist.

*If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple;
For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable.*

Verses for the Triodion:

*O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly,
receive Thou from the Angels a Trinitarian song,
And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion.*

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and to prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

KONTAKION FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN IN TONE FOUR

Let us flee the Pharisee's * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican's * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
God is known in Judea; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up 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, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Antiochian Women Events:

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Annunciation Tea meeting: this Sunday Feb 12th, after Liturgy. (The Annunciation Tea will be a time of spiritual enrichment and growth for the Orthodox women here at St Johns as well as our sisters in other parishes. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate as we reinstitute this annual event in honor of our Blessed Mother the Theotokos.)

Book club: Thursday, Feb. 17th, 7–8:30pm, at Lavonne Ayoub's house, 3223 N Callary St, Post Falls

Baby Shower: April 2nd, Details to be announced

Young Adult Superbowl & Game Day this Sunday:

the young adults have an impromptu game day at the home of Fr. Mark & Kh. Joanna (4471 E. Canvasback Ave., Post Falls, ID 83854.) We will have the Superbowl on as well as multiple board games, BBQ, and fellowship. This will be a "young adults only" event, ages 18 to 35'ish, and runs from 3pm to the end of the game. Feel free to bring a friend!

We will provide some burgers & bratwurst, chips with mango salsa, and a veggie tray. Those young adults that are coming, please bring something to share if you can, but it is not mandatory!

HOUSE BLESSING:

Contact Fr. Mark to get on the schedule. Blessings are about a half hour, so Father should be able to do several per day. Remember: "Please do not feed the priest!"

Welcome Baby Tatiana Rae Robertson!

Please join Stanley and Sarah in welcoming baby Tatiana Rae, born February 9th (Wednesday) at 1:34 pm. She is a healthy 6 pounds, 6 ounces. 19.25 inches long.

Mom and baby are doing well! Glory to God!

To help the Roberts family while mom is healing and bonding with baby, Lavonne has set up a Meal Train.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/q6z32l>

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS {Calendar}

Saturday, February 12: Great Vespers 6pm;

Sunday, February 13: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am,
Cemetery Committee meeting 11:30am

Wednesday, February 16: Vespers 6pm
Parish Council following Vespers

Thursday, February 17: Antiochian Women's
Fellowship 7pm

Friday, February 18: Spiritual Circle 9:30am

Saturday, February 19: Great Vespers 6pm

Sunday, February 20: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am,
Cemetery Committee meeting 11:30am

LUNCH TEAMS

February 13: Joy Corey's team
February 20: Lisa Gencarella's team
February 27: Riley Chapman's team
March 6: Sarah Plew's team

EPISTLE READERS {Sign Up}

February 13: Reader Silouan
February 20: Demetrios Hubbard
February 27: Rob Schannep
March 6: TBD

ALTAR SERVER TEAMS

Group A: February 13

Anthony Hubbard
Edmund Bardwell
Samuel Baber
Seraphim Schannep
Benedict Schannep
Joseph Alhayek

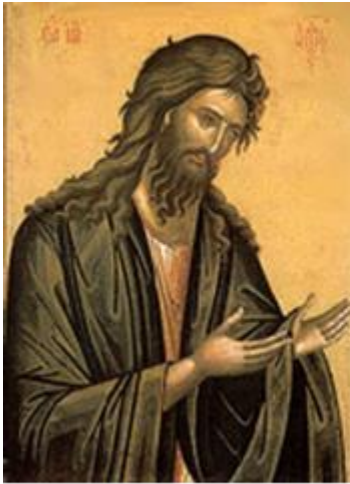
Group B: February 20

Simeon Plew
George Tate
Jeremiah Baber
Gideon Plew
Gideon Baber
Nicolas Servey

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING: Kh. Malvi and all the Neyman and Townsend families, John/Steven Wood, Fr. Jeremiah Vollman, Thao, Gwenn, Lilly & the children & mothers of the Hogar in Guatemala, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus and those caring for the sick and suffering, victims of injustice and social unrest, Metropolitans Paul and John (hostages in Syria), the suffering Christians throughout the Middle East.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Tom (Allyson's brother), Fr. Nicholas, Victims of abortion, Victims of Covid-19 virus, Victims of injustice and social unrest, the departed Christians throughout the world who have died for the Faith.

CONFESSIONS: Please remember to contact Fr. Mark to schedule confessions, *even* if you intend to confess after the evening services. This ensures that your confession is well prepared, and that everyone can be heard in an orderly fashion. Father is available to meet at the Church Tuesday through Saturday.



Troparion of St. John the Baptist

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is enough for thee, O Forerunner. For thou wast shown to be more wonderful than the prophets since thou wast granted to baptize Him whom thou didst proclaim. Then having endured great suffering for the truth thou didst rejoice to bring even to those in hades the good tidings, that God who hast appeared in the flesh, takes away the sins of the world, and grants us great mercy.