



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

February 5, 2017

*Beginning of Lenten Triodion
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Afterfeast of the Meeting of Our Lord
Rest of Theodosius of Chernigov*



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Troparion and Kontakion for February 5, 2017

Tone 8 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 1 Troparion (*Meeting of our Lord*)

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

Tone 4 Kontakion (*from the Lenten Triodion*)

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!"

Tone 1 Kontakion (*Meeting of our Lord*)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!



Epistle: II Timothy 3:10-15

3 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ 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. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ 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

18 Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The 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. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' ¹³And 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!' ¹⁴I 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."



St. Nikolai Velimirovich: On the Prayer of the Pharisee:

"God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are." A sinful man dares to say this, in church, to God's face! What is the Church, if not a place where the sick meet their physician? Those sick from sin come to confess their sickness to God the Physician, and to find medicine and healing from Him who is the true Healer from all human suffering and weakness, and the Giver of all good things. Do the healthy go to hospital, to boast of their health to the doctor? But this Pharisee did not come to the Temple with a whole and healthy soul, to boast of his health, but as a man seriously ill with unrighteousness who, in the delirium of his sickness, no longer knows he is ill. Once, when I was visiting a mental hospital, the doctor took me in front of a wire screen across the cell of the most seriously ill of his patients. "How do you feel?", I asked him. He immediately replied: "How do you think I feel, among all these madmen?"

St. Nikolai Velimirovich: On the Prayer of the Publican:

Why does it say: he prayed with himself? Why not aloud? Because God listens more carefully to what his heart says than his lips. What a man thinks and feels as he prays to God is more important to God than the words his tongue forms. The tongue is capable of delusion, but the heart does not delude: it shows a man as he is – black or white.

Many Years!

Anniversaries

February	9	Eric and Lee Olson
	10	Jerome and Diana Gratigny

Announcements for Sunday, February 5, 2017

- Please look at our new parish directory online. Download the app, update your picture, let Fr. Theophan know if anything needs to be changed.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall