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FEBRUARY 21, 2021
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE
AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Reading
II Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel Reading
Luke 18:10-14

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Feast)

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!

Kontakion (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!”

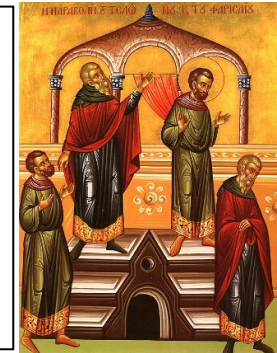
Kontakion (Feast)

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!

Prokeimenon (Psalm 103:26)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

The Church welcomes the Lenten spring with a spirit of exultation, splendor and delight. It is welcomed by Christians in the Church not as a time for self-inflicted agony or self-improving therapy. It is greeted as the sanctified season consecrated to the correction, purification and enlightenment of the total person through the fulfillment of the commandments of the crucified God. It is received as the time for battling with evil spirits and blossoming with the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22). Fr. T. Hopko



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

Memory Eternal+ Večnaja pamjat+

We pray for the souls of the newly departed: Alexander (Rada Carmichael's brother); Shirley (Amanda Hrciar's mother); and Mikhael (father of Oxana). We also remember Mileva Tatalovich, Helene Watts' mother, on the anniversary of her repose. O Lord, grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose to all.

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Today	Beginning of the 10-week Triodion; this week is <u>Fast-Free</u> .
Monday, March 15	Great Lent begins
Sunday, May 2	Holy Pascha (Easter)

Metropolitan Tikhon Congratulates Newly Elected Serbian Patriarch Porfirije

On February 19 the enthronement of His Holiness Patriarch Porfirije, Archbishop of Pec, Metropolitan of Belgrade-Karlovci, and Patriarch of Serbia, took place in Belgrade, Serbia. Metropolitan Tikhon sent a [letter of congratulations](#). AXIOS!

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 24 – Online at 7PM

Fr. John is leading the discussion of “Acquiring the Mind of Christ” by Abbott Sergius. He will email a Zoom invite and notes on “Adam, the First Created Man.”

Saturday Children's Liturgy and Church School – 9AM

February 27	Primary Class
March 6	Intermediate and Pre-school/Toddler class

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

We send warm birthday greetings to Lulu Hassan and Miles Fancovic (4 yrs. old).