

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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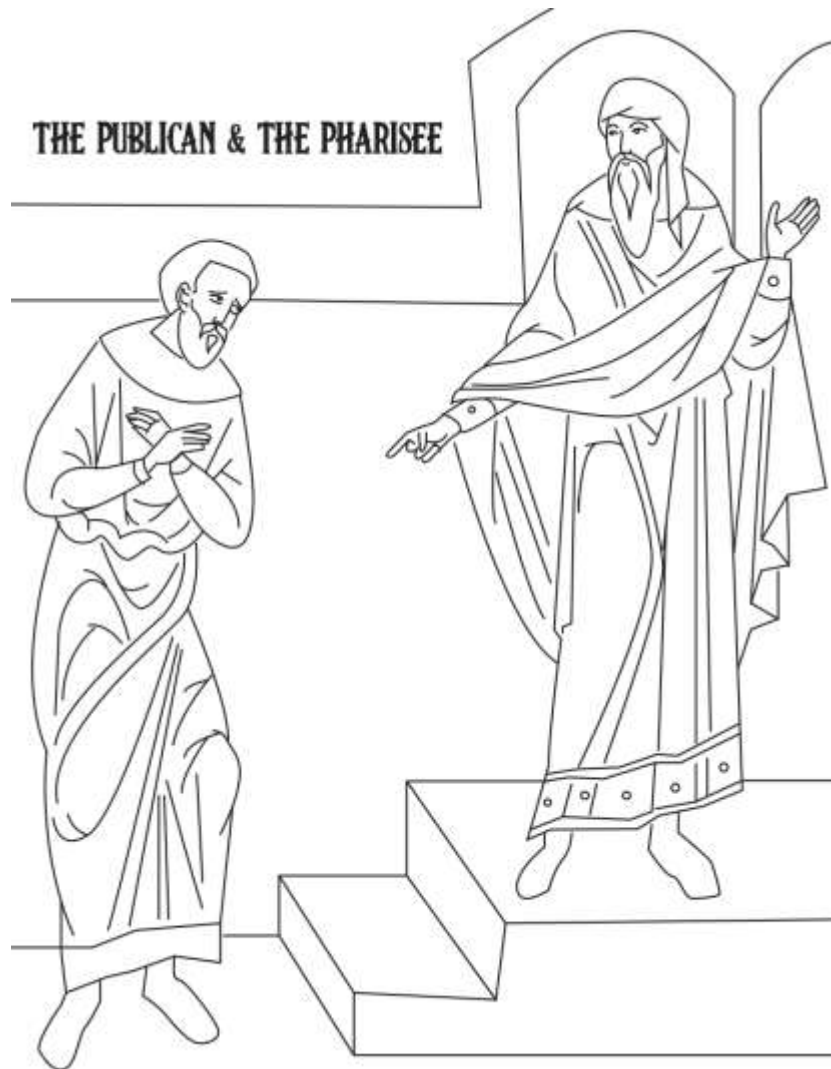
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FEBRUARY 13, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

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

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection, in the First Tone: 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.

Troparion to St. Mark in the Fourth Tone: From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Kontakion of the Publican and Pharisee in the Fourth Tone: Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn the heights of humility from the publican's words. Let us cry out in repentance: O Savior of the world, be gracious to thy servants.

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Prokeimenon (Psalm 75.11, 1) Tone 8: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading from Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (3:10-15)

Timothy, my son, Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood

you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 94.1, 2) Tone 8: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to God our savior. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

The Reading from the 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, extortioners, 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 every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Holy Oblations are offered today in memory of Metropolitan Antony (Bashir) who served as the leader of our Archdiocese from 1936 to 1966.

Coffee Hour today is given by the Coffee Hour Committee

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Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, May Dabbah, Sylvia Saba, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, Fouad and Mary Farraj (kidney transplant), Laura Anter (brain surgery), Tony Rodriguez (shoulder surgery) and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

Note: To minimize the spread of the latest COVID variant the wearing of masks is recommended. In addition, a social distancing area has been set aside in the church on the left side (as one faces the altar).

Today

Confession for Church School grades 3 & 4 today after Liturgy.

Please make sure to pick up your 2022 calendar from the table by the bookstore.

House Blessings: If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr Michael at frmlaffoon@gmail.com, or in person during coffee hour to make an appointment.

This Week

Sunday February 13, Confession for Church School grades 1 & 2.

Tuesday February 15, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education

Wednesday February 16, 6:30 p.m. Little Compline Note time change for this night only.

Wednesday February 16, 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Thursday February 17, 6:30 p.m. Antiochian Women Valentines Dinner. See attached flyer for details.

Next week

Tuesday February 22, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education

Wednesday February 23, 7:00 p.m. Little Compline

Quote from the Saints

“When you abandon your evildoing, do not contradict those who despise or reproach you because of it. Join them in condemning yourself for what you are like and, through contrite prayer, take refuge in the forgiveness of God alone, realizing that you are a rescued publican.”

St. Gregory Palamas, *Homily Two: On the Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee*

Today's Commemoration

St. Martinian of Palestine (February 13th)

Saint Martinian, who was from Caesarea of Palestine, flourished about the beginning of the fifth century. He struggled in the wilderness from his youth. After he had passed twenty-five years in asceticism, the devil brought a temptation upon him through a harlot, who when she heard the Saint praised for his virtue, determined to try his virtue, or rather, to undo it. Coming to his cell by night as it rained, and saying she had lost her way, she begged with pitiful cries to be admitted in for the night, lest she fall prey to wild beasts. Moved with compassion, and not wishing to be guilty of her death should anything befall her, he allowed her to enter. When she began to seduce him, and the fire of desire began to burn in his heart, he kindled a fire and stepped into it, burning his body, but saving his soul from the fire of Gehenna. And she, brought to her senses by this, repented, and, following his counsel, went to Bethlehem to a certain virgin named Paula, with whom she lived in fasting and prayer; before her death, she was deemed worthy of the gift of wonder-working. Saint Martinian, when he recovered from the burning, resolved to go to some more solitary place, and took a ship to a certain island, where he struggled in solitude for a number of years. Then a young maiden who had suffered a shipwreck came ashore on his island. Not wishing to fall into temptation again, he departed, and passed his remaining time as a wanderer, coming to the end of his life in Athens.

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