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Publican and the Pharisee

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SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 5)

2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14 Next Sunday, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32 Vigil Every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM

REQUIEMS FOR TODAY

Anthony Janicki, offered by Sandra Janicki & family John Homer, offered by family

SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (Feb 25/12)-Meletius, Alexei, Anthony, *Maria, Marina,* Eugene, Christus. MON-Martinian, Simeon, Evlogy, *Zoia, Fotina.* TUE- Kyrill, Auxentius, Isaac, Maronus, Abraham, Michael, Theodore, George. WED-Onismus, Evsevius, Pafnuty, *Efrosinia (Florence)*, Maior (Major). THUR- Pamfilus Valentus Paul Selevkus, Porfyrius, Theodulus, Julian, Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel, Daniel, Marufus, Flavian, Roman (Raymond). FRI- Theodore, *Minna, Mariam,* Ghermogen, Theodosius, Roman, Auxibius. SAT- Leo (Lev), Flavian, Agapitus, Cosma.

Meatfare Luncheon

We will be holding our annual Meatfare Luncheon on Sunday, March 10. We are asking for covered dishes for this event. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the back vestibule of the church and we are asking that you place your donated food item on this list. If you need to use the cooler and ovens, you are welcomed to do so.

Blessed Candles

Candles that were blessed on the feast day are available for sale. Vigils are \$3.00 and multiple colors are available. There are also decorated candles available at \$10 and \$15. These candles will be available at the candle counter as long as they last.

Parish Council meeting today following services.

Bread For Sale

There is bread for sale in the church auditorium. This bread was made yesterday.

First Votive Cross Offered by Simo & Paula Dragovich.

Second Votive Cross

Offered by the Sandra Janicki in memory of father Anthony Janicki.

St. Herman's Shrine Offered by Alyssa & Andrey.

Iconastas Lampadi Offered by Marion Temple.

New Candle Prices – effective March 1, 2024

Due to the rising cost of candle production, the price of certain candles needs to be adjusted. Beginning March 1, 2024, the following candles will have a new price:

Vigils: \$4.00 Votive Cross: \$25.00 each

St. Herman's Shrine: \$25.00 Iconastas Lampadi: \$25.00

Decorated Shrine Candle: \$20.00

Monthly Luncheon

These luncheons provide great fellowship. The next luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, March $17^{\rm th}$. This luncheon will be sponsored by Dan & Lindsay Klipa

Anyone interested in sponsoring a future luncheon, please sign up in the back of church.

This is a Fast Free Week!

Today begins the preparatory weeks before the Great Lent. Today is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee and the Holy Orthodox Church forbids us to fast on Wednesday and Friday of this coming week. This is the way the church reminds us that our fasting should be done in humility and not in a boastful way as the Pharisee did. Next week, we return to fasting in a normal way (no meat on Wednesday and Friday).

Pan Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh

The Pan Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh is performing a concert titled "Orthodox Hymns of Lent and Pascha" on Sunday, March 3 at 5:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228