

**SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX
SHRINE CHURCH
FLUSHING, NEW YORK**

February 21, 2021

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee - Tridion Begins Today

Protopresbyter Fr. Paul Palesty, *Pastor* · Presbyter Aristidis Garinis, *Economos*

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος δ'.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορῶριψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Ναου Ἦχος δ'.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμένῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος δ'

Φαρισαίου φύγωμεν ὑψηγορίαν, καὶ Τελώνου μάθωμεν, τὸ ταπεινὸν ἐν στεναγμοῖς, πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα κραυγάζοντες· Ἰλαθι μόνε ἡμῖν εὐδιάλλακτε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

For the Saint Tone 4

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. O Father and Hierarch St. Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our souls.

Kontakion Tone 4

Let us flee the Pharisee's * exalted parlance; * let us learn the Publican's * humble demeanor, and with sighs * unto the Savior cry out and say, * To us be gracious, O only forgiving Lord.

Απόστολοι Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. 2Τι 3:10-15

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένοντο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις· οἷους διωγμούς ὑπήνεγκα καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ Κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται· πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερά γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

Epistle Lesson: 2 Tim. 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, 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 Iconion, 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.

Εὐαγγελίον . Λου ιη' 9-14

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερόν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσηύχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμι ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἔστως οὐκ ἠθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται

Gospel reading Lk. 18:10-14

The Lord said 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 you 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 everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

EORTOLOGION OF THE WEEK

TUESDAY 02/23

St. Polycarp of Smyrna
Orthros 7:30 am Divine Liturgy 8:30 am

WEDNESDAY 02/24

Bible Study (Greek) 6:00 pm
Paraklisis 7:00 pm
Bible Study (English) 8:00 pm

FRIDAY 02/26

St. Fotini (Samaritan Woman)

ΤΡΙΤΗ 02/23

Πολύκαρπος Τερομάργυς
Όρθροσ 7:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία 8:30 π.μ.

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ 02/24

Μελέτη Αγίας Γραφήσ (Ελληνιστί) 6:00 μ.μ.
Παράκλησισ 7:00 μμ
Αγίας Γραφήσ (Αγγληστί) 8:00 μ.μ

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 02/26

Η Αγία Μεγαλομάργυς Φωτεινή

MEMORIALS

Konstandina Athanasouliaσ
Nine Day

John Darioti

Konstantinos Geleris

Angelika Kontoudis

Kostantinos Kontoudis

Theodoros Koullia

Thalia Matheou

Nick Metas

Stavros Michael

Ioannis Moraitis

+

MΝΥΜΟΣΥΝΑ

Κωνσταντίνασ Αθανασούλιασ
Ενιάμερον

Ιωάννου Δαριότη

Κωνσταντίνου Γκελερήσ

Αγγελικήσ Κοντούδι

Κωνσταντίνου Κοντούδι

Θεοδώρου Κούλλια

Θάλειασ Ματθαίο

Νικόλαου Μήτασ

Σταύρου Μιχαήλ

Ιωάννου Μοραϊτη

STEWARDSHIP

You will be receiving a stewardship commitment card to make an indication of your financial giving for 2021, with the request that these be returned to the church office. With these pledges in hand, our budget spending will be put together based on the resources that God's people make available for the mission and ministry. We ask you to pledge, so we can plan. Please do take a moment to thoughtfully examine your present level of giving, and prayerfully consider how that giving might grow this year. Our goal should be to offer God a good pledge, a worthy pledge, a pledge that reflects spiritual growth, a pledge that honors God. Commitment cards are also available in the narthex or simply ask any parish council member for one.

Our goal for 2021 is 100% participation of our Church family by reaching out and encouraging those who do not participate in the Stewardship of Treasure.

SAINT NICHOLAS SHRINE CHURCH STEWARDSHIP FACT:

Our parish's DAILY operating cost is:

\$3,800.00

We pray for all those who have been affected by COVID-19 (Coronavirus), for their healing and comfort, and for strength and peace for their families. We pray for those who have passed away because of the virus and those who mourn for them. We pray for health care workers, first responders, all who are and will offer compassionate service and healing in the days and weeks to come. We pray for those who are working to contain the spread of the virus. We pray for our local and national health care and government officials as we continue to rely on their prudence and good judgment. We pray for those who face economic adversity due to the virus, especially those who may lose much-needed pay or even lose a job. And, we pray for those who suffer anxiety, fear and loneliness. May they feel God's embrace!

Amen.

