



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church
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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24, 2021

Sunday, January 24, 2021 Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For special intention of Fr. Lee Roos from Martha & John Stine

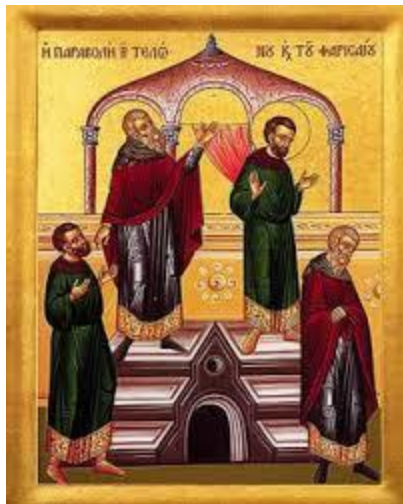
Sunday, January 31, 2021 Sunday of the Prodigal Son

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For special intention of Fr. Juan Puigbo from Martha & John Stine

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Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee



The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the

Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Source: OCA.org

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Troparion (1): Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (3): Let us bring to the Lord the sighs of the Publican, and as sinners let us approach the Lord, for He desires the salvation of all. He grants forgiveness to all who repent. For us He became man while remaining God, coeternal with the Father.

Prokimenon (1): Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. **Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Prokimenon (1): Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. **Epistle: Reading of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy.** (2Tim 3,10-15) Brethren: You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, persecutions that I endured. Yet from all these things the Lord delivered me. In fact, all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known [the] sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia Verses: Verse (1): God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (1): Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Lk 18,10-14) The Lord told this parable: "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity - greedy, dishonest, adulterous - or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Let us pray for the USA. Kyiv January 12, 2021

To the archbishops and bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in their territories Excellencies, Bishops

Massigneurs I address you to the prayer of His Excellency Archbishop and Metropolitan Borys and our bishops in the United States of America.

In the near future American society will face one of the greatest hardships in its modern history. Due to the change in political power, deep divisions between citizens and a real danger of civil war, or even military, with unpredictable consequences. The Catholic Church of the United States suffers especially and with it suffers our faithful - clergy, religious and secular. This is why I call on you to pray in one voice from our entire Church for the American people, their leaders and the Ukrainian community in this country. We cannot remain indifferent to their misfortune and sorrows. For as the apostle Paul writes to Corinthians 1, 12-26 " If one member suffers, all members share his suffering ". The American Catholic Church has always stood in solidarity with our Church in the suffering and needs of our people both in Ukraine and in Diaspora. May our prayer and solidarity with American Catholics in these difficult times be a sign of our brotherhood, unity and support. We believe that the Lord God will listen to our prayers, will send peace to the world, which is so necessary to the men in our present world.

To you in Christ, Sviatoslav Major Archbishop of Kyiv Halych Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

