

Liturgical Book of the Triodion is Opened

About this Sunday...

Today is called the "*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.*" On the eve of this day, on Saturday at Vespers, the liturgical book of the Lenten season-- the *Triodion*-- makes its first appearance and texts from it are added to the usual hymns and prayers of the weekly resurrection service. The develop the next major aspect of repentance: *humility*.

The Gospel lesson (Luke. 18:10-4) pictures a man who is always pleased with himself and who thinks that he complies with all the requirements of religion. He is self-assured and proud of himself. In reality, however, he has falsified the meaning of religion. He has reduced it to external observations and he measures his piety by the amount of money he contributes to the temple. As for the Publican, he humbles himself and his humility justifies him before God. If there is a moral quality almost completely disregarded and even denied today, it is indeed humility. The culture in which we live constantly instills in us the sense of pride, of self-glorification, and of self-righteousness. It is built on the assumption that man can achieve anything by himself and it even pictures God as the one who all the time "gives credit" for man's achievements and good deeds. Humility-- be it individual or corporate, ethnic or national-- is viewed as a sign of weakness, as something unbecoming a real man. Even our churches-- are they not imbued with that same spirit as the Pharisee? Do we not want our every contribution, every "good deed," all that we do "for the Church" to be acknowledged, praised, publicized?

To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.

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Commemoration of: Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch; Markellos, Philagrios, & Pankratios the Hieromartyrs

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Haire keharitomeni (Presentation) Tone 1

Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.

Ex ipsus katilthes (Hymn of the Day) Tone 8

Tou Stavrou Sou (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.

Kontakion

O mitran parthenikin Tone 1

For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Symeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 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.

Gospel Reading

Luke 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.

This Week

Monday, 2/10– St. Haralambos the Holy Martyr: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to our Visitors Leeward Community College!

We warmly welcome into our midst Professor Christine Walters and her students from Leeward Community College who have a class on World Religion.

Philoptochos Meeting Today

Our Philoptochos is holding its monthly meeting, beginning at Noon, today.

Nisiotopoulos Dancers & Aloha Youth Choir depart for FDF

We wish all of our dancers and youth choir a safe trip to and from Anaheim and success as they compete at our Metropolis FDF!

Scholarship for Ionian Village Available

A 2014 Ionian Village Scholarship is being offered to eligible participants of this year's FDF! Eligible applicants must currently be in grades 8 through 12 in accordance with the Ionian Village registration policy. Please visit their website at: www.ionianvillage.com for more information and details!

Volunteers Needed for Agape Picnic 4/20/2014

We are looking for volunteers interested in helping with the Agape Picnic which is held annually on Pascha. We will need volunteers who are interested in helping with either food preparation, serving lunch, setup and clean up and ticket sales. Those who are interested may contact Anita Higashi at 358-8127 or Tina Dimitrion at 375-2151. Thank you!!!