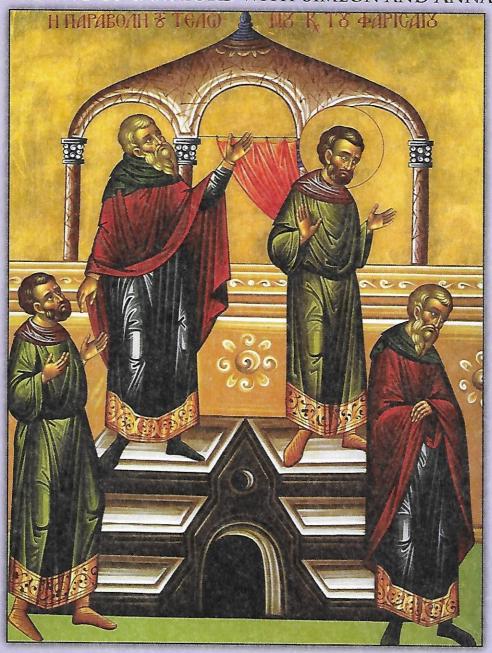
## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee

## Faults of the Pharisee

God.

is boastful, and without sense, for he praises himself, even though the Sacred Scriptures cry aloud, "Let a neighbor praise you, and not your own mouth: a stranger and not your own lips" (Prov. 27:2). ... Our virtue, therefore, must not be contaminated with fault, but must be single-minded and blameless and free from all that can bring reproach. For what profit is there in fasting twice a week, if you so doing serve only as a pretext for ignorance and vanity, and if it makes you prideful, haughty and selfish? You tithe your possessions and make a boast of it; but in another way you provoke God's anger, by condemning men generally on this account and accusing others.

And you yourself are puffed up, though not crowned

by the divine decree for righteousness, but on the

contrary, heap praises upon yourself. For I am not,

he says, as the rest of mankind. Moderate yourself,

O Pharisee: "Set a guard, O Lord, over your mouth,

keep watch over the door of your lips" (Ps. 140:3).

Many are the faults of the Pharisee. First of all, he

You speak to God Who knows all things. Await the decree of the Judge. None of those skilled in the practice of wrestling ever crowns himself; nor does any man receive the crown of himself, but awaits the summons of the arbiter. Lower your pride, for arrogance is both accursed and hated by God. Although, therefore, you fast with puffed up mind, your so doing will not avail you; your labor will be unrewarded; for you have mingled dung with your perfume. Even according to the law of Moses a sacrifice that had a blemish was not capable of being offered to God; for it was said unto him, "Of sheep, and ox, that is offered for sacrifice, there must be no blemish therein" (Lev. 22:21). Since, therefore, your fasting is accompanied by pride, you must expect to hear God saying, this is not the fast that I have chosen (Cf Isa. 58:5) ... You offer tithes, but you wrong in another way Him Who is honored by you, in that you condemn men

generally. This is an act foreign to the mind that fears

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Feb. 2, 2020 Presentation

TODAY, SUNDAY, FEB. 2 we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple. The Jewish Law instructed that all first-born males were to be brought ("presented") to the Temple 40 days after birth by the parents. The infants were to be enrolled in the service of the Lord and the parents were obliged to thank the Temple priests with a gift, such as two doves on this occasion. This Holyday is also known as Candlemass because the participants in this ritual all carried lit candles. Our tradition refers to this feast as the Encounter ("Stritennia"), because Mary and Joseph met or encountered St. Simeon in the Temple. We hope to bless and distribute candles after Liturgy this weekend, if our delivery arrives on time!

TWO EVENTS IN THE Hall are on the calendar in the coming weeks. We will host the UpperMerion rowing team for a fund-raiser on Saturday, Feb. 29, and the Knights of Columbus will hold a Night at the Races on Saturday, March 7. We will need a modest number of workers for both events and we will report on this matter in the next week or two.

TO PREPARE THE HALL for the above-mentioned events we need a handful of fellows to move some tables/chairs and clean the floors. A list of such strong and God-loving fellows might include: Steve and Andy Marshalick, Bert LeGendre, Jerry LeGendre, Bill Maslayak, David Machita, Shaun Timbar io and his brother-in-law, and Floyd Pachella. We hope to do this job on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 - 12 am.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CAN NOW BE OBTAINED FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS TO OUR Parish. Simply sign your name(s) to the list in the church basement and Father Pastor will prepare a statement for you for the next week.

A GOODLY SUPPLY of beautiful 2020 church calendars and unclaimed donation envelopes still remain orphaned in the church basement. They are look-ing for a warm and accepting home/family to take them home this winter. Please check out the basement tables today for your little "orphans".

OUR PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL will meet this coming week (Thursday) to provide an update on the parish income and expenses. We thank Treasurer Dr. John Solar and Secretary Ch. Zenny Martyniuk for their good service to our Parish in this regard.

## DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Helen Guman (Kathy and Jerry)
Sunday, 9 am +Anita Chomiak (Russell Sr. and Jr,)
Thursday, 7 am +Anna Nusko (The FRancis Family)
Friday, 7 am +George Olexa (John Kupcha)
Saturday, 8 am +Dr. Noelle Rotondo (Bill Maruszczak)
Saturday, 6 pm +Ann and Mike Santangelo (Son Jimmy)
+ John, Gloria, Sharon (The Grozinski children)
Sunday, 9 am +Naida, Kulka, Lubynetsky Family (Roslava and Orest)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

Hail Mary, Virgin Mother of God, Christ has shone forth from you to enlighten those in the darkness.

May you exult, O just man Simeon, for you took into your arms the Savior of our souls, Who has obtained the resurrection for us all, amen.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O Christ God, by Your birth You blessed the Virgin's womb and later blessed the hands of just Simeon in the Temple. O Christ God, bring peace to the nations at war and guide al leaders in goodness and honesty, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoiced in God my Savior, amen.

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