

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Feb. 10, 2019 9:00am 37th Sunday after Pentecost: Zacchaeus Sunday

TODAY'S READINGS: I Tim. 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today: Parish Council Installation • Church School • Coffee Hour
Mon. Feb. 11 5:30pm Daily Vespers
Tue. Feb. 12 5:30pm Daily Vespers
6:30pm Church Council Meeting
Wed. Feb. 13 5:30pm No Daily Vespers
Thu. Feb. 14 5:00pm OCF Daily Vespers, Yale, Lovett Room of Battell Chapel
Fri. Feb. 15 5:30pm Daily Vespers
6:30pm Book Study
Sat. Feb. 16 5:00pm Great Vespers, Confessions
Sun. Feb. 17 9:00am 38th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of Publican and the Pharisee
I I Tim. 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14

Welcome to all our visitors today!

Memory Eternal: Archpriest John Mason fell asleep in the Lord on January 31st. He is related to Mat. Lydia, and at one time served at Sts. Peter and Paul in Meriden. Memory eternal.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Parish Meeting this past Sunday. As the new Parish Council is installed, please continue not only to pray for their stewardship of parish life, but also feel free to raise creative ideas with council members toward the growth and development of our parish.

Parish Council for 2019

President: Tom Eisenmann Financial Sec.: Susan Papademetris
V. President: Timur Yarovinski Treasurer: Judy Ross
Secretary: Alex Oji
Members at Large: Anne Bosse, John Kruchok, Olga Romanovsky, Mat. Lydia Westerberg
Auditors: Jeff Vacchios, Rdr. Peter Romanovsky, Barbara Sivigny
Diocesan Council Representatives: John Kruchok, Alt. Nancy Muro

Please continue to pray for Archpriest Steven and Mat. Deborah Belonick, as Fr. Steven continues his treatment.

House Blessing This Year: Fr. Steven is continuing to bless homes.

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

This coming Sunday we will formally enter into the Triodion, the liturgical book that contains the texts of the services that we will be celebrating from now until the Nocturne Service of the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha! The first period of the Triodion includes the preparatory Sundays, whose themes assist our preparation, and during which time we are likewise eased into the ascetical fast that is a significant part of the Great Lenten journey. From the Triodion:

“On this and the following two Sundays, the theme is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of our journey to Pascha. And to repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term metanoia means ‘change of mind’: to repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship to God and to others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a ‘change of mind’: he is self-dissatisfied, ‘poor in spirit’, and where there is this saving self-dissatisfaction there is room for God to act. Unless we learn the secret of the Publican’s inward poverty, we shall not share in the Lenten springtime. The theme of the day can be summed up in a saying of the Desert Fathers: ‘Better a man who has sinned, if he knows that he has sinned and repents, than a man who has not sinned and thinks of himself as righteous.’” Triodion, Faber and Faber, London, 1977, p. 44.

Ascetical Fast Preparation:

Our church assists us in preparing for the upcoming ascetical fast that is an integral part of our Lenten journey. In brief, here is the schedule related to fasting for the coming weeks:

Week of February 17: fast free week, all week
Week of February 24: back to regular fasting Wednesday and Friday
Sunday, March 3: Meatfare Sunday, last day to eat meat, dairy products allowed all week
Sunday, March 10: Cheeseare Sunday, last day to eat dairy products. **Forgiveness Vespers**
Monday, March 11: Great Lent begins (Triodion, p. 35)

Сегодня- Литургия- 37-я Неделя по Пятидесятница
[Первое Послание к Тимофе 4:9-15 и от Луки 19:1-10]
Установка Церковного Совета
Субб. 5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь
Воск. 9:00чу Литургия- 38-я Неделя по Пятидесятница
[Второе Послание к Тимофе 3:10-15 и от Луки 18:10-14]
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