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SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN & LEAVE-TAKING OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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FIRST ANTIPHON

My heart overflows with a good word: I speak my poem to the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. (R:) Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us! Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever. (R:) Glory... Now and ever... (R:)

SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O most mighty, with Thy glory and Thy majesty. Bend Thy bow, and prosper, and reign. (R:) O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon: save us who sing to Thee, "Alleluia"! Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the scepter of Thy kingdom is righteous. (R:) Glory... Now and ever... (Only begotten...)

THIRD ANTIPHON

- *Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.* TROPARION OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD (see below)
- *Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy face.* TROPARION OF THE MEETING
- *I shall commemorate thy name in every generation.* TROPARION OF THE MEETING

LITTLE ENTRANCE

The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His justice in the sight of all nations.
Save us, O Son of God Who art risen from the dead, as we sing to Thee: Alleluia!

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD (Tone 4): Rejoice thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos! For from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also grants us the Resurrection!

TROPARION OF SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT: Like the zealous Elijah thou didst become, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways. A dweller in the wilderness, thou didst steady the world by prayer. O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION FOR THE MEETING OF THE LORD (Tone 1): Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the humility of His servant.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of Saint Paul to Timothy

(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, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, 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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

(Luke 18:10-14) The Lord spoke 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 Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, 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."

- **Bishop Thomas** is asking us to pray for his father, Thomas Sr., who just reposed in the Lord.
- **Today: meeting of the parish council**
- **Sunday, February 23** (Sunday of the Last Judgment— "Meatfare"): Liturgy at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church for Matins (9 AM) and Divine Liturgy (10 AM), followed by a pre-Lenten luncheon. *Father Paisius, who has been serving Sts. Peter and Paul with great dedication for some 13 years, is now moving to serve two mission parishes in the South.*
- **Sunday, March 15: General Parish Meeting.** Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.