

## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE 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.

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## ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Port Townsend, WA



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### **Schedule**

Hours & Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Coffee hour, children's class, and teenager class follow the Divine Liturgy

### **Readings**

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

### **RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION – TONE 1**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

### **TROPARION – TONE 1**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

### **KONTAKION – TONE 4**

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, O only merciful One!"

### **KONTAKION – TONE 1**

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

### **This Week at St. Herman's**

\* Fast Free Week \*

### **Wednesday, February 8th**

6:00 pm Class – Sequim

### **Thursday, February 9th**

7:00 pm Class – Port Townsend

### **Saturday, February 11th**

Snow-shoeing trip to Hurricane Ridge

7:00 am Great Vespers

### **Announcements**

This week is a **Fast Free Week**, including Wednesday and Friday.

There will be a **snow-shoeing trip to Hurricane Ridge** this coming Saturday. Participants must arrive at Hurricane Ridge by 10 am to prepare for this guided adventure. More information will be posted to the St. Herman e-mail list, or you may contact John Drew.