Triodion begins today and is the period of the Church year when we prepare and then go through all of Great Lent and Holy Week. So with this Sunday we wake up to the approaching Lent and the fasting rules change. This week there is no fasting to start us all from an even playing field and avoid any pride like the Pharisee had in the Gospel today. The Church wisely puts the story of the tax collector and the Pharisee today to show that we are meant to enter into the preparation for Holy Week and Pascha first with humility. No true love, forgiveness, asceticism, or virtue comes without humility and before we begin the fast we need remember this.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of egoism and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.
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<td>Τελώνου καὶ Φαρισαίου. Μνήμη τοῦ Ὀσίου Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Τιμοθέου, τοῦ ἐν Συμβόλοις. Τοῦ ἐν Ἁγίοις Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Ἰωάννου , Πατριάρχου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, τοῦ ἀπὸ Σχολαστικῶν.</td>
<td>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. We commemorate our devout father Timothy of Symbola and our Father among the Saints John III Patriarch of Constantinople, the scholar.</td>
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<td>Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀποῤῥίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.</td>
<td>When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel, was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ Our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.</td>
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<td>Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθός τοῦ (τῆς, τῶν) δούλου (ης, ων) σου, καὶ ὃσα ἐν βίῳ ἢμαρτ (εν) (εν) (ον) συγχώρησον* οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἄναμάρτητος, εἰμή σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τ(ῶ) (ῆ) (οῖς) μεταστά(ντι) (ση) (σι) δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυση.</td>
<td>Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant(s), and forgive every sin he (she, they) have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.</td>
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<td>Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν Ἀρχιστράτηγοι, δυσωποῦμεν ὑμᾶς ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἵνα ταῖς ὑμῶν δεήσει, τειχίσητε ἡμᾶς, σκέπῃ τῶν πτερύγων, τῆς ἀΰλου ὑμῶν δόξης, φρουροῦντες ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας, ἐκτενῶς καὶ βοῶντας· Ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξιάρχαι τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.</td>
<td>Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech you * that by your supplications ye encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of your immaterial glory, * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to you with fervor: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the Great Marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.</td>
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<td>Τήν πανεύφημον νύμφην Ἑλένην Ἀχίλλου, καὶ τὴν Μαρίαν Χατσέριδαν, καὶ τὴν Βασίλισσαν τὴν Μεγαλομάρτυραν, μεταστάντας, ἀνεύρετος ἄνευς ἄναμένει, ἀνακαίνεται ἐν ὑψήληται ἀκίνδυνοι, καὶ ἀκούειται ἡμῖν ὁ ἄνοικτος στολζός, ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξιάρχαι τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.</td>
<td>Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, * the godly Catherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, * who is also our support and succor and our help; * for with the Holy Spirit’s sword * she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; * and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.</td>
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<td>Let us flee the Pharisee’s * exalted parlance; * let us learn the Publican’s * humble demeanor, and with sighs * unto the Savior cry out and say, * To us be gracious, O only forgiving Lord.</td>
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The Reading is from the Second Letter to 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.

The Reading is from the Gospel According to 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."
Saints of the Week:

**TODAY, Sunday, February 21st ~ Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee (to the right)**
St. Timothy the Righteous, St. John III, Pat. of Constan.

**Monday, February 22nd ~** Relics of Martyrs in Eugeniōs, Sts. Thalassius & Baradatus

**Tuesday, February 23rd ~** St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (bottom left) St. Proterios, Abp. of Alexandria

**Wednesday, February 24th ~** First and Second finding of Head of St. John the Baptist, Sts. Erasimos of the Kiev Caves, St. Theodore - Kollyva Miracle

**Thursday, February 25th ~** St. Tarasios, Pat. of Constan., St. Reginos, Bp. of Skopelos

**Friday, February 26th ~** St. Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza, St. Photini the Samaritan & sister

**Saturday, February 27th ~** St. Prokopios the Confessor, St. Raphael of Brooklyn

**Sunday, February 28th ~** Sunday of the Prodigal Son, (below) St. Basil the Confessor, St. Kyranna of Thessaloniki

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**God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.**
Saint Augustine

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**ORTHODOX CHURCH FATHERS**

To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God’s love, it is not to look backwards with self-reproach but forward with trustfulness, it is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the grace of Christ I might yet become.

St. John Climacus
Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 15th:
Lent Begins (Strict Fast)

Tuesday, March 16th -
AMC Blood Drive
(see flyer)

Wednesday, March 17th -
Pre-Sanctified Liturgies begin
followed by a Lenten lecture
and Lenten Meal (see flyer)

Today’s Memorials:

~ 37 Year Memorial for
Chrysoula Ladopoulos

May her memory be eternal!

Upcoming Worship Services:

Sunday, February 21st:
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee & Triodion Begins
Orthros 7:15am, 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45 am,
2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30 am

Wednesday, February 24th:  Paraklesis 10:00 am followed by
Bible Study at 11:00 am

Thursday, February 25th:  Small Vespers 7:00pm followed by
Bible Study at 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 28th:  Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Orthros 7:15am, 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45 am, 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30 am
Philoptochos News:

The Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos has established a Scholarship Committee, whereby granting a $1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is of Greek Orthodox faith and has demonstrated a strong commitment to philanthropic endeavors throughout his or her high school career. It is our belief that a scholarship has the ability to boost the morale and confidence in a student’s ability to work toward his or her future. By supporting our youth in this manner we help them build a strong foundation to achieve their potential. Interested applicants should submit the application and required items by May 15, 2021 due date, and mail to:

Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos Society  
C/O Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church  
100 Fairway Drive  
Port Washington, NY 1105

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Gardianos, Philoptochos President at 516 850 6272.
Save the Dates!

Pre-Sanctified Liturgies followed by Lenten Lecture and Lenten meal
Beginning on Wednesday, March 17th!

Give Heed To Thyself:
The Mindful Christian In The Digital Age
We will be discussing
the ascetical works by Saint Basil the Great
3/17 Give Heed to Thyself; 3/24 Against Anger;
3/31 Concerning Envy; 4/7 Of Humility;
4/14 On Detachment (Homily 21);
4/21 On Mercy and Justice

The Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church
100 Fairway Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Wednesdays during the Great Lent 6:30PM
Followed by Lenten meal and discussion with Fr. John Lardas and
Fr. Michael Palamara
All readings may be found on the following websites
https://sites.google.com/site/stbasilasceticalworks/
(Of Humility Only)
Please Support the AMC Blood Drive!

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE LIVES.

BLOOD DRIVE
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
2:30pm – 8:30pm
Archangel Michael Greek Church
Fellowship Hall
100 Fairway Dr., Port Washington, NY 11050

Appointments strongly encouraged
Walk-ins allowed if scheduling & social distancing guidelines permit.
To make an appointment click link:
https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/278944
or call 516-528-4791

Please have your donor ID # available. If you have one
Please remember to eat, drink & bring donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

DONORS PRESENTING:
- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May NOT donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that we do NOT test for COVID-19. You should contact your healthcare provider if you want to be tested.