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**Gospel: Luke 18:10-14**

**Epistle: 2 Tim.3:10-15**

**February 17, 2019  
Publican & Pharisee**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, February 17**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, February 23**, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 24**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**St. Michael's Center Hoagie Sale will be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**, and the deadline for orders will be this Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> **Menu: Italian (Italian no onions) Turkey (no onions) \$5.00 per hoagie. Please call Ruth Lasichak at 570-876-1456 and place your order.** Please mark this date on your calendar of events. Thank You in advance for your support!

**Perogi Construction Project** will be held this Monday, February 18 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center. For more information call Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak at 570-876-0411. **Please come out and give of your time and talents!**

**Lenten Ethnic Food Sale** will be held on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Center from 12:00 (noon) -3:00 p.m. Please show your support by helping and getting orders!

**Please remember in your prayers George Kitchura**, who has been admitted to the Geisinger Medical Center, 1800 Mulberry St. Scranton, Pennsylvania. 18510. Rm: 878. Please send him a get-well card!

**Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat**: "The Wounded Healer" will be held on Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8 at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, Pennsylvania. Speaker: Dr. Timothy Gahles

**Monthly Church Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. underneath the Church. Please make every effort to attend!

**Please note**: Orthodox Great Lent will begin on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

**Church School will be held this Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, following** the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. Please make every effort to bring your children to Church School.

**Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Petrilak** who is a guest at the Carbondale Rehab, 10 Heart Place, Carbondale Pa. 18407. **Peter & Helen Senio** who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., **Marie Derkash & Ann Butler** are guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 **Mary Slenska**, Allied Rehab, and **Irene Kiehart** is a guest at the Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

**Church Dues are being collected**. If you are in the arrears, please make every effort to send in your dues. If you are interested in knowing the balance of your Church dues, please contact Gloria Shaw at 570-876-5506.

**Sunday Hostesses: February 17**, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen Kay Fedirko, **February 24**, Maryann Dubee, Matushka Dolores and Matushka Kathy, **March 3**, Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak, Millie Telep, **March 19**, Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancey, Vicky Kravitsky.

**Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee**: This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes. Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, thanking God that he is not like other men, specifically extortioners, the unjust, adulterers, "or even this tax collector" (v. 11). He then begins to list his religious accomplishments by stating, "I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess" (v. 12). In direct contrast to the pride of the Pharisee, the Publican goes to a place where he will not be noticed by others and beats his breast saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" (v. 13). Having told this story, Jesus affirms that it was the Publican who returned home justified and forgiven rather than the Pharisee. He states, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (v. 14). The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha.

