

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, February 9, 2020

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee – Tone 1
First Preparatory Sunday for Great Lent**

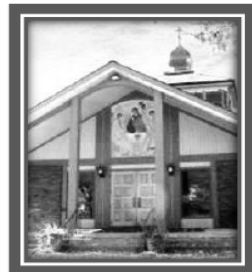
PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2020

So far, for 2020, 10 pledge forms have been turned in – in just two Sundays of collecting pledges! – and approximately \$32,000 has been pledged. That's 44 percent of the stewardship income we will need to meet our parish budget for 2020. We're making good progress! Please turn in your 2020 pledge form in the box in the back of the church. *Thank you!*

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – The Publican and the Pharisee (First Preparatory Sunday Before Lent)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Prayers for Scout Sunday, with Fellowship Hour Afterward

Saturday, February 15

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available After Vespers

7:00-9:00 PM Family Bowling Night, Rossi Lanes, \$5 Per Person – See Back of Bulletin.

Sunday, February 16 – The Prodigal Son (Second Preparatory Sunday Before Lent)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Fellowship Hour Afterward

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 My son Timothy: You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14 The Lord told this parable: “Two men went up to 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 as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise 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, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

COMING UP IN THE PARISH, THE DIOCESE, AND ELSEWHERE ...

- **Home Blessings Continue!** Please contact Fr. David to schedule your home blessing, or be ready to set a date when Father contacts you. For more details, see the back page of the Bulletin.
- **Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 PM: Chemung Valley 4 Life Regular Meeting**, taking place at Twin Tiers Christian Church, 35 Beartown Road, Painted Post. All are welcome to attend and become more involved in our local Pro-Life movement. Questions? Speak with Fr. David.
- **Saturday, February 15, 7-9 PM: Family Bowling Night.** See the back page of the Bulletin.
- **Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 PM: Parish Council Meeting**, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.
- **Saturday, February 22: Church Basement Clean-Up Day.** Please come help straighten up the large storage room at the back of the fellowship area downstairs. Thank you!
- **Saturday, May 2 & Saturday, May 9: Social Hall Floor Re-Finishing Work Days.** Please come help!
- **Friday – Sunday, May 15-17, Diocesan Altar Server Retreat**, at St. Basil Academy in Garrison NY. It'll be here before you know it, so families, please mark your calendars!
- **Saturday – Sunday, May 30-31, Archbishop Michael's Archpastoral Visit to Our Parish.** Plan to be here!

HELP NEEDED – SNOW REMOVAL ON THE GROUNDS

We need a crew of parishioners willing to help, on a rotating basis, with snow removal on the church grounds. Please see Subdeacon Shawn Michael to add your name to the list. *Thank you!*

Choir Members:

Next Rehearsals are Sun 2/16 after Liturgy; and Sun 2/23 after Liturgy. *Thank you!*

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

Next Saturday, Feb. 15

7:00-9:00 PM

**At Rossi Lanes
410 W. Washington Avenue, Elmira**

**Cost: \$5.00 per person
Bowling Shoes & Ball Rental
Included in this price!**

**Please pay Steve Cheplick
ahead of time or at the door – Cash Only**

Questions? Call Steve Cheplick, 733-4164

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

“Even if you are not what you should be, you should not despair. It is bad enough that you have sinned; why in addition do you wrong God by regarding him as powerless? Is God, who for your sake created the universe, incapable of saving your soul? ... But if repentance is too much for you, and you sin out of habit even when you do not want to, **show humility like the publican** (Luke 18:13): this is enough to ensure your salvation. **For he who sins without repenting, yet does not despair, will regard himself as the lowest of creatures, and will not dare to judge anyone.** Rather, he will marvel at God’s compassion.”
– Saint Peter of Damascus