

Sunday, February 25, 2024
38th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 5
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Beginning of the Lenten Tridion

Troparion:

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, in spite of our honor and devotion we are unable to give you worthy praise, through your glorious and noble birth your mother's childlessness was ended, your father's tongue was freed, and the incarnation of the Son of God was proclaimed to the world.

Kontakion:

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

Prokeimenon in the 5th Tone:

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Vs.) Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle:

The reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy. (2 Tim 3:10-15)

My child Timothy, now 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 Ico'nium, 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.

Alleluia Verses:

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.
(Vs.) For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 18:10-14)

The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and began to pray thus within himself: 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, robbers, dishonest, adulterers, or even like this publican. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all I possess.' But the publican, standing far off, would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went back to his home justified rather than the other; for anyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself shall be exalted."