

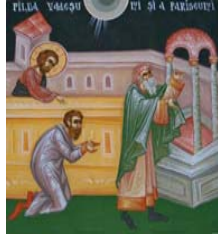


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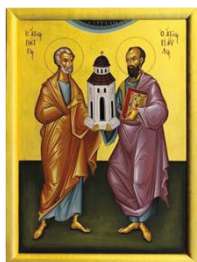
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**January 28, 2018: Sunday of the Publican  
and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today**



*"Repentance and humility  
are more important and  
higher than all of the  
other virtues, continuing  
until the end of our life.  
Referring to the words of  
the Prophet David, Saint  
John Climacus writes, 'I did*

*not fast, I did not keep vigil, I did not sleep on the  
bare earth, but I humbled myself and the Lord  
saved me.'"* (Elder Ambrose of Optina) "When  
lately we made mention of the Pharisee and the  
Publican, and hypothetically yoked two chariots  
out of virtue and vice; we pointed out each truth,  
how great is the gain of humbleness of mind, and  
how great the damage of pride. For this, even when  
conjoined with righteousness and fastings and  
tithes, fell behind; while that, even when yoked  
with sin, out-stripped the Pharisee's pair, even  
though the charioteer it had was a poor one. For  
what was worse than the Publican? But all the same  
since he made his soul contrite, and called himself  
a sinner; which indeed he was. He surpassed the  
Pharisee, who had both fastings to tell of and tithes;  
and was removed from any vice. On account of  
what, and through what? Because even if he was  
removed from greed of gain and robbery, he had  
rooted over his soul the mother of all evils — vain-  
glory and pride. On this account Paul also exhorts  
and says: "Let each one prove his own work," and  
then he will have his ground of boasting for  
himself, and not for the other. He publicly came  
forward as an accuser of the whole world; and said  
that he himself was better than all living men. And  
yet even if he had set himself before ten only, or if  
five, or if two, or if one, not even was this  
endurable; but as it was, **(Continued on the back)**



**EPISTLE READING :**  
**St. Paul's 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.



**GOSPEL READING :**  
**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."

**Weekday Liturgical Schedule**  
**the week of Jan. 29**

**ALL SERVICES are 8:15 AM Orthros,**  
**9:30 AM Divine Liturgy**

**Tues. Jan. 30** The Three Hierarchs

**Fri. Feb. 2** Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Sign up to volunteer!** Go to our website for the online link. Please only sign up if you can work an ENTIRE shift. This will greatly help our planning.
- **Go to our website** for the **TOG flyer** to share with your family and friends.
- **“Like” and “share” our page on Facebook:** Taste Of Greece Ashburn.



**PHILOPTOCHOS**  
**Clothing Drive for**  
**Mobile Hope**  
**Month of February**

Collecting New socks for boys and girls, NEW tee shirts for boys, NEW underwear for boys and girls. Please drop off your items in the box by the Philoptochos bookstore in the church hall starting next month.



*Start clearing your closets! Bring in your gently used children's clothing and toys starting next Sunday for the GOYA consignment sale fundraiser. Hangars appreciated!*



*Thank you to our GOYA teenage group for sponsoring today's coffee hour!*

*Contact Lia (liaecon@comcast.net) if you would like to sponsor coffee hour to celebrate a Name Day or commemorate a Memorial. Paper supplies for coffee hour are always appreciated!*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **PHILOPTOCHOS Membership Drive through Jan.**

Dues are \$50, payable by check or online

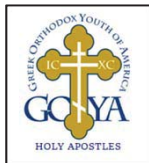


## **PHILOPTOCHOS Happy Hour**

**Mon. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**

**Burton's Grill and Bar in Sterling**

RSVP by tomorrow to Alexis Cleveland  
(apcphiloptochos@gmail.com)



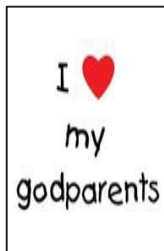
## **GOYA Social Event**

**Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM**

**Mantalvanos home in Aldie**

Contact: Lia (liaecon@comcast.net)

GOYAns will be emailed more details.



## **Godparent/Godchild Sunday**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please make every effort to call your Godparent/Godchild, plan and prepare to attend church together and receive Holy Communion on this day dedicated to Godparents and Godchildren. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect!



## **PAREA (Our Company of Friends!)**

### **Lunch**

**Tues. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM**

**Olive Garden**

45970 Waterview Plaza, Sterling, 20166

RSVP to Marina (703-349-1842)



## **Hope and Joy Meeting**

**Fri. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:15 PM**

**Holy Apostles church**

Contact: Ashley Joiner

(ashleydjoiner@gmail.com)



## **AHEPA Chapter 542 Family**

### **Bowling Night**

**Sat. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-9:00 PM**

**Bowlero in Leesburg**

Contact: Pete Margaros

(ahepa542@gmail.com)

## Special Announcement

On February 11, 2018 at 2pm at a reception at the Embassy of Greece in Washington, DC, all the students that passed Ellinomatheia in May of 2017 will receive their official certificate of attainment in the Greek language from the University of Thessaloniki, Greece. Our student of the Ellinomatheia program, Sofia Panagopoulos will be there! Sofia took the exams of Ellinomatheia on level 1(A1 for children 8-12 years old) in May 2017 and has passed with Excellent! Congratulations and many more blessings!

### *Weekly Feature* **Church Procedures**

#### **THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY**

The time to arrive at Church is before the service starts. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy begins, try to enter the Church quietly and observe what is happening. If the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the Little or Great Entrance is taking place, wait until it is finished. The best way to avoid interrupting the Liturgy is to arrive on time.

#### **ENTERING THE CHURCH**

There are certain times during the Liturgy when you should not enter the Church. You may enter the Church at most times except when the Priest has left the Altar and is facing either the congregation or the Altar. You should also not enter the Church during the reading of Epistle or the Gospel.

#### **LEAVING BEFORE DISMISSAL**

Leaving Church before dismissal deprives us of a blessing. Worship has a beginning "Blessed is the Kingdom..." and an end "Let us depart in peace..." To leave immediately after Communion or before dismissal is to treat the church like a restaurant where we come and go as soon as we feel satisfied.



**Did you know that parishioners need to submit a new pledge card each calendar year? Make it a New Year's resolution to turn in your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Card today! Available in the church hall**

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, held at Holy Apostles in March**

Students in grades 4-12 are encouraged to select their topics by February from the Archdiocese website. Contact: Ergini Martnishn (703-652-4426)



Sunday School students in grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will be paired with a Prayer Partner in Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Prayer partners may work on projects and activities together related to our faith.

Contact: Ergini Martnishn (703-652-4426).



Go to our website to learn about and join our Greek School, Ellinomatheia Program, and Adult Classes. Contact: Lia Economou (liaecon@comcast.net)



### **STEWARDSHIP**

Your 2018 pledge is critical to the daily health and future of our church. Not only does your Stewardship pay our rent and bills, but it allows for future planning and growth.

Parishioners with a pledge and current payment also enjoy being members in good standing, with voting rights at events such as General Assemblies and Parish Council elections. Pledge cards are available in the church hall or contact Ron Baldinger (ron.baldinger@gmail.com).

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**(Cover Message Cont...)** he not only set himself before the whole world, but also accused all men. And just as a ship, after having run through innumerable surges, and having escaped many storms, then in the very mouth of the harbor having been dashed against some rock, loses the whole treasure which is stowed away in her — so truly did this Pharisee, after having undergone the labors of the fasting, and of all the rest of his virtue, since he did not master his tongue, in the very harbor underwent shipwreck of his cargo. For the going home from prayer, whence he ought to have derived gain, having rather been so greatly damaged, is nothing else than undergoing shipwreck in the harbor.” (St. John Chrysostom)