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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE (*Tone 1*)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN & PHARISEE (*Tone 1*)

Saturday, 27 January (14 January, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 28 January (15 January, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 AM Adult Study

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON (*Tone 2*)

Saturday, 3 February (21 January, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 4 February (22 January, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 AM Adult Study

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

During this first pre-lenten week of the Triodion, the week between the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee and that of the Prodigal Son, there is a general dispensation from all fasting. Meat and animal products may be eaten every day this week, even on Wednesday and Friday.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 28 January

<i>Su</i>	The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee	
	<i>Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i>	
	2 Tim. §296 (3:10-15)	Luke §89 (18:10-14)
34TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	2 Pet. §66 (1:20-2:9)	Mark §59 (13:9-13)
<i>Tu</i>	2 Pet. §67 (2:9-22)	Mark §60 (13:14-23)
<i>W</i>	2 Pet. §68 (3:1-18)	Mark §61 (13:24-31)
<i>Th</i>	1 John §69 (1:8-2:6)	Mark §62 (13:31-14:2)
<i>F</i>	1 John §70 (2:7-17)	Mark §63 (14:3-9)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Tim. §295 (3:1-9)	Luke §103 (20:45-21:4)
<i>Su</i>	The Sunday of the Prodigal Son	
	<i>Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i>	
	1 Cor. §135 (6:12-20)	Luke §79 (15:11-32)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last Sunday of our special collection for the Haiti Mission of ROCOR will be taken at St Elizabeth's during the Sundays of January. They need the help of those of us who have more than enough. All donations will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous family in the parish. If you have given to this worthy cause, may God bless you. If not, please consider Please giving today.

Those who would like Theophany Water should bring bottles with them to church. Holy Water is always available to those who wish it year round. Just give your bottle to Father or an altar server after any service and they will fill it for you.

If your home has not yet been blessed this year, please arrange a time *in the next three weeks* with Father when he can come to bless it *before* the Great Fast begins.

There will be a blessing of Icons at St Elizabeth's at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on the First Sunday of Great Lent: the Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. Because this day is a celebration of the victory of the Orthodox Faith over the heresy of Iconoclasm, it is a very appropriate day for the sanctification of icons. If you have icons at home that have not yet been blessed, please bring them to church as soon as possible so that they can be placed in the altar to begin the process of sanctification that will be complete after the prayers of blessing on the First Sunday of the Fast.

There will be a blessing of Crosses at St Elizabeth's at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on the Third Sunday of Great Lent: the Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. Because this day is dedicated to our veneration of the Holy Cross, it is a very appropriate day for the sanctification of Crosses, both those worn around the neck and those hung on walls. If you have crosses at home that have not yet been blessed, please bring them to church as soon as possible so that they can be placed in the altar to begin the process of sanctification that will be complete after the prayers of blessing on the Third Sunday of the Fast.