

ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion*

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee.



Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Scripture Reading: Epistle 2 Timothy 2: 11-19 Gospel Luke 18:2-8

VISITS: Friday, February 3rd: Cynthia Bratich



Your LAST CHANCE to "GO ITALIAN"!

THIS Saturday. February 11th, 2017



Cocktails and appetizers, 6:30; Dinner to follow with lasagna, sausage and peppers, salad, garlic bread, bottle of vino at each table, dessert, coffee Tickets at the bar thereafter.

Strolling accordionist: San Rocco Fame -Joe Lege

Entertainment: *San Rocco's 'Ballabe Band'*

Special presentation to *Mr. Gino Piroli*

Surprise activities throughout the night

"An offer you can't refuse"!

:-) Absolute cut-off: Monday, 6 February; No tickets at the door.

We will have pre-arranged seating for this event!

See Eileen or Laurene after church. Donation \$30 GRAZIE!

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP PLEASE SEE LAURENE!

St. Elijah Choir's 15TH Annual Bowling "Ball" DATE: Saturday, February 25, 2017

PLACE: Baden Bowl PRICE: \$25.00 per person* TIMES: Bowling: 2:00 PM Dinner: 5:30 PM

Music: Throughout the day! By our very own RADOST! At the lanes as well as back at the hall!

Not a bowler?? You can still join us at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and music at the:

St. Elijah Serbian Center Donation \$15

For information and registration forms: E-mail: stelijah@comcast.net

Deadline for commitment to the Tournament is February 18, 2017 this is when we need to inform the bowling alley how many lanes we need reserved.



CENTRAL CHURCH COUNCIL designated the first Sunday after St. Sava as **Seminary Sunday**. **A second collection will be taken today.** Checks may be made payable to: **"St. Sava Theological School Foundation"**

HOME BLESSINGS: Father Branislav is still blessing homes.

He will always call you the day before he is to arrive and bless your home!