FEBRUARY 9, 2020

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, 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 READINGS: Epistle - 2nd Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel - Luke 18:10-14

SERVICE THIS WEEK: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - The Three Holy Hierarchs - Divine Liturgy 9:30am VISITS: Robin Lapcevich, Carol Kascur, Helen Belich, Richard Steinmiller, Dayna Milich - Brighton Rehab; Nell Mukanos - West Hills Rehab; Sally Zeljak - Beaver Elder Care; Mary Maravich - Sewickley Hospital FUNERALS: Give rest O Lord to thy departed servants JUNE 'SEYA'MABEE and SAM MELLOVICH and make their memories to be eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families, kumovi and friends. VJECNAJA PAMJAT!

Won't you be our Valentine? -Mother's Club would like to invite you to a Valentine's Dinner Please note: IT HAS BEEN CHANGED to next Sunday February 16th following Divine Liturgy. SO... RESERVATIONS ARE STILL BEINGING ACCEPTED! Menu: Appetizers/Roasted Leg of Lamb/Pommes Dauphinoise/glazed roasted Brussel Sprouts & Baby Carrots/Triple Berry Crapes/Champagne and Chocolate. RSVP by: CALLING Lynn @412-657-9813 or

Julie 412-215-6229 Adults \$20.00 Children over 12 \$10.00 Children under 12 Free

ST. ELIJAH CHOIR'S 18th ANNUAL BOWLING "BALL" fundraiser will be held on

Saturday, February 22nd 2020

at Sheffield Lanes starting at 1:30 p.m.! Lane assignments start at 1:00 pm All teams who reserved spaces must be paid by NEXT Sunday, February 15th Music for the day provided by-Dan, Dokie, and Prsti. Not a bowler, you may still join us at the lanes to cheer your favorite team on and then head back to the Center for dinner.

If you plan to join us for dinner reservations are appreciated by next Sunday as well! HOME BLESSINGS- - Fr Branislav started blessing homes on Tuesday, Jan 21st. He will always call a few days ahead to schedule a visit. If you have not been contacted by Fr Branislav in the past and you would like your home to be blessed please share your contact info with him by calling the parish office and he will schedule a visit. Week Four continuing -Hopewell Twp. & Moon Twp.

ETERNAL LIGHTS- Payments are being accepted for ETERNAL LIGHTS for 2020. Please submit your payment at the tutor's room.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE- The Communication Committee invites all St. Elijah members and visitors to access and manage their contact information, church involvement and so much more in our NEW and secure online member directory. Please scan the QR with your mobile device to learn how to sign up or visit or church website https://StElijahAliquippa.com



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