

HTGOC Tulsa  
Sunday School at Home  
Intro/Opening Prayer

Welcome to this week's lesson and links to help your family reflect on various aspects of our Holy Orthodox Faith. Each week, we will provide a little-known, yet interesting fact relating to the lesson and or liturgical season/Feast Day

As you do so, consider the following:

- How will this help us grow in our personal lives
- How can this effect our relationship with God
- How can we use this in our relationships with others
- A challenge - something tangible to work on in the future

To help keep these in mind, remember: *Inward, Upward, Outward, Onward*

Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen  
Glory to You our God, glory to You!  
Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth  
Present in all places and filling all things  
The treasury of blessings and Giver of Life  
Come and dwell in us, cleanse us of every stain  
And save our souls o Good One. Amen

Today (2/21/21) we enter a new Liturgical Season: *Triodion*, or Pre-Lent

The Lesson this week comes from the Antiochian Orthodox Church

<https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/809>

*“And if you don't know...now you know”*

- **Publican:** In Roman History-a person who collected public taxes
- **Pharisee:** A member of a Jewish sect that flourished during the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC and 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. Pharisees 'showed' strict observance of religious ceremonies and practices, adherence to oral laws and traditions, and belief in an afterlife and the coming of a Messiah
  - (*lowercase*) a sanctimonious, self-righteous, or hypocritical person
- **Triodion** begins 4 weeks before Great Lent every year. This year, Great Lent begins on Monday, March 15 and Pascha is on May 2 (see below)

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Triodion/Pre-Lenten Sundays 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Triodion – 2/21/21**  
*Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee*

Epistle: II Timothy 3:10-15  
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Triodion 2/28/21

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Triodion – 3/7/21

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Triodion – 3/14/21