



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, January 25 *Our holy father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop*
- 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**
Prayerful intentions of Patricia Lensky
- Tuesday, January 26 *Venerable Xenophon and Mary*
- 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**
With prayers offered for +Mildred Onyshko, given by G. & D. Hudanick
- Wednesday, January 27 *Translation of the relics of St. John Chrysostom*
- 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**
With prayers offered for +Pauline S. Mosur, given by Virginia Asche
- 6:30 P.M. Chant Rehearsal**
- Thursday, January 28 *Our venerable father Ephrem the Syrian*
- Friday, January 29 *Translation of the relics of St. Ignatius of Antioch*
- Saturday, January 30 *Synaxis of the Holy Three Hierarchs*
- 5:00 P.M. Great Vespers**
- Sunday, January 31 **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
- 9:40 A.M. Third Hour**
- 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**
The Epistle Reading will be 1 Cor 6:12-20, and the Gospel will be Lk 15:11-32. Supplications will be offered for the soul of +Anna Cheresnowsky, given by Helen Julien. Supplications will be offered for the Health and Salvation of Christine Anselm White, given by Judy Anselm.

THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN
(LUKE 18:9-14)

A M V E U Z G C E Y L Z K Q I
D N O B G C W I L L P S S S P
Y E D H F L P N M R V T Y S K
I T U B W F L E S M I H H O R
B L E D E A B A S E D V U E E
L M D V Y N C P H E G G M Z E
O E E N I W O C Y B Y W B H N
B Z T P F C V Y Y V Q D L P A
U E L Y B W U B R T D K E E I
P I A G H A I C M E O A S U P
W I B O S T L A B E V G B V Q
C D E N L Z P B B O O E F F W
P Z D W F L E S M I H S L I I
R P W Y A S N P P J K A K U L
F Z E Z E D S R R Q P U I H L

FIND THE WORDS OF THE VERSE BELOW IN THE PUZZLE ABOVE

"Everyone who exalts himself will be abased, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14

The Three Holy Hierarchs

On Saturday, January 30th we read in Luke 21:1-4 the story of the poor widow who donates two copper coins to the temple treasury. Jesus watches as rich people contribute, and also as she makes her contribution. He then says that *“she has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”*

On this same day we remember the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. All three men, in various ways, embraced poverty even though they were well-educated and articulate, and could have lived relatively easy lives. Out of their chosen poverty each man made huge contributions to the well-being and building up of the Church. Like many other Christians, these three scholars and bishops often faced fierce opposition. Basil, for example, had to contend with the hostility of the Arians, who were determined to supplant the Church’s teaching that Christ is the eternal and divine Son of God with their own idea that He was a created being who had not always existed. The Arians had convinced Valens, the emperor that they were right in what they believed and taught. Over the years he had exiled many bishops who stood up for the Church’s true teachings, or who displeased him in some way. Now it was Basil’s turn.

The emperor very much wanted to get rid of such an influential enemy of Arianism as Basil. He and his entourage came to Cappadocia, and he sent an emissary to the bishop’s residence in Caesarea to threaten Basil with banishment, physical punishment, and possible death. Basil’s answer was fearless and uncompromising: “If you take away my possessions, you will not enrich yourself, nor will you make me a pauper. You have no need of my old worn-out clothing, nor of my few books, which are the entirety of my wealth. Exile means nothing to me, since I am not bound to any particular place. The place in which I now dwell is not mine, and any place you send me shall be mine. Better to say: Every place is God’s. Where is a place in which I would be neither a stranger nor a sojourner? And who can torture me? I am so weak that the very first blow would render me unconscious. Death would be a kindness to me, for it will bring me all the sooner to God, for Whom I live and labor, and to Whom I would gladly go quickly.”

There is a difference between Saint Basil and the poor widow. His poverty was voluntary; hers was probably the result of life circumstances she didn’t choose. But the two are the same in putting God before anything else. We may not share his choice or her circumstances, but we can follow both their examples, and “put in (for God’s service) all we have.”

Announcements

Sanctity of Life Sunday

This Sunday our nation under God dedicates to the Sanctity of Life. Together with our brothers and sisters we strongly affirm the value and sanctity of all human life, from the moment of conception to the final breath one takes. In today’s bulletin a special prayer has been published for this prayerful intention which we can proclaim as we affirm the sanctity of life, made holy by the incarnation of Christ Our Savior.

Chant Rehearsal

We have been blessed in our parish family with the wonderful ministry of Liturgical singing. This ministry has always been vital to our Divine Worship. We ask that you seriously consider joining our Chant Group. Our Chant Group is open to ALL , both adults and children. Many people in the congregation are blessed with beautiful voices. You may stand near one of them in your pew; perhaps you yourself are one such person. Be willing to share your musical talent and offer it back to the Lord just as He granted it to you. Join us on Wednesday evening, January 27th, at 6:30 p.m. for our weekly rehearsal.

St. Valentine’s Spaghetti Dinner

On Sunday, February 14th we are planning to have our St. Valentine’s Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale. This event will take place in the Church hall following the Divine Liturgy from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Dinners are \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 children (12 and younger). Eat in or take outs are available. Please plan to attend this event which is a wonderful fundraiser for our parish family! We will be in need of baked goods and I ask all our wonderful bakers in our parish to help out and bring in any baked goods on Sunday morning, February 14th. In the Church vestibule you can purchase already tickets for this event from our parishioner Ms. Eva Hlovchic. Thank you!

Privileged Week

Please remember that this week (from the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee to the Sunday of the Prodigal Son) according to the Pastoral Guide we enjoy the “privileged week” during which the laws of abstinence (from meat on Friday) do not oblige.

Statement of Contribution

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2009 for tax purposes please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Pyrohy

We are back with our pyrohy production. Our total income from last week's sale was \$584.00. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, January 17, 2010 was \$1307.30 (Collection: \$982.25, Haiti Collection: \$321.05). *Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!*

Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten



it: You were pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Your All-Holy Spirit. O Master, Who came that we might have life more abundantly, we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish, and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be

merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the life of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with Your Father, and Your All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Again we pray that You will grant to the people of this nation the will to do good, to flee from evil, and to practice all righteousness, making us respectful of life and sharers of Your blessings, caring for one another in mercy and truth.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy!



Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Today we are confronted with the parable-story of the Pharisee and of the Publican. The Publican was aware of his unworthiness, he was aware that he was unworthy of presenting himself before the face of God, but also of being admitted into the company of respectable people, people of whom God would approve. He came to the door of the Temple and could not cross the threshold because he knew that in this world – soiled, polluted, desecrated by human sin, by blood and evil in all its forms, the Temple was a place which was devoted to God alone.



As the Publican stood on the threshold he knew that he belonged to the realm of evil, and had no access into the realm of God; and yet, he felt the difference, he felt horror at himself and a sense of worship, of adoration with regard to the Divine Realm. He beat his chest and asked for mercy because there was nothing else he could hope for and count on.

The Pharisee stood right in the middle of the Church; he had walked in and taken his stand there as one who had the right to be there. Why? Not because he was a man of pure heart, but because he was faithful to every one of the formal rules established by the Synagogue, as a number of us are faithful to the outer, external rules of life that do not penetrate even through our skin, which do not reach our heart, which do not give a new shape and meaning to our thoughts.

So, again, we are confronted by two men and asked by Christ: who are you? Are you one who is so deeply aware of the sanctity of God that he knows that, apart from a God who would step down to us to heal and save, there is no access to Him. Or are we like the Pharisee who would say to God, throw it in His face: I have done all that is prescribed. You have nothing to ask of me!

Let us ask ourselves then: Do we imitate the Pharisee in deeds, outwardly faithful to all the tenets of our Christian Faith? And beyond this, do we allow our Faith to transform our heart, to rule our will, to enlighten our mind? This is the task which the Gospel offers us today. Think about it.

