



ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 1

St. Tryphon, Martyrs

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 2

Sunday of Publican & Pharisee/Encounter of our Lord

Readings: 2 Tim. 3:10-15; Lk. 18:10-14

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon Kathleen Shabla

Supplications will be offered for+**Michaylo Pyptyk**, given by Pyptyk family

Wednesday, Feb. 5

St. Agatha, Martyr

Readings: 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mk. 13:24-31

9:00 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)

Repose of Anthony Sr., Anthony Jr., Katherine Fedyna

Saturday, Feb. 8

The Holy Martyr Nicephorus

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 9

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Readings: 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 15:11-32

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon **Sophia Hodowanec** on her 97th birthday, given by Olech & Motria

Supplications will be offered for+**Harley & Francis**, given by Darrell & Carol Chulack

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

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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***

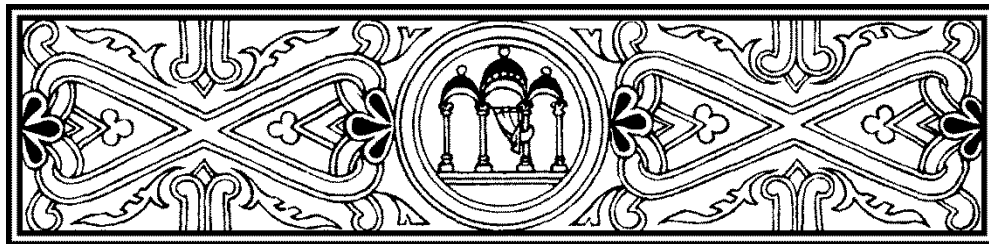
Prayer for the Sanctity of Life



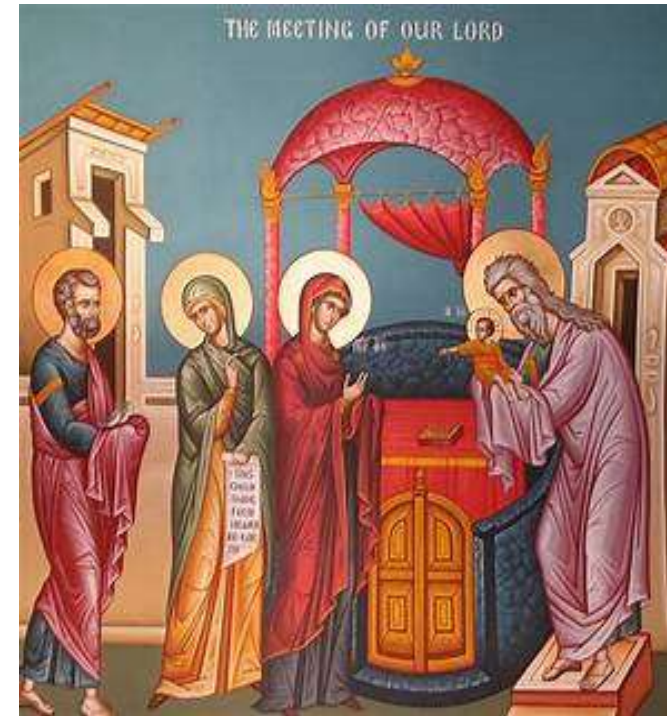
O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: You were pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Your All-Holy 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.



Quarterly Reminder (1st qrt. 2018): Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk can be reached on her cell 412-215-5372. You may view the Policies & Procedures at www.stjosaphateparchy.com.



February 2, 2020

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Tone 1;

The Encounter of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ

Changeable Part: Pages 2-6
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

PAC Meeting

On Thursday, February 13th, the meeting of the Parish Advisory Council will take place at the church hall at 7:00 p.m. I ask all members of the PAC to please be present for this important meeting.

Statement of Contribution

Dear parishioners, please find your envelope, a statement of contribution for the year 2019 for tax purposes in the vestibule.

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.

Easter Candy Order forms are available. They are due February 23, 2020

All Souls Saturday

The 1st All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday, February 15th, at 8:30 a.m. On these All Souls Saturdays it is tradition in our Holy Church to prayerfully remember our beloved departed family members, loved ones, etc. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated followed by a Panikhida when the names of all those deceased are commemorated out loud. Amongst your offertory envelopes you have a yellow envelope for the commemoration of departed souls marked SOROKOUSTY (January 14). Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on this envelope and drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office.

Pyrohy

We are back with our pyrohy production! The total income from our pyrohy sale was \$582.00. Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of January 26, 2020 was **\$688.00**
(Collection: \$670.00, loose & candles: \$18.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



Christ our Pascha Catechism Quotes:

c. The Promise of the Messiah's Coming

Abram also belonged to the descendants of Noah, the heirs of the covenant with God. God drew near to him and his family, calling him to become *Abraham* – the father of all believers; and gave him the promise: "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you, I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (*Gn* 12:2-3). The numerous descendants and the Promised Land (see *Gn* 13:15) are signs of God's protection and the fulfillment of God's promise: "I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will make you exceedingly numerous" (*Gn* 17:12). God also confirms this covenant with Isaac (see *Gn* 26:3-4) and with Jacob (see *Gn* 28:13-15). In Egypt, as God promised, the descendants of Jacob grew into a great nation (see *Gn* 46:3), and the exodus from Egypt, the journey through the wilderness, and the entrance into the land promised by God all confirmed the faithfulness of God to the word of his promise. (#165)

The Pre-Lenten Season

Brethren, let us not pray as the Pharisee: for he who exalts himself shall be humbled. Let us humble ourselves before God, and with fasting cry aloud as the Publican: God be merciful to us sinners.

-from the Stichera for the Great Vespers

With the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, a gradual change of mood occurs in the Divine Liturgy. To affect a transition from the joyous spirit of Christmas-Theophany to the sober and serious character of the Great Fast-Lent, the Church has inserted a period of mental conditioning before the Great Fast. Pre-Lent, as this period may be called, consists of four Sundays: Publican and Pharisee, Prodigal Son, Meat Fare Sunday and Cheese Fare Sunday. These Sundays mark the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for us to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.



The first Sunday today is the Publican and Pharisee, so called because Christ's parable concerning them is read as the Gospel reading during the Divine Liturgy. The main obstacle to all virtue is pride. For this reason, the Church in her methodical teaching presents us with the example of the proud Pharisee and humble Publican (Tax Collector). The Publican went to the Temple to pray, to beg God for forgiveness of his sins, to seek His love and grace. The Pharisee, on the other hand, went to praise himself. Haughtiness and conceit filled him with spiritual blindness and led him away from God. He fits this expression of St. John Chrysostom, "He judged the whole world but justified himself!" The Publican, however, won newness of soul in spite of his sins, for his repentance was humble. His soul was filled with the knowledge of his own misery and he sincerely sought the grace of God. Because of his humility, he obtained the forgiveness of his sins and the grace of God.

By this means, the Church wants to teach us, even before the Great Fast-Lent begins, the value of humility as the foundation of Christian life. Remember that during the week which follows this Sunday, there is no abstinence throughout the whole week. The Church, by granting this dispensation, wants to stress the fact that the inner humility of the Publican is the true trait of a Christian heart rather than the merely external mortification which generates pride, as it did in the heart of the Pharisee who boasted that he fasted twice a week.