



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 31 **Anthony the Great, Venerables**
 Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 1 **Sunday of the Prodigal son**
 Readings: 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 15: 11-32
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Michaylo Pyptyk, given by family.**

Monday, Feb. 2 **Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna**
 Readings: Heb. 7:7-17; Lk. 2:22-40
6:30 P. M. Divine Liturgy /Blessing of candles
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Pearl Rumsky, given by Char Rumsky.**
 Supplications will be offered for +**George Siweckyj, given by Mary Siweckyj.**

Saturday, Feb. 7 **1st all Souls Saturday**
 Readings: 1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21: 8.9-27.33-36
10:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 8 **Sunday of Meat Fare**
 Readings: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2; Mt. 25: 31-46
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Marta, Roman, Kateryna, Ivan, Nadia, Maria,**
given by Myroslava Slyuz.
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi.**

Eternal light Candle offering for February 1, 2026
 Blessed Memory of +Mary Senko given by Michael and Vicki Senko.

The older son was in the field and heard the celebration. When he found what it was for, he was angry. The father said to the older son, "You are always with me and everything I have is yours."



Find out what else the father said. Write a word to fit each definition. Transfer the letters to the numbered boxes.

- a celebration of the day you were born
- something to wear on your head
- a sweet, baked party food
- a toy filled with air and tied on a string
- a creamy frozen party treat
- party activities
- a banquet that rhymes with "least"
- warm feeling from the heart
- opposite of little
- what you do to a Christmas tree
- a bright color
- opposite of quiet

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(Continue from the previous page): The older brother is too blind to understand this...although he has done everything in his life by his father's law, it has been done in vain, for he is lost in himself, and cannot be found, he is dead in his sin and cannot arise for he is too blind to see. How many of us live "by the book" - going to Church every service, only out of duty, praying to God but with empty words, helping the Church financially but for the wrong reasons - doing all this but never realizing the intentions of God and how we should truly live as Christians?

We are entering Great Lent soon, and Christ asks us today, which of these brothers are you identified with? Do we truly see our sin or just our brother's and sister's? *We are all prodigals in our own way* but let us be like the younger prodigal son, let us realize that we live in a strange land full of sin, and we need to return to our true home and live in our Father's kingdom. We were created to be His children, with all the privileges that this implies—being free from fear, free from death, free to walk through life trusting in Him to provide what we need and to lead us where we should go. Why wander far from home when the wide world cannot offer us anything comparable? Repentance means we return to the embrace of the Father, to His humbling love, and to a house of feasting and music and joy.

Adapted with appreciation from:

Orthodox Church in America at [The-repentance-of-the-prodigal](#)

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America at [The-prodigal-son](#)



A Prayer of Repentance

Heavenly Father,

I come before You with a humble heart, acknowledging my sins and shortcomings.

I confess that I have strayed from Your ways in thought, word, and deed.

Please forgive me for the times I have chosen my own path instead of Yours.

Wash me clean, Lord, and renew my spirit.

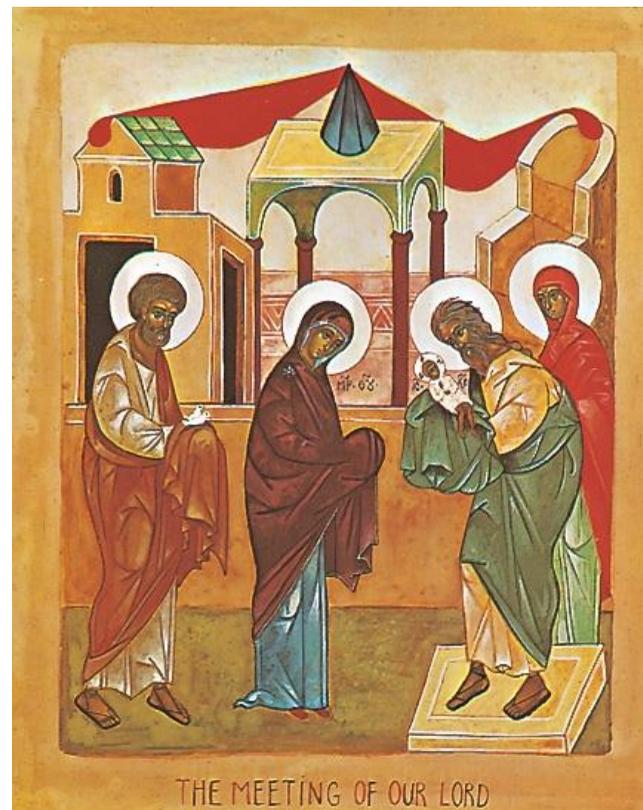
Help me turn away from anything that separates me from Your love.

Fill me with Your grace so I may walk in obedience, truth, and compassion.

Thank You for Your mercy that never fails,
and for the gift of new beginnings through Jesus Christ.

Today, I choose to follow You wholeheartedly.

Amen.



February 1, 2026

Sunday of the Prodigal Son,
Pre-feast of the Encounter of our Lord;
Holy Martyr Tryphon

Octoechos Tone 1

Changeable Part: See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

Announcements:

This Sunday: Coffee Social:

Please join us after Divine Liturgy for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

Encounter of Our Lord

On Monday, February 2nd, we will celebrate the Feast of the Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To celebrate this Feast day, we will have, on Monday evening, February 2nd, Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Candles at 6:30 p.m. If you wish to have your candles blessed, please place them on the Tetrapod in the center of our Church. Remember to come and to celebrate this Feast Day that has been celebrated in the Eastern Church since the fourth century.

Christmas Decorations

Thanks to those who stayed to help take down the Christmas decorations. We were able to get this job done in a timely manner.

All Souls Saturday

The 1st All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday, February 7th, at 10:00 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. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on this envelope and drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

Pyrohy Project:

Are you available to help? Pyrohy production starts at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays. This is our main fundraiser. If you have some time to volunteer for this worthwhile mission, we would love to have you join us.

Pittsburgh For Ukraine

On Tuesday, February 24th, there will be a presentation at the Schenley Plaza and Panakhuda at Heinz Chapel commemorating the 4th Year of the War in Ukraine. Please see the poster in the lobby for the complete schedule.

Sarris Candy Fundraiser

There are brochures in the lobby if you would like to order some delicious Sarris Easter Candy. St. George receives a small percent of each sale. Please return your order form by **Sunday, February 15th**. Delivery is Sunday, March 22nd.

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose

Do you need to buy a birthday gift, a valentine's gift or just need to do some grocery shopping? If so, RaiseRight is a great option to purchase your gift cards while helping St. George at the same time. You can set up an account at: <https://www.raiseright.com/> The St. George code is: M2MGCVH7NH2P. Please see Vicki Senko with any questions.

Collection- May God bless you...

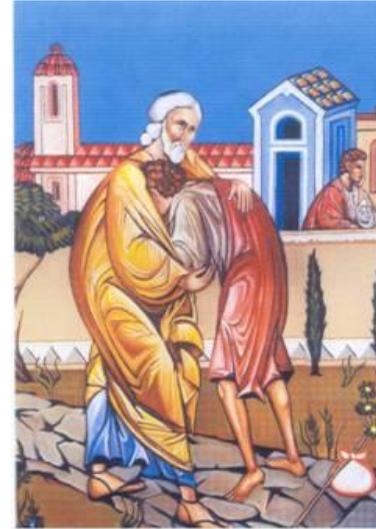
There was no service and collection on Sunday of January 11, 2026

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!

February Birthdays:

Stella Fontana	2/11	DJ Barr	2/13
Jacque Adamiak	2/13	Emily Marunczak	2/16

Sunday of the Prodigal Son



We all know the parable of the father and his two sons, the younger receiving his share of the money and going off to a faraway land and squandering it all. After a whirlwind of parties, he found that all that the world had to offer him now was poverty, hunger, sickness, and degradation. Yes, *degradation*: he was so desperate for food that he took a job from a local farmer feeding his pigs. For a Jew, there was not much further down to go.

Then he had his moment: he decided he would swallow what was left of his pride, go and humble himself before his father, and ask for a job. Upon his return, His Father embraces him and holds a feast in his honor.

The older brother who always followed his father's wishes, never left his father's side, becomes angry and jealous, refusing to partake in the joy of his brother's return. He complains to his father saying: "...I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him."

Typically, we think of the younger brother as being the Prodigal Son, the one who leaves and comes back in repentance but could it also be the older brother who refuses to welcome him back? Truly, it's both brothers. If we examine the parable from a different point of view, we can see that even though the older brother always obeyed his father, he too is constantly squandering his father's riches.

How? The Father has given all of us gifts, gifts that could be used for His glory, or squandered for our own purposes. The older son only obeys the father expecting something in return. He has gone "by the book" all his life, for all the wrong reasons. He has not learned love, the perfect love that the father possesses!

He too lives in a strange land, for his actions are strange to his father - this is not the way that the Father created us to be; to live in self-centeredness, and even worse, not to realize the sin of selfishness, and therefore not to feel the need to repent. The younger brother was lost but is now found, he was dead and now is alive again, because of his remorse and his repentance, returning to seek his Father's love, even as a servant.