

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee

HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 17-24, 2016

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

SATURDAY 6:00PM Health of Sr. Barbara Heil – Wynne Family

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE: January 17, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Jean Paskewicz – Jane Atherholt & family

DAILY DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00AM :

MONDAY +Lillian Kiniuk- Pearl Kiniuk

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY +Mary Regrut Balulis

FRIDAY For the Sick and infirm of the parish

SATURDAY 6:00PM For the Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON: January 24, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) +Stella Suter – Richard & Andrea Suter

11:00AM (English) Health & Salvation Peter Zuk: Birthday intention- Zuk Family

Weekly Income - \$1596.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

TOWER Repair: \$500.00 : Dan & Loretta Bodnar \$500.00 Marion & Teodozia Sroka \$200.00 Anonymously \$100.00 Wilhelmina Wichryk

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: In memory of +Joseph & Stella Bodnar: Dan & Loretta Bodnar

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND ENVELOPES 2016:

The church donation envelopes and calendars are on the table in the back of the church. If you wish to be considered a member of the church, you should have church envelopes, attending the Divine Liturgy regularly, and actively seeking the love of God through his sacraments. If you are not presently registered, please call the rectory office or talk with Fr Dan or Ted Veresink after the Liturgy today.

BLESSING OF HOMES There has been a change in plans for blessing of homes this year: There is a registration sheet in the back of the church. If you would like me to visit and bless your homes, please register in the vestibule and I will call you to schedule a time to visit and bless your home.

If you would like to bless your own home as a family, it would be a great opportunity for you to share your faith with your children. You can take home some holy water from the church font which was blessed for the feast of Epiphany. After a nice meal with your family, light a candle by your icon or cross, and ask God to bless your home, your family and your new year, either in your own words or you can use the prayer of Epiphany:

"O Christ our God you deigned to be baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River to renew all people by the waters of rebirth, and you condescended to enter under the roof of Zaccheus to bring salvation to him and to all his house. Keep safe and protect from all harm and injury, those who dwell here----- Names----- grant them Jordan's blessing, purification of soul and body, and hear all their petitions for health, salvation and life everlasting. For blessed are you together with your eternal Father and your all Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

.... have the family join you in sprinkling the holy water throughout your home. I think you'll find it a great experience for you and your loved ones to share.

SPECIAL THANKS to all those who came to help at our monthly pyrohy project Donna Sidlar, Joann Fulmer, Jean Lakomski, Olga Bryksa, Judy Palinkas, Lori Wynne, Christopher Wynne, Marion and Teodozia Sroka, Wilhelmina Wichryk, Anna Trusz, Yarlosawa Zuk, Oleh Balaziuk, Petro Savkanitch, Pat Peters, Elizabeth Poleschuk, Cindy Cawley, Donna Hale, Maria Best, Maryann Kramer, Linda Hutnik, Bill Hutnik, Dan Bodnar, Fr Dan, Paulette Bellis, Kathy Sargent ... your hard work and dedication to this project is greatly appreciated.

There are pyrohy available for sale after all the liturgies this weekend, they are \$6.00 a dozen. Thank you!

SPECIAL THANKS to all those who came to help undecorated the church. God bless all of you.

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE
OUR VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT:**

Troparion (1):

Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

Troparion (4):

By your life you imitated the zealous Elias and by following straight paths you emulated the Baptist, John. O Father Anthony, you peopled the desert and strengthened the world by your prayers; Intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (2):

You rejected earthly worries and finished your life in silence imitating the Baptist in every way and so with him we honor you, O Anthony, most venerable, first of the Fathers.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Kontakion (3):

Let us bring to the Lord the sighs of the Publican, and as sinners let us approach the Lord, for He desires the salvation of all. He grants forgiveness to all who repent. For us He became man while remaining God, co-eternal with the Father.

Prokimenon (1)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle:

Reading of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (2Tim 3, 10-15)

Brethren: You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, persecutions that I endured. Yet from all these things the Lord delivered me. In fact, all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known [the] sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia Verses:

God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel:(Lk 18,10-14)

The Lord told this parable: "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -greedy, dishonest, adulterous -or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.'

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Communion Verse:

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

"A man went into the forest to choose a tree from which to make roof-beams, and he saw two trees, one beside the other. One was smooth and tall, but had rotted away inside, and the other was rough on the outside and ugly, but its core was healthy. The man sighed, and said to himself: 'What use is this smooth, tall tree to me if it is rotten inside and useless for beams? The other one, even if it is rough and ugly, is at least healthy on the inside and so, if I put a bit more effort into it, I can use it for roof-beams for my house.' And, without thinking any more about it, he chose that tree."

Just to be certain, the moral point is in the following conclusion: "So will God choose between two people for His house, and will choose, not the one who appears outwardly righteous, but the one whose heart is filled with God's healthy righteousness."

The Pharisee acted according to the Law, keeping himself externally free from sin, fasting twice a week and paying a tithe on all that he had. It would be wonderful if members of the Church lived and acted like that with such consistency! However, it is the interior orientation of the heart that Christ is most concerned with—and it is herein that the pharisee twisted righteousness into self righteousness, which is basically a form of idolatry, or worship of the "self." Do any of us escape that self deceptive trap? If not, then better to admit it, as Saint John Chrysostom reminds us, for "it is evil to sin, though help can be given; but to sin, and not to admit it—there is no help here."

PROVIDENCE VISIT TODAY

Eugene Luciw, Providence Association Director of Insurance Planning and Savings and Retirement Accounts will visit with us on Sunday January 17 after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Divine Liturgies. There will be coffee and cake after the liturgies and a short presentation about the Providence association, its mission in our church and other savings programs. – free consultations at 877-857-2284 ext 211 with Mr Luciw

COMMUNITY DAYS 2016: MEETING THIS EVENING

We are looking to participate in the 2016 Community Days sponsored by the BonTon. We will be having a meeting after the 6:00PM Divine Liturgy next Saturday, January 16, to be able to organize our efforts at this fundraiser. It is an "labor free" way to be able to raise money for the church projects by selling the discount coupon books, which sales are clear profit for our church. Please join us and lend your support and suggestions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ADULTS

There will be Adult Religious Education class held on Wednesday evening January 27 at 6:00PM at the rectory. The Topic will be **THE MEANING OF LENT** With a video presentation by Fr Thomas Hopko with questions and answers.

Come and join with us. Lent begins February 8, 2016!

Easter is early this year on March 27, 2016!

UPCOMING EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: 10:15AM-10:45AM Sunday's

January 17: **THE TRINITY: Father Son & Holy Spirit**

January 24: **The Prodigal Son: Forgiveness and Mercy**

January 31: **Meat Fare and Cheese Fare Sundays: Getting ready for Lent.**

January 24, 2016 Traditional Christmas Eve Dinner: Ukrainian Homestead

\$20 per person \$35 Couple Children under 12 free. RSVP by 1/21/16

for more information call 215-235-3709

February 7, 2016 LENTEN VESPERS Beginning of Great Lent on Sunday

February 7 at 3:00PM at St John the Baptist Church in Northampton . Join along with all the Ukrainian Catholic Parishes in the Lehigh Valley to begin the Great Lent which begins at sundown on February 7. All are invited.

Fr. Dan Troyan will be the homilist for the service. Please come and support your pastor.

VOLUNTEERS FOR UKRAINE: SISTERS OF ST BASIL

The Sisters of St Basil are sponsoring a English catechetical Camp in Ukraine for 2016. The camps a week long for children 10-16. The Sisters are looking for volunteers to teach English, basic grammar etc). Room and board will be provided. Volunteers may come for one , two or three weeks and they will also be visiting the orphanages and psychiatric institutions. The Program will run from May 27- June 27 and will presently be limited to Western Ukraine. For application please contact Sr Ann Laszok OSBM at 412-260-1607.

There are application forms in the vestibule of the church for anyone wishing to reigister for the Ukraine Trip.

SUGGESTION BOX AND PRAYER BOX

In the back of the church there is an opportunity to have your requests heard for suggestions for the parish, **SUGGESTION BOX** and also for prayer requests for yourself, family and loved ones **PRAYER BOX**. Simply write your request or suggestion and place it in the box

TOWER REPAIR

We have entered into contract with Fania Roof Company of Allentown for the repair of our church tower. The fabrication of the louvers will take 8-10 weeks, so we are looking to begin the project in the spring. The tower repair will correct the leak in the ceiling of the choir loft , replace the louvers which have deteriorated, with aluminum louvers, and repair the concrete and brick pointing . An overview of the proposed work is printed and available in the vestibule of the church.

Tower Repair Donation Envelopes are available in the back of the church.

\$5645. 00 collected to date Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SCHEDULING DIVINE LITURGIES

Anyone wishing to schedule anniversary Liturgies for their families or loved ones for 2016 please use the Divine Liturgy envelopes in the back of the church. Please indicate whether it is for the living or the deceased, and that the names are clearly marked. We have presently satisfied 95% of the Liturgies offered. In the new year the weekly schedule will reflect that reality, with the Liturgies being offered for various needs.

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen Terleski	Joseph Noterfrancesco	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczykcki	Sophie Troyan	Sr Judith Piszyk OSBM	Michael Trusz
Paulette Bellis	Peg Hutnik	Richard Suter	John Vedomsky
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Walter Kiniuk
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitiski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory Neff	Karen Bakros	Stephen Terleski
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz

Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ / You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father/ and have told us that whoever sees You sees Him. / Show us your face and we will be saved/ Your loving gaze freed Zaccheus and Matthew from being enslaved by money./ the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things/ made Peter weep after his betrayal and assured Paradise to the repentant thief/ Let us hear , as if addressed to each one of us , / the words you spoke to the Samaritan woman/ " If only you knew the gift of God!" / You are the visible face of the invisible Father./ of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy./ Let the Church be your visible face in the world/ its Lord Risen and glorified!" / You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness/ in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error/ Let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God./ Send your Holy Spirit and consecrate everyone of us with His anointing./ so that the Jubilee Year of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord./ And your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed/ and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of the Mother of God and all the saints Amen

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

We really ought to confess our poverty, our destitution to the Lord our God. This is what the tax collector confessed, who did not so much as dare to raise his eyes to heaven. As a man and a sinner he did not have the wherewithal to lift up his eyes. He was looking at his own emptiness, but he knew what ample wealth the Lord disposed of. He knew that he was coming, thirsty, to the fountain. He indicated his parched throat, he earnestly beat the breast he wanted filled. "Lord," he said, beating his breast, lowering his eyes to the ground, "be gracious to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

What I say is, that he was already to some extent rich, since he had the idea of making such a request. After all, if he had still been completely poor, from where would he have been able to produce these gems of confession? All the same, it was a better endowed and wealthier man who went down justified from the Temple. The Pharisee, though, went up to pray and did not ask for anything. "They went

up to the Temple," He says, "to worship" (Luke 18:10). One asks, the other does not. And where did this other belong? "There are those who think themselves rich though they have nothing" (Proverbs 13:7). "Lord," he said, "I thank you that I am not like other men, unjust, extortioners, adulterers, like this tax collector here, for example. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of everything I possess" (Luke 18:11-12).

He was being boastful, but it was all hot air, no solid substance. He thought himself rich though he had nothing. The other man admitted he was poor, though he already had something. To say nothing else, he had the earnestness to confess. And they both went down. "But that tax collector," He says, "was justified more than that Pharisee. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and who humbles himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:14).

St. Augustine of Hippo

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