

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

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 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

DAILY DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00AM :

MONDAY +Lillian Kiniuk- Pearl Kiniuk

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY Health of Joseph Noterfrancesco - Family

THURSDAY +Mary Regrut Balulis- Mary Regrut

FRIDAY FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY HEIRARCHS:

St Basil the Great , St John Chrysostom , and St. Gregory the Theologian

9:00AM+Maria Trusch – Michel & Olga Trusz

SATURDAY 10:00AM 1st All Souls Saturday : Panachyda

Remembrance of the deceased of our parish of Holy Ghost Church

6:00PM (English) +Mary Regrut Balulis – Joanne Brunner

SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE: January 31, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Joseph & Stella Bodnar – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

Weekly Income - \$1213.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

TOWER Repair: \$500.00 Anonymously \$200.00 Richard & Andrea Suter

\$50.00 Eugene Luciw

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Eternal Light & Altar Candles: Health of Joseph 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.

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 register 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.
\$6495.00 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 Piszuk 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 Maitski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory Neff	Karen Bakros	Stephen Terleski
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Josephine Ileczo			

COMMUNITY DAYS 2016: NEW CHAIR LIFT FOR FRONT STAIRS

The Bon-Ton Community Days is held twice a year to help non-profit organizations in the area to use sale of the Bonton coupon booklets to raise funds for their groups. We are asking that each family take 5 booklets to sell or buy for \$5.00 each. There are \$500 worth of coupons in the booklet, plus a \$10 off any purchase you make online or at the stores included. The books are provided free to our church and everything we collect in sales is our's to keep, plus depending on how many books we sell, we also get a percentage of the profits from the sales of the booklets.

It is a good way to raise funds for our church. The funds from this project will be used specifically towards a **Chair-rail lift** for the steps at the front of the church. It will help some of our parishioners to attend services who presently cannot do the stairs.

Our last effort with the Community days netted us over \$700.00. Please help us through your participation. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ADULTS THIS WEDNESDAY

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!

SOROKOUSTY: REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

One of our beloved customs during the time of Lent is to practice the charity of remembering and praying for the deceased members of our families. Please fill out the envelopes in your collection box with your family names clearly marked. If you have many names please write them on a separate piece of paper and place them inside the envelope. May their memory be eternal!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January 24: The Prodigal Son: Forgiveness and Mercy

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

JANUARY 29, 2016 FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY HEIRARCHS 9:00AM

The Feast day commemorating St. Basil the Great , St John Chrysostom and St Gregory the Theologian.

JANUARY 30, 2016 SOROKOUSTY 10:00AM :1st All Souls Saturday

FEBRUARY 20, 2016 Friday 5:30PM 2nd All Souls Saturday

FEBRUARY 27, 2016 Friday 5:30PM 3rd All Souls Saturday

MARCH 5, 2016 Friday 5:30PM 4th All Souls Saturday

MAY 14, 2016 Saturday 10:00AM 5th All Souls Saturday

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 to begin Lent and support your pastor.

MONDAY'S 7:00AM AA MEETINGS:

As part of our community outreach, there is a 7:00AM Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous at our church hall every Monday. These meetings assist those in need of support and help in recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. We join our prayers with them for their health and recovery. Once the Chapel is habitable the meetings will be held at the chapel building.

FEBRUARY 16-17 Pyrohy Sale : To place an order please call the rectory at 610-252-4266, left your name number and how many dozen ordered, or place your name on the PYROHY LIST in the back of the church. Thank you.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome!

WOMANS DAY RETREAT March 6 and April 24, 2016

March 6 at Shrine of the Holy Family Washington DC

April 24 at St Vladimirs Church in Scranton PA

TOPIC: Women as Caregivers: Spiritual, Pastoral and Practical Matters

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Troparion (2):

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Kontakion (3):

When I foolishly separated myself from your Fatherly glory, I squandered, in wickedness, the riches You had given me. So now I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal Son, saying: I have sinned before You, O merciful Father; receive me, repentant, and make me as one of Your hired servants.

Prokimenon (2):

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle:

Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1Cor 6,12-20)

Brethren: "Everything is lawful for me," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is lawful for me," but I will not let myself be dominated by anything. "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food," but God will do away with both the one and the other. The body, however, is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take Christ's members and make them the members of a prostitute? of course not! [or] do you not know that anyone who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, "the two," it says, "will become one flesh." But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel:(Lk 15,11-32)

The Lord told this parable, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all of these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found.'

Communion Verse:

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Imitating the Prodigal

Do not lose heart, O soul, do not grieve; pronounce not over yourself a final judgment for the multitude of your sins; do not commit yourself to fire; do not say: The Lord has cast me from his face. Such words are not pleasing to God. Can it be that he who has fallen cannot get up? Can it be that he who has turned away cannot turn back again? Do you not hear how kind the Father is to a prodigal?

Do not be ashamed to turn back and say boldly: I will arise and go to my Father. Arise and go! He will accept you and will not reproach you, but rather rejoice at your return. He awaits you; just do not be ashamed and do not hide from the face of God as did Adam.

It was for your sake that Christ was crucified; so will he cast you aside? He knows

who oppresses us. He knows that we have no other help but him alone. Christ knows that man is miserable. Do not give yourself up to despair and apathy, assuming that you have been prepared for the fire. Christ derives no consolation from thrusting us into the fire; He gains nothing if He sends us into the abyss to be tormented.

Imitate the prodigal son: leave the city that starves you. Come and beseech him and you shall behold the glory of God. Your face shall be enlightened and you will rejoice in the sweetness of paradise. Glory to the Lord and Lover of mankind who saves us!

St. Ephrem the Syrian

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