

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



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January 24, 2010
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25 – JANUARY 31

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY

✙ **BETTY AGUILAR; BILL & DARLENE LOZNYCKY**

6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 – SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



Remember in your prayers



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Kimberly Hartman, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Lesya Loznycky, Alice Melnyk, Gregorio Ortiz Peña, Sophia Skop and Sonya Villa Señor. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

Remember Those In The Armed Forces



Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl and Volodymyr Lylak, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Preparations are underway for the celebration of our Parish's 50th anniversary. There is lots of work to be done in the way of planning, sending out of invitations and various other tasks.

Storage unit

“Thank You” to all the hard working volunteers that braved the wet weather to help empty the storage unit. We still need to finish and will be having another work day at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 28.

2nd Collection

There will be a second collection today which will be passed on to Catholic Relief Services in order to aid our suffering brethren in Haiti.

“The Future Of Our Church Begins Today”

We are in the midst of St. Nicholas Eparchy's Ukrainian Catholic Appeal 2009-2010. Please receive this appeal warmly and kindly consider Bishop Richard's request. Our parish goal is \$5000.00. If each household were to donate 1% of its annual income or even \$250.00 we will be well on our way to achieving this goal.

House Blessings



It is the custom among many Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr. James.

Lenten Triodion

Today we begin using the “Lenten Triodion” which is the service book of the Byzantine Churches that provides the texts for the divine services for the pre-Lenten weeks of preparation, Great Lent, and Great an Holy Week. It is called the triodion because the canons appointed for Orthros during this period are composed of three odes each.

The weeks of preparation, and especially the Sunday gospel readings, serve to exercise the mind, whereas the fasting of Great Lent focuses on the body, and Holy Week's services exercise the spirit.

Weeks of preparation

The three weeks that commence on the fourth Sunday prior to Great Lent constitute the weeks of preparation. Each has its own distinct theme which is expressed in the Gospels readings appointed for the Divine Liturgies on these days:

1. Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:9-14),
2. Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and
3. Sunday of the Last Judgment (also called Meatfare Sunday; Matt 25:31-46).
4. Sunday of Forgiveness (also called Cheesefare Sunday; the expulsion of Adam from Eden is also a theme of this day); Matt 6:14-21.

The Church eases us into the Lenten fasting discipline during this period. The week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is fast-free. The week following the Prodigal Son is a normal week -- we fast as usual on Wednesday and Friday. In the week following Meatfare Sunday, no meat is eaten; eggs, fish, and dairy are permitted on any day.

Forgiveness Sunday brings the period of preparation to an end. The next day, Clean Monday, begins Great Lent. The Vespers service served on the evening of Forgiveness Sunday includes the Rite of Mutual Forgiveness and is the first service of Great Lent.

– Adapted from Orthodoxwiki.org

Forgiveness Sunday

On Sunday, February 14th there will be a “Cheezy Potluck” following the 9:30 AM Liturgy. This is the last opportunity to enjoy dairy products before the Great Fast begins. Please bring a dish (ideally meatless) to share with others. (Please note: there are people in our community with severe and life-threatening allergies so please **no nuts or mushrooms.**) Immediately following the potluck we will celebrate Forgiveness Vespers in the church to open the Great Fast. This is a beautiful opportunity to begin the fast with mutual forgiveness.

Святкуємо 50-років!

Celebrating 50 Years!

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The Publican and Pharisee

This parable represents to us two chariots on the race course, each with two charioteers in it. In one of the chariots it places righteousness with pride, in the other sin and humility. You see the chariot of sin outstrip that of righteousness, not by its own strength but by the excellence of humility combined with it, but the other is defeated not by righteousness, but by the weight and swelling of pride. For as humility by its own elasticity rises above the weight of pride, and leaping up reaches to God, so pride by its great weight easily depresses righteousness.

Although therefore you are earnest and constant in well doing, yet think you may boast yourself, you are altogether devoid of the fruits of prayer. But you that bears a thousand loads of guilt on your conscience, and only think this thing of yourself that you are the lowest of all men, shall gain much confidence before God. And He then goes on to assign the reason of His sentence. For every one who exalts himself shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

The word humility has various meanings. There is the humility of virtue, as, a humble and contrite heart. O God, you will not despise. There is also a humility arising from sorrows, as, he has humbled my life upon the earth. There is a humility derived from sin, and the pride and insatiability of riches. For can any thing be more low and debased than those who grovel in riches and power, and count them great things?

St. John Chrysostom