



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Jan. 20

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

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

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Robert Kaerbel, given by Judy Anselm.**

Supplications will be offered for + **Lillian Leybick, given by Rose Engel.**

Tuesday, Jan. 22

St. Timothy, Apostle; St. Atanasius, martyr

Readings: 2 Peter. 2:9-22; Mk. 13:14-23

9:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy

Repose of Stefan, Maria, Stefan, Joseph Lorinc (By Michael Lorinc)

Thursday, Jan. 24

St. Xenia, venerable

Readings: 1 Jn. 1:8-2:6; Mk. 13:31-14:2

6:30 P. M. Moleben to Christ with the office of the Holy Oil (Anointing)

Saturday, Jan. 26

1st All Souls Saturday

Readings: 2 Tim. 1:3-9; Lk. 20:46-21:4

9:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty

5:00 P. M. No Great Vespers

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

Sunday, Jan. 27

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

Supplications will be offered for+ **Olech Baran, given by Anna Baran & family.**

Supplications will be offered for + **Daniel Romah,**

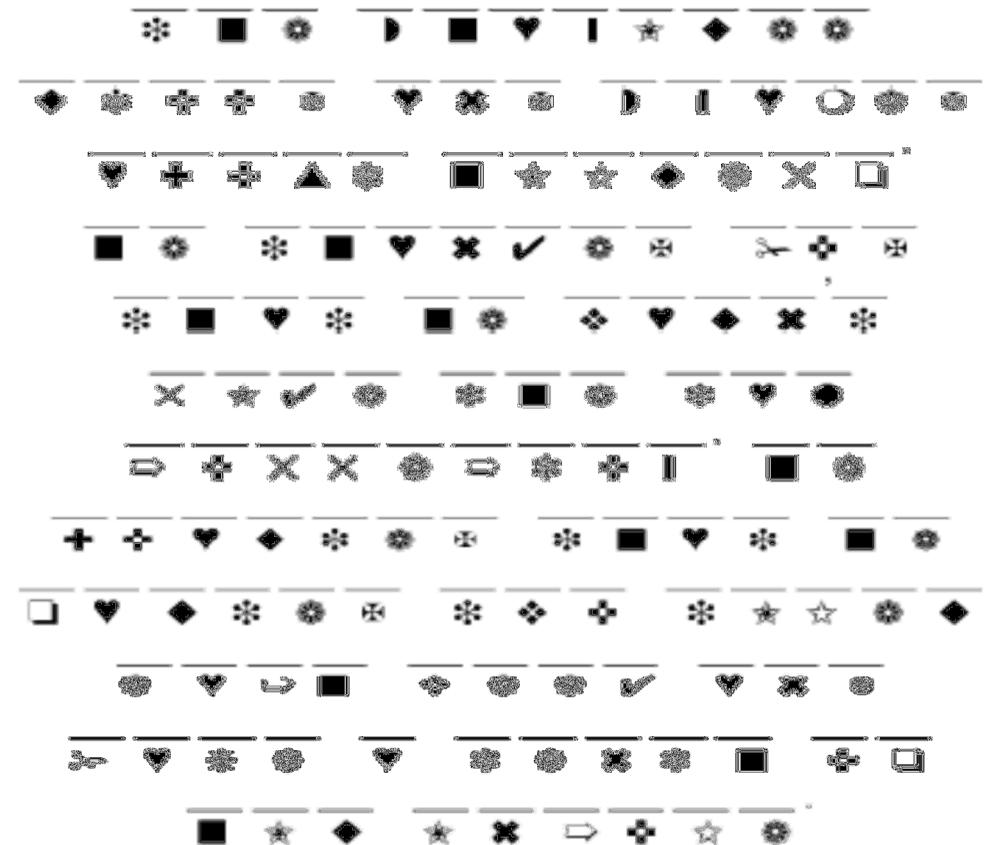
Health & God's blessing upon Vicky Senko, given by Michael Senko.

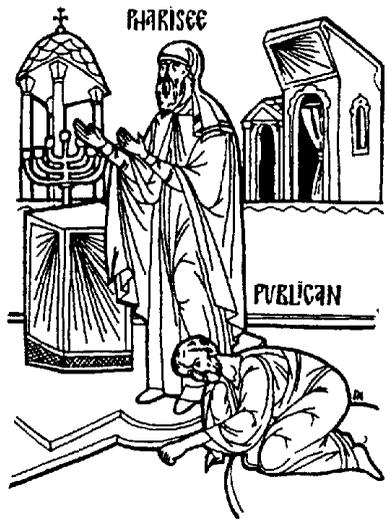


The Pharisee

Use the code to read this story about the Pharisee.

♥ = A	⊙ = E	☆ = I	★ = M	☞ = Q	▲ = U	○ = Y
✦ = B	□ = F	✦ = J	✦ = N	I = R	✦ = V	✦ = Z
⇒ = C	↵ = G	✓ = K	✦ = O	◆ = S	✦ = W	
⊙ = D	■ = H	X = L	▷ = P	✦ = T	⊙ = X	





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.



January 20, 2013

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

St. Euthymius the Great, venerable

Octoechos Tone 1

Changeable Parts – Pages 30-31
in the *Booklet of Changeable Parts*
(Small white book)

Announcements:

Thursday: Prayer Service and Anointing

On Thursday evening, January 24th, our monthly Moleben-Prayer Service will take place at 6:30 p.m. During this Prayer Service you can all offer your prayerful intentions (for health, well-being, peace, comfort, etc.). As part of this Moleben-Prayer Service, Holy Anointing will also be administered. In the Church vestibule we have a special note pad where you can write down your prayerful intentions that will be included in this Prayer Service. Your prayerful intentions can be given to Fr. Ihor directly or just drop them in that special box in the Church 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 17, 2013

All Souls Saturday

The 1st All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on this Saturday, January 26th, at 9:00 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 them to the parish office.

Last Call: Statement of Contribution

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2012 for tax purposes, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule. If you have requested this Statement, they will be available on the table in the Church vestibule when they are prepared.

Holy Water

Holy Water that was blessed on the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord is available in the center of our Church. I ask that you please be careful when you are filling your containers so to not spill it on the floor. Remember that this Holy Water is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, so that we, by partaking of it, may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Mardi Gras Party

Here in our local community, Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) invites us to their annual Mardi Gras, which will take place on Sunday, February 10th from 12:30-4 p.m. Music will be by the Blue Orphans Band. Delicious food and coffee & desserts will be served. There is a Free Will offering to benefit various ministries. You can make your reservations by calling 412-761-8545.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$146.00**. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

Collection- May God bless you...

Total for Sunday, January 13, 2013 was **\$1181.00**
(Collection - \$1143.00, Loose & candles - \$38.00)

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



Please remember the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and your parish of St. George in your will.



Workplace Issues

- A business owner decides to take a tour around his business and see how things are going. He goes down to the shipping docks and sees a young man leaning against the wall doing nothing. The owner walks up to the young man and says, "Son, how much do you make a day?"
- The guy replies, "150 dollars."
- The owner pulls out his wallet, gives him \$150, and tells him to get out and never come back.
- A few minutes later, the shipping clerk asks the owner, "Have you seen the UPS driver?? I asked him to wait here for me!"

