



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 20

Saturday after Theophany

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (South Side)

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

Sunday, Jan. 21

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+ **Martin Fedenko, by Christine Fedenko & Sheryl Rubin**

Monday, Jan. 22

St. Timothy, apostle & St. Anastasius, martyr

Readings: 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mk. 13:9-13

9:30 A. M Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)

Health & wellbeing upon Mary Sahayda and her sister Helen (By Anna Toth)

Saturday, Jan. 27

Our venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (South Side)

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

Sunday, Jan. 28

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Readings: 2 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, by David & Orysia Barshowski**



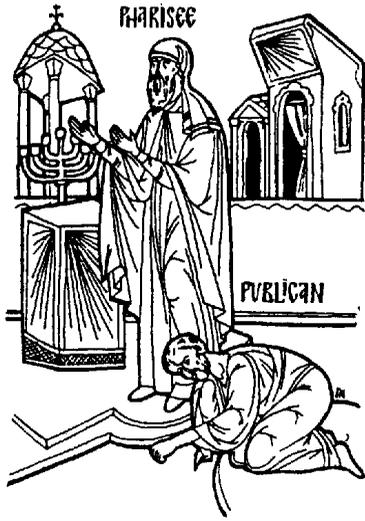
The Pharisee

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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.

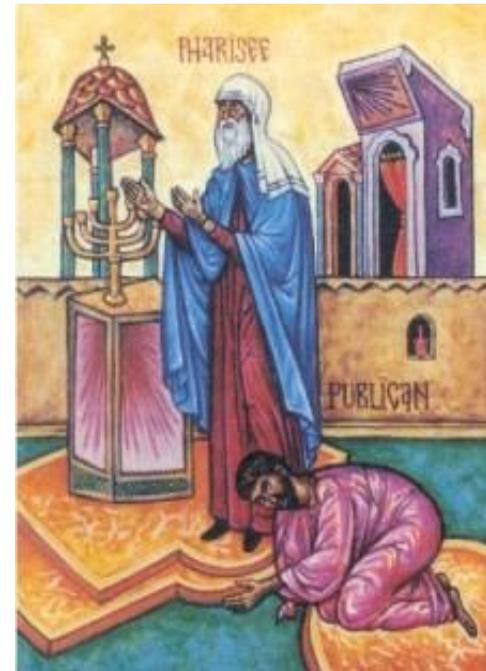
-from the Stichera for the Great Vespers

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.



Jan. 21, 2018

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Tone 8;
Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662); the Holy Martyr Neophytus (284-305); the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquilas

Changeable Part: Pages 12-13

In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: Clean-up

On this Sunday following the Divine Liturgy we will have the clean-up of the Christmas decorations. I ask that you please remain in Church to help put away the decorations. The more of us stay behind, the faster it will go. Thanks.

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all of you for participating in our Parish Christmas-Theophany Dinner. Heartfelt thanks to our dedicated kitchen workers for preparing our wonderful dinner and thanks to all who prepared the hall and cleaned it afterwards. It is always a blessing for us to come together and especially this year as we begun our 100th Anniversary. Thank you all!

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.

All Souls Saturday

The 1st All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday, February 3rd, at 8:30 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 (January 14). 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.

House Blessing

This week I will continue with the blessing of homes in our parish. Please fill out the form, which is available in the Church vestibule in order to request this house blessing and pastoral visitation. Once the form has been received you will be contacted by phone to schedule this pastoral visitation. Thank you.

Easter Candy Order forms are available. They are due February 25, 2018

Prayer in the Life of the Church Pastoral Letter of the synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in 2017 to Clergy, Monastics, and Laity in English and Ukrainian can be found in the church vestibule, or by following the link: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/prayer-in-the-life-of-the-church-2017>

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$541.00. Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work and dedication. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 22, 2017 was **\$2,063.00**

(Collection: \$925.00, Loose & candles: \$13.00, Pyrohy: \$541.00, Theophany Dinner: \$584.00)

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



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



Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: You were pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Your All-Holy Spirit. O Master, Who came that we might have life more abundantly, we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish, and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the life of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with Your Father, and Your All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



Again we pray that You will grant to the people of this nation the will to do good, to flee from evil, and to practice all righteousness, making us respectful of life and sharers of Your blessings, caring for one another in mercy and truth.



Quarterly Reminder (1st qrt. 2018): Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk can be reached on her cell 412-215-5372. You may view the Policies & Procedures at www.stjosaphateparchy.com.