



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 23

St. Clement of Ancyra, Martyr

Readings: 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Mt. 12:15-21

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)

Sunday, Jan. 24

Sunday of 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+**Alexandra Kozak,**
given by Magdalena Cheresnowsky

Supplications will be offered for+**Walter Siweckyj,** given by Mary Siweckyj

Saturday, Jan. 30

Three Holy Hierarchs

Readings: 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Mt. 12:15-21

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)

Sunday, Jan. 31

Sunday of Prodigal Son

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+ **Michajlo Pyptyk (by family)**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Yuriy Hohosha (by Mary Mansueti)**

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Jesus told a parable. To whom was it directed?

Name each picture. Use the letters to fill in the blanks below.



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38 11 15 22 39



7 19 5 25



8 26 28 36 10 1



23 14 35 29



37 24 2 34 13 33



18 6 4 31



32 20 40 12 27 17 3 30

31 17 12 5 38 29 36 23 6

36 33 1 39 20 5 19 8 14 34 39 2 31

6 8 31 23 10 40 3 17 36 19

9 40 18 23 31 29 5 15 27 21 10 22 30 4 19 34

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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.

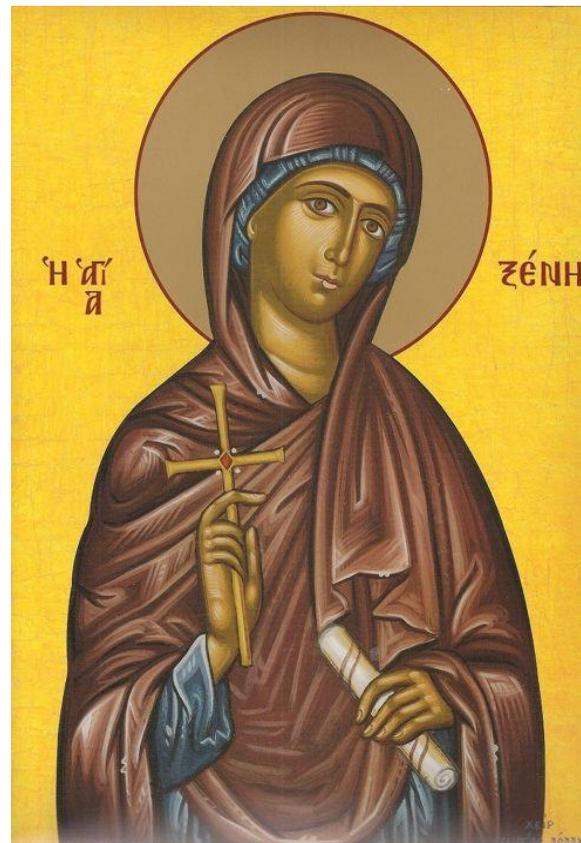


ON DISCERNMENT

Discernment in beginners is true knowledge of themselves; in intermediate souls, it is a spiritual sense that faultlessly distinguishes what is truly good from what is of nature and opposed to it; and in the perfect, it is the knowledge which they have within by Divine illumination, and which can enlighten with its lamp what is dark in others. Or perhaps, generally speaking, discernment is, and is recognized as, the certain understanding of the

Divine will on all occasions, in every place and in all matters; and it is only found in those who are pure in heart, and in body and in mouth.

- St. John of the Ladder



January 24, 2021

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Tone 1; Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman

Changeable Part: Pages 28-30

In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

This week: Clean-up Decorations

On Sunday, January 24th, 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

All Souls Saturday

The 1st All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday, February 6th, 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 it to the parish office.

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.

Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Mihaylyna Spak, Barbara Fedora, Mary Senchesen, Helen Fedenko, Patricia Della-Regione, Dolores Loser, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, Arlene Grzybowski, Maria Perkun, Orysia & David Barshowski.**

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 17, 2021 was **\$933.00**

(Collection: \$895.00, loose & candles: \$28.00, Dues: \$10.00)

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



Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

This week we start our preparation for the Great and Holy Fast-Lent with the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee. In this parable, we are told about two men that are praying. The one man, the Pharisee, tells God about all the good things in his life and raises himself above other people. The other man, the Publican, continuously asks for God's mercy in his prayer. The simple message in this parable is about our attitude toward God. What is the manner in which we conduct our lives? We see how each of these men conducts his life through his prayer. We are taught how to pray through this parable.



As it says in the Gospel, the Pharisee went to pray and prayed "thus with himself." He was not praying to God; he was praying WITH HIMSELF. Why was his prayer with himself and not with God? He is praying with himself because he is boastful and judgmental in his prayer: "I thank You God that I am not as other men..." Holy Scripture reminds us, "Let a neighbor praise you, and not your own mouth: a stranger and not your own lips." (Proverbs 27:2) The manner in which we pray is often reflective of the way in which we live our lives. We are all too often encouraged to be boastful in our lives. In business, we often get ahead by beating our own drum. Not only is the Pharisee boastful, but he is judgmental in his prayer. Judgment further ruins his prayer. Judgment will not only make our prayer unacceptable, but will make us unacceptable to God. As it says in the Gospel of Saint Luke, "Judge not, and you shall not be judged: condemn not, and you shall not be condemned." (Luke 6:37)

In contrast to the Pharisee's prayer, we are given the example of how we are to pray. First we are to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), as the Publican continually said "God be merciful me a sinner." The Publican further teaches us that we must not only pray continually, but that we must first acknowledge our sin. Thus, we learn through the Publican what is said in the Book of Proverbs: "the righteous is the accuser of himself" (Proverbs 18:17). It is no coincidence that the Church tells us to begin all prayer with saying "God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy upon me" three times before we start any public or private prayer. The Publican teaches us that by first being humble we can grow closer to God. It is only after we acknowledge how we have separated ourselves from God that we can come to God and praise Him properly and give thanks for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Amen.