



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 5

St. Agatha, Martyr

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 6

Sunday of Publican & 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+ **Anthony Mueller JR**, given by Makr & Dottie Spikula

Tuesday, Feb. 10

St. Chalampus, Martyr

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

6:30 P.M. PAC Meeting (St. John's at McKees Rocks)

Saturday, Feb. 12

St. Meletius, Archbishop

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 13

Sunday of 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+ **Sophie Hlovchic**, given by Patti Barr

Supplications will be offered for+ **Alene Einwag**, given by Burgess family



There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout. He had the Holy Spirit upon him. The Holy Spirit told him that he would not die until he had seen the Christ. He took the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God.

Find the underlined words in the puzzle below.

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He said, "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."





AMORIS LAETITIA – THE JOY OF LOVE AND FAMILY

The Church is celebrating the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family” an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach and be implemented in every parish, diocese and family. The family (as the Domestic Church) deserves a year of celebrations, so that it can be placed at the center of commitment and care from every pastoral and ecclesial reality.

Goals of this Special Year of the Family are: share the content of the Apostolic Exhortation; proclaim that the Sacrament of Marriage is a gift; enable families to become active agents of the family apostolate; make young people aware of the importance of formation in the truth of love and in the gift of self; and broaden the vision and scope of the family apostolate.

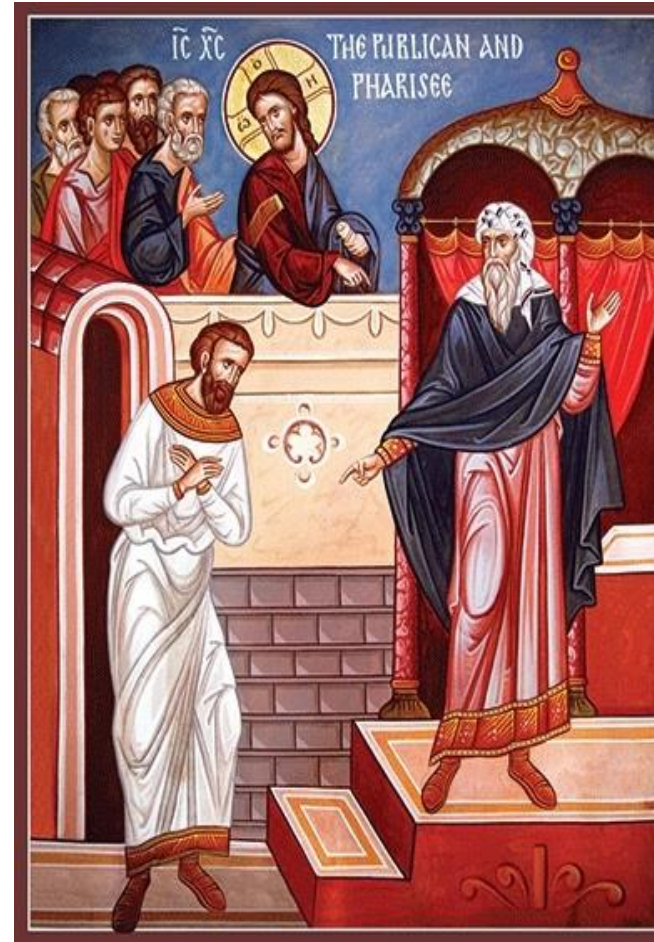
Each month, we will provide a Meditation from Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia to help our families grow and celebrate during this extraordinary year. This month we reflect on: Family Prayer.

MEDITATION:

Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together. Communion in prayer is both a consequence of and a requirement for the communion bestowed by the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony. The words with which the Lord Jesus promises His presence can be applied to the members of the Christian family in a special way: “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Family prayer has for its very own object family life itself, which in all its varying circumstances is seen as a call from God and lived as a filial response to His call. Joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, births and birthday celebrations, wedding anniversaries of the parents, departures, separations and homecomings, important and far-reaching decisions, the death of those who are dear, etc. — all of these mark God’s loving intervention in the family’s history. They should be seen as suitable moments for thanksgiving, for petition, for trusting abandonment of the family into the hands of their common Father in heaven. The dignity and responsibility of the Christian family as the domestic Church can be achieved only with God’s unceasing aid, which will surely be granted if it is humbly and trustingly petitioned in prayer.

1. Is prayer at the center of our family life? If not, why?
2. How can we better build a rhythm of prayer into our family’s life? In what way can we mark significant family moments throughout the year with prayer?
3. What are our family members’ preferred ways of praying — vocal, meditative or contemplative? Is there a way to incorporate each family member’s preferred way of praying into family prayer?



February 6, 2022

**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee;
Octoechos Tone 4;
Post-feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Boucolus, Bishop of Smyrna; the Holy Priest-Martyr Sylvanus, Bishop of Emessa and Those with Him**

***Changeable Part: Pages 7-9
In the Booklet of Changeable Part’s
(Small white book)***

Announcements:

All Souls Saturday

The 1st All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday, February 19th, 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 (February 8). 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.

PAC Meeting (St. John's at McKees Rocks)

On Thursday, February 10th, the meeting of the Parish Advisory Council will take place at the church hall at 7:00 p.m. I ask all members of the PAC to please be present for this important meeting.

Mardi Gras Party

Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) invites us to their 23rd annual Mardi Gras, which will take place on Sunday, February 27 from 12:00-4 p.m. There is no admission fee but we do accept any good will offering to go towards our NALC mission churches. We also will be collecting non-perishable food items at the door for the local food bank. This year please also consider donation your gently worn or new shoes of any kind and size. These shoes will go to help people living in Third World Countries, through Funds2org. For more information contact the church at 412-761-4585

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: **Barbara Fedora, Patricia Della-Regione, Rose Shedno, Orysia Barshowski, Kathleen Shabla, Lillian Chlibun and Thomas Kunsak.**

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 16, 2022 was **\$1,132.77**
(Regular collection: \$795.00, Rebate: \$39.12, Reimb.: \$48.65, Online donation: \$250.00)

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

SHAUN GAUS 2 WILLIAM KULCZYCKI 12

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MANY, HAPPY AND BLESSED YEARS!

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

*The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to **PRAY**, one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector.*

The Holy Fathers identify four main types of prayer which are acceptable to God: praise, petition, thanksgiving, and contrition. Of these four, two were offered in today's Gospel reading. The tax collector offered repentance and contrition for his sins, and the Pharisee offered words of thanksgiving. Yet, as the parable explains, the prayer offered by the tax collector was accepted, while the prayer of the Pharisee was rejected. And why was this, if both contrition and thanksgiving are supposed to be acceptable in the sight of God?



The reason why the tax collector's prayer was acceptable to God while the Pharisee's was not is because the Lord is, as the Scriptures say, "the discerner of minds and hearts of men"... *For He not only hears the words which we utter in prayer, but He also sees with perfect clarity the spiritual disposition of the person offering the prayer.*

In other words, when we pray to the Lord, we stand before Him completely naked, as Adam and Eve in Paradise. If we have sinned the Lord knows it, if we have not sinned, the Lord knows this too because He Himself has preserved us for sin. If we approach Him in pride, thinking ourselves righteous and looking down on our neighbor as did the Pharisee, the Lord sees this and withdraws His grace from us, for He gives His grace only to the humble. On the other hand though, if we approach the Lord in humility and contrition, as did the tax collector, no matter how many sins we may have committed the Lord will forgive us, and no matter how far we have fallen, He with His divine hand will raise us up again.

Remember we are to offer our prayer in humility – to make not only the words of our prayer acceptable to the Lord, but indeed our very minds and hearts. If we want to offer up prayer before His throne, whether it be the prayer of praise, petition, thanksgiving, or contrition, then we first have to make a spiritual ascent in our minds and hearts, we have to leave the ways of the world behind – pride, jealousy, envy, anger, resentment, etc. – and we need to approach the Lord in humility. For only then can we go back down to our house justified, for as the Lord says, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Amen.

