

### **ON THE CONSCIENCE**

Yes, we are seen by a countless number of eyes – the saints and angels of heaven. See how many stars there are in the sky! The number of eyes that look at us is greater still.

Indeed, we ourselves are able, if not to see, then to determine what we are. Our conscience, the incorruptible judge, tells us. It may become suppressed with time, but it always manages to free itself from this yoke, and raises its voice even in those who are shameless. In those who are innocent, its voice is always pure and like a bell.

The conscience is also known as the divine voice in the human spirit. In it is also reflected whatever opinion or view the inhabitants of heaven have of us. Thus, when the conscience says we are pure in everything before God and man, then this testimony of the conscience reflects the light near our soul, and everyone in heaven sees us as bright. If the conscience reproaches us, however, telling us that we are impure, then we appear dark. But the Guardian Angels are closer to us than anyone, and they know who is dark and who is bright, and are able to judge by the inner attitude whether it is a permanent or temporary condition.

- St. Theophan the Recluse

#### ***The hand in the vase...***

*I once heard of a child who was raising a frightful cry because he had shoved his hand into the opening of a very expensive Chinese vase and then couldn't pull it out again. Parents and neighbors tugged with might and main on the child's arm, with the poor creature howling out loud all the while. Finally there was nothing left to do but to break the beautiful, expensive vase. And then as the mournful heap of shards lay there, it became clear why the child had been so hopelessly stuck. His little fist grasped a paltry penny which he spied in the bottom of the vase and which he, in his childish ignorance, would not let go.*

- Helmut Thielicke



**February 5, 2023**

Sunday of the Prodigal Son;  
Octoechos Tone 2; Our  
Venerable Father Martinian

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### **Announcements:**

#### **All Souls Saturday**

The 1<sup>st</sup> All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Mark you calendar:** Next Adult Religious Class on this Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30pm

### Nanny Needed

Young family looking for Ukrainian and English Speaking nanny for their 3 month old daughter. Start Date: ASAP, Location: Mt. Washington, Hours: Flexible. 16-24 hours per week on Monday/Wednesday/Thursdays 7:30-3:30pm. Pay: \$15-20/hour/ Call/text Olya if interested at 773-715-4158

### Mardi Gras Party 2023

Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) invites us to their 23rd annual Mardi Gras, which will take place on Sunday, February 19 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, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Kate Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

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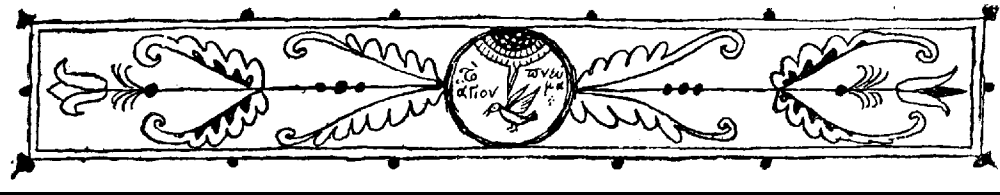
Our total income from last week's sale was **\$515.00**. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.  
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### Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 29, 2023, was **\$813.00 + \$515.00**

(Collection: \$740.00, loose & candles: \$70.00, Ukraine Aid: \$214.00)

***Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy***



### ***WHY DOES THE PRIEST CENSE US?***



During the Divine Services, the priest censes many things in Church. He also censes the people. Why does he cense the people?

As clouds of smoke from the burning incense rise up, we are reminded that we were created in the "image and likeness of God." It is this image in us that the priest censes. Just as he censes the icons of the saints, he censes each of us.

We are called to be saints. When we turn to God and tell Him we are sorry for our sins, He visits us and blesses us. He encourages us to grow and become more like Himself who is both holy and good. When the priest censes us, he reminds us to keep the divine image in us pure and  
God-like



### **St. George Kitchen News**

#### Soup Sale

Again, this year we will have a weekly Soup Sale. Each week we will have one kind of soup and the soup will be available for purchase on Thursdays and Fridays as well as after Liturgy on Sundays. To be successful, we need volunteers to prepare the soup. These should be Lenten soups, i.e., Borscht, Barley, Vegetable, etc. Here's your chance to show your talents as well as help with fundraising!

The start of Soup Sale will be on Sunday, February 19. A sign-up sheet will be available for this important fundraiser in the Church vestibule.

