



***OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

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***Sunday, January 21, 2024
Sunday of The Publican and Pharisee***

Epistle: 2Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

***Saturday, January 27
Divine Liturgy – 5pm***

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – *For the repose of the soul of John Kanick
-requested by Cindy Burke*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 – *For the repose of the soul of Walter Kovalchie
-requested by Rosella & Susan George*

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 21 – *Divine Liturgy 8am*

Saturday, January 27 – *Divine Liturgy 5pm*

PIEROGI NEWS

We are back to making cabbage rolls on Sundays and pierogi on Tuesdays. We are selling them on Thursdays. If you or anyone you know would like to place an order please call 304-232-1777 and leave your name, phone number and order on the answering machine.

The Parable of the Publican and Pharisee

The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha (Easter). To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the

past. To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others. The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in Luke 18:10-14. This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes.

Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, thanking God that he is not like other men, specifically extortioners, the unjust, adulterers, “or even this tax collector” .He then begins to list his religious accomplishments by stating, “I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess”.

In direct contrast to the pride of the Pharisee, the Publican goes to a place where he will not be noticed by others and beats his breast saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!”

Having told this story, Jesus affirms that it was the Publican who returned home justified and forgiven rather than the Pharisee. He states, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”

The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride, he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives.

The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a “change of mind.” He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in

the words of the Sermon on the Mount “poor in spirit.” He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A “change of mind” and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Lord God, through the prayers of Mary, Our Mother, bring your healing presence to all who are sick, injured, or troubled. Amen

Mark Zien, Walter Zien, Rosella George, Dawn Paluch, Sister Mary Bowman, Mary Rose Koreny, Betty Rushkevich, Sharon James, Barbara (Harasuik) Brayec, Veronica Piehowicz, Marty Joe Michaels, Janice McCart, Barb Sago, Patti Kudlak Kettler, Pete Kohut, Jr., Linda Jasko, Isabella Wood, Matt & Michelle Piszczor, Jim Marnell, Fr. Michael Bliszczy, Elaine James, Don Platt, Stephanie Poch, Susan Durig, Susie Davis, Bob Mull, Tim & Karen Downing, Marge & Tom Waligura, Rose Linaweaver, Torrie Davis, Stephen & Joann Neal, Patricia Pockl, Tammy Yankoski, Charlie Lohr, Josh Slonaker, Jack Prettman, Hugette Burk, Ginger Kubala, Mark Michaels, Carol Gogal, Tina Pascale, Sr. Jean Vidonic, Jessica & Abigail Baranek, Patty Schneider, Sheleva and Bowman Families, Barb & Bob Poch, Taytum Grace, Bob Bailey, Jeannie Burkett, Vera Oliver, Tim Haley Family, Nadia Marc, John Mysliwicz, Walter McMasters, Lois Praskovich, Lori Poch, Nancy Lemasters

If you would like to submit a name for our prayer list please write the name on a piece of paper and drop it in the collection basket.

Financial Report –Sunday, January 7, 2024

Weekly Collection: \$319.00 Second Collection: \$14.00

Candles: \$12.00 Theophany: \$88.00

Total Collection: \$433.00

Financial Report – Sunday – January 14, 2024

Weekly Collection: \$452.00 Second Collection: \$36.00

Candles: \$13.00

Total Collection: \$501.00

Pirohy: \$207.00