



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

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***Saturday, January 27, 2024
Sunday of The Prodigal Son
Epistle: 1Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32***

***Sunday, February 4
Divine Liturgy –8 am***

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – *For the repose of the soul of Steve Kanick
-requested by Tom & Burke, David & Karen Wojcik*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – *For the repose of the soul of Michael Grimm
-requested by Mary Ann & John Mysliwec*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – *For the healing and health of John Mysliwec
-requested by Mary Ann Mysliwec*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – *For the health and well-being of Pete Kohut Jr.
-requested by Mary Ann Bosley*

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 27 – *Divine Liturgy 5pm*

Sunday, February 4 – *Divine Liturgy 8am*

Sunday, February 11 – *Divine Liturgy 8am*

Sunday, February 18 – *Divine Liturgy 8am*

Saturday, February 24 – *Divine Liturgy 5pm*

LENTEN REMINDER

Lent begins on Monday, February 12 this year for all Ukrainian Catholics. We practice the tradition of fasting from all meat and dairy products on this day. As soon as we clarify our schedule for Lenten services we will have them listed in the bulletin.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

“For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” (Luke 15:24)

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is the second Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. The parable of the Prodigal Son forms an exact icon of repentance at its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father’s house. But repentance implies action: “I will rise up and go...” (v. 18). To repent is not just to feel dissatisfied, but to make a decision and to act upon it.

In the words of our Lord, we also learn of three things through this parable: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God’s compassion. The reading of this parable follows the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own sinful condition, we might come to our senses and return to God through repentance. For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us.

Finally, this parable offers us insight into the world in which we live. It is a world where the activities of people are disconnected and not ordered toward the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for life. It is a world of incoherent pursuits, of illusory strivings, of craving for foods and drinks that do not satisfy, a world where nothing ultimately makes sense, and a world engulfed in untruth, deceit and sin. It is the exact opposite of the world as created by God and potentially recreated by his Son and Spirit. There is no cure for the evils of our age unless we return to God. The world in which we live is not a normal world, but a wasteland. This is why in the Slavic tradition of the Orthodox Church the reading of Psalm 137 is added to the Matins service for this and the following two Sundays. This nostalgic lament of the Hebrew exiles states: "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept as we remembered Zion. On the willows we hung our harps, for how could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land" (Psalm 137).

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 Bliszc, 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 21, 2024

Weekly Collection: \$183.00 Second Collection: \$41.00

Candles: \$12.00

Total Collection: \$236.00

Pirohy: \$372.00