

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

January 28, 2024

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**
Catechism Classes

Monday, January 29 NO SERVICES

Tuesday, January 30 NO SERVICES

Wednesday, January 31

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)
5:30 PM Rosary
6:00 PM **Moleben in Times of War: For the Suffering Land of Ukraine and her Children**

Thursday, January 1 NO SERVICES

Friday, February 2 *The Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna*

9:30 AM **H/B for Olga Twerdun** – by Andy Martyniuk

Saturday, February 3

5:00PM **H/B for Dressler and Yaga families** – by Annette Dressler

Sunday, February 4 Sunday of Meat-Fare

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**
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БЛУДНИЙ СИН — СИМВОЛ БОЖОГО МИЛОСЕРДЯ ДЛЯ ГРІШНИКА

Притча про блудного сина має для нас глибоко символічне значення. Осмислюючи її, ми спонтанно відчуваємо, що блудний син — це будь-хто з нас, кожна людина, яка через свої гріхи покидає Господа Бога. Тому ця притча для кожного така близька, бо є наче частиною інтимної історії нашого життя. Вона — це вічний символ нашої невірності щодо Господа Бога, але й символ безграничного Божого милосердя. Сьогоднішній світ роїться від блудних синів і доньок. Тож і сьогодні драма цієї притчі часто-густо повторюється у глибині сердець тисяч і мільйонів душ. Кожна людина є або тим старшим сином, що завжди вірний своєму батькові, або молодшим сином, який щойно через тяжкий і дуже болісний досвід життя переконається, що поза батьківським домом ніде нема щастя. Притча про блудного сина вчить нас, що Господь прощає і приймає навіть найбільшого грішника, коли той кається у своїх гріхах. Історія людського роду — це історія Божого милосердя. "Милосердя Господнє, — каже псалмопівець, — від віку й до віку, над тими, що бояться Його" (Пс. 103, 17).

DONATIONS January 21st:

Sunday: \$1,348
In Memory of
Sophia Szabat: \$300
In Memory of
Walter & Paulina Halamay \$200
Pyrohy: \$1840
Ukie Display: \$55.75
Yearly Dues: \$75
Priests in Ukraine: \$20
Ukraine War: \$36
Total: \$4,097

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Roman Palyvoda (2/01)** celebrates his birthday. We wish you a wonderful celebration, and a year of health and blessings flavored with pure joy, and **many blessed years... mnohaya i blahaya lita!**

Spaghetti Dinner at St. Paul Church:

Join us for a heartwarming evening at Saint Paul Church in Akron, Ohio, on March 9, 2024, from 4:30-7:00 PM! Akron Ohio For Ukraine, is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Hapii family, soon arriving to Akron. Preview fantastic raffle baskets on Saturday Feb. 17, 12- 3 PM and after Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Church on February 18. Tickets are just \$1 each or six for \$5. Winner need not be present. Drawings will be during Spaghetti Dinner.

PLANNING AHEAD:

February 10th – Retreat for Married Couples (in Ukrainian) 5pm
February 12th – Great Lent begins
February 17th – pyrohy project
February 21st – Fr Joseph Tuscan is coming to hear confessions & offer a reflection **5pm**
March 3rd – Ladies Day out @ 11am
March 9th – Pyrohy Project
March 16th – Choir workshop

Sunday of the Prodigal Son:

This Parable is known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the subject matter of this week. Despite the characterization in this Parable, its main subject is the warm parental love of the Father. The father's love was unbroken and firm for his prodigal son. His love was shown more at the return of his son than in the beginning, despite the fact that his son squandered his "properties". In the end, however, the son exchanged his prodigality for repentance, and this is the crux of the parable. This moment changes the prodigal son into the prudent son, expelling arrogance with repentance. While the son was returning to his father, he kept rehearsing over and over again: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you". But when the son saw his father's house from afar, his father saw him, and ran to him and embraced him warmly. Thus, the son did not have the opportunity to tell his father what he had been rehearsing. The son at the beginning said, "give me", but in the end he asked, "make me", which is the depth of repentance and obedience, the challenging factors of a Christian.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DECEASED: SOROKOUSTY:

On Saturdays during the Great Fast (Lent), we pray for all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. If you would like to request that your departed loved ones be remembered by name during the services, there is a special envelope in your donation envelope box. If you had already given the names last year, there is no need to write all the names on the envelope since we have the lists from last year. If all the names are the same, please print "SAME AS LAST YEAR" and add any additional names you wish.

