

## Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

January 29, 2023

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

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*Monday, January 30*

11:00 AM Funeral of + **Stefania Woloshyn**

*Tuesday, January 31*

10:30 AM Book Study

*Wednesday, February 1*

9:30 AM + **Yurii Shevchuk** – by Roman & Mary Kostiuik

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, February 2* NO SERVICES

*Friday, February 3*

9:30 AM + **Rita Crooston** – by the Crookston Family

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*Saturday, February 4*

5:00 PM **Canon Archbishop Taras Durbak**– by Maria Schmeida

**Sunday, February 5 Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

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### Book Study:

If you would like to jump start your new year spiritually, you may find inspiration and support through our book study group as we take a spiritual journey with Walter J. Ciszek through the book “**With God in Russia.**”

This is the classic memoir by American-born Jesuit priest who survived fifteen years of imprisonment in the Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War. A great story of spirit and courage.

Every Tuesday morning from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

### Church Envelopes:

Unfortunately, due to some printing delays we have not yet received our new 2023 church envelopes. Hopefully we will get them soon. Thank you for patience!

### DONATIONS – January 22nd:

Sunday: \$1,159

Pyrohy sales: \$1,283

Ukrainian Aid: \$300

Relief for priests: \$20

In Memory of + Ron Prexta \$100

**Total: \$2,839**

On Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 5pm Ukrainian Community of Great Cleveland Area will hold the Moleben Service for the Victory and Peace in Ukraine. The service will take place at Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. You are all cordially invited to come and pray together for peace in Ukraine.

### Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine:

The Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide is planning to observe a *day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine.*

On February 24, 2023, a year since the beginning of the full-scale war that Russia unleashed against Ukraine, we will observe a 12-hour prayer marathon and will unite in prayer with all the faithful of our church on all continents.

Bishop Bohdan is asking that each of our parishes marks this day with special prayer service and keep the doors of our churches open to public for prayer. We encourage all our parishioners to participate. People of good will in our neighborhoods are very supportive of Ukraine. Please invite them to join us in prayer as well.

### DONATION STATEMENTS FOR 2022:

Statements for tax deductible contributions made to the church 2022 are available in the vestibule. Please contact Fr. Sal if you have any questions or if you need your statement mailed to you.

### **The tax collector went home justified; not so the Pharisee [Luke 18:14]**

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Sirach 35 is a perfect companion piece to the Gospel parable. In one striking image from Sirach, the writer talks about "the prayer of the lowly, piercing the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God." Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God. Although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all, the oppressed, the orphans, the widows, and those who can least help themselves are His special concern. The best prayer is humble and selfless service. Paul, a former Pharisee [2 Timothy 4], humbly acknowledges his work as accomplished by the grace of God, and he thanks God for enabling him to fight a good battle -- to run a good race while keeping his Faith intact and proclaiming it. In Luke 18, about the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus reminds us that God hears the prayers those who approach Him in humility with a repentant heart. God did not hear the prayer of the Pharisee because he exalted himself. His prayer was a prayer of thanksgiving that he was not as evil as other people. He announced to God his freedom from sin and detailed his fidelity in observing the prescribed fast and in giving tithes. The tax collector's prayer, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner," was heard because he humbled himself, acknowledging his sins and requesting God's mercy. Fr. Tony Kadavil <http://cbci.in/Sunday-Reflections.aspx>

### Pyrohy Schedule:

February 18<sup>th</sup>

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:**

Please, be advised that any instance of sexual abuse by a cleric, lay employee or lay volunteer within the boundaries of our parish should be immediately reported to the local police department, child protection services of the county, the pastor of the parish and the Chancery of St. Josaphat Eparchy. A sexual abuser report form is available in the church's vestibule and/or the parish office in English and Ukrainian. The bishop can be reached at the Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to: Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, P.O. Box 347180, Parma OH 44134. You may also file a report with Ms. Marika Zaliszczuk, Victim Assistance Coordinator of St. Josaphat Eparchy (412-215-5372). For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/>