

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****The Publican and Pharisee, February 5, 2017**

9:00 AM Lit. + Teodor Worobel r/by Daughter &amp; Family

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Monday, February 6, 2017**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

7:30 AM Lit. + Nastia Yurechko

r/by Stacey Basniak Lecuivre

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

7:30 AM Lit. + Michael &amp; Olga Raab r/by Sons

**Thursday, February 9, 2017**

7:30 AM Lit. + Mary, Charles Kopi - Legate

**Friday, February 10, 2017**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Saturday, February 11, 2017**

5:00 PM Lit. + Charles Biloholowski r/by Son &amp; Family

**Sunday of The Prodigal Son, February 12, 2017***Epistle - 1 Cor 6:12-20; Gospel - Lk 15:11-22*

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Lit. + Faustino Rodriguez r/by Ana &amp; Ron

**Holy Name Society** will meet on Tuesday, Feb 7 at 8:00 PM in the church hall.

**St. Ann Society** February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2017 following the 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy. A light luncheon will be provided. Gift Auction items may be dropped off at the school before or after the meeting.

**Save the Date!**

St. Ann's Society will hold their annual gift auction on Sunday March 5, 2017. Mark this on your calendar: St. Ann Society Tricky Tray! If you would like to donate a new item for the gift auction, your donation would be gratefully accepted. Items may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings, or at the rectory during regular business hours.

**Donation Envelopes**

If you signed up for a box of envelopes in church, please be sure to **write your name on the envelopes**, for a few weeks, so that we may correctly record your envelope number. Always clearly write or mark your donation AMOUNT on the envelope.

**Box Tops for Education**

Please continue to bring in any Box Tops for Education labels and leave them on the table in the church vestibule. We really appreciate your collection of these labels as we donate them to Assumption school.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Anyone planning a marriage celebration in 2017 in our church should contact the parish office immediately in order to prepare for marriage classes and other preparations. There is a prescribed process that must be followed before a marriage can take place.

**Blessing of Homes** I would like to thank all the parishioners for inviting me into their homes for Theophany Blessing. House Blessings are complete for this year.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Lenten Mission**

*This year's Lenten Parish Mission will take place on Palm Sunday weekend, April 8-9. The mission will be conducted by Fr. Taras Kchik, a Redemptorist Father from Canada. There will be a spiritual talk at each service scheduled during the Lenten mission and time for the Sacrament of Repentance. Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend.*

**TODAY: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

Jesus Christ shared the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee, two men who went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances. The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14). The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

**Sorokousty Memorial Services**

In just a few short weeks, the holy season of the Great Fast (Lent) will once again be upon us. As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services at 9 a.m. on all Saturdays of Lent beginning March 4th, 2017. This is the service where Fr. Ivan reads aloud in church the names of the deceased. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 26. After that date, names of your loved ones can still be submitted and will be commemorated, but not listed in the bulletin. Please use your Sorokousty envelope if you are a parishioner, if you are not, then write the names on a piece of paper and put it into a white envelope and place it in the collection basket. Please take the time to remember your deceased family members. They hope for our prayers; and in turn they pray for us.

**Blessed Candles**

For the Feast of the Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord it is a pious and venerable tradition in our Holy Church to bless candles. It is impossible to imagine an Eastern Catholic Church without burning candles. Candles made of beeswax are often used in our Church as a form of sacrifice and devotion to God or Saints. They are used in various Divine Services and ceremonies and are symbolic of Christ, who is "the Light of the World." When we see so many candles everywhere, we know that Christ is everywhere in the whole church, our homes, and He is in us, too. St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking on the symbolism of the bee candle, bids us consider three things in the blessed Candle: the wax, the wick, and the flame. The wax, he says, which is the production of the virginal bee, is the Flesh of our Lord; the wick, which is within, is His Soul; the flame, which burns on top, is His divinity. Please take a blessed bee candle home from the table in front of the Iconostasis.

**Cell Phones - Switch them OFF!**

Please switch off cell phones or put them into silent/vibrate mode BEFORE stepping into Church. If your cell phone does go off accidentally then do not answer it in church and start speaking loudly. To prevent the noise of the call interfering the service you should answer the call (accept it), but do not start speaking until you have stepped away (outside or in the narthex-vestibule). Walk out of the church quietly and calmly. Do not sprint/dash out of the church when this happens. Make the caller wait. You can also try to cover the phone with both hands to minimize the sound as another option. Usually one incident like this will make you remember to always switch off before stepping into church.