

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, February 10, 2019**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + John Adamshick r/by Makar Family

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + Deacon Arthur r/by Tom Dochych

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**8:00 AM Liturgy of Thanksgiving for all who prayed for  
Natalia Sytar**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. Michael &amp; Olga Raab r/by Sons

**Friday, + February 15, 2019**

8:45 AM Lit. + Faustino Rodriguez

r/by Ron &amp; Ana Mascenik

**Saturday, February 16, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + Msgr. Victor Pospishil - Legate

5:00 PM Lit. Special Intention Emily Lopazanski

r/by Allyson Fizer

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son, February 17, 2019***Epistle - 1 Cor 6:12-20; Gospel - Lk 15:11-32*

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Ronald Hutnick (3 yrs.)

r/by Sister, Eleanor

**St. Ann Society**

A meeting will be held today, February 10, following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

**St. Ann Society Gift Auction**

The annual Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Mark your calendars! Members or anyone wishing to make a donation are reminded that gifts for the auction may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings. Items may also be dropped off at the rectory office during the day (call 732-826-0767) or in the church on Saturday or Sunday (leave in the counting room, mark for St. Ann Society). Please take the beautiful flyer of the event from the back of the church and post it at the different places of business to promote the event.

**Sorokousty Memorial Services**

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 9, 2019. This is a time to remember our departed family and friends. Please come with a list of names to be remembered at this service.

Saturday is the day which the Church has set aside for the commemoration of faithful Christians departed this life in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 24. After that date, names of your loved ones can still be submitted and will be commemorated, but not listed in the bulletin.

**Marian Shrines and the Way of St. James (Sept. 4-17)**

Please join us as we trace the route pilgrims have walked since the middle ages---but do so in the the comfort of a private deluxe motor coach as we make our way through France, Spain, and Portugal. This two week tour includes 12 nights in conveniently located hotels, 12 breakfasts, 5 three-course dinners, and expert local guides. A private tour director will lead us through Lourdes, Fatima, and Santiago de Compostela. There will be an evening candlelit procession with the Rosary in Lourdes and in Fatima, services for healing of the sick, as well as an international Mass. Two nights in each of the pilgrimage sites will make it convenient and afford free time to explore. Other cities include: Toulouse (2), Zaragoza (1), Burgos (2), Leon (1), and Lisbon (2). Spirituality comes to the forefront on this memorable journey, but this culturally immersive tour will also include small town cafes, tapas pubs, market squares, the beauty of coastal and mountain scenery, and traditional meals in local restaurants. This is a pilgrimage of a lifetime. Departure is from Newark Liberty airport. Price with air: \$4,008. A deposit of \$300 will secure your spot. Call (732)213-5571, email melaniep@comcast.net, or visit: <https://grouptoursite.com/melaniefedynyshyn> for additional information.

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

The Paschal Season of the Church is preceded by the season of the Great Fast which is itself preceded by its own liturgical preparations, pre-Lent, which commences today, the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee [Luke 18:10-14]. On this and the following two Sundays, the theme is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter the Great Fast, the starting point of our journey to Pascha. And to repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term *metanoia* means "change of mind": 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 others - something the Pharisee does not desire. The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for this.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Divine Liturgy time on weekends is posted in the church bulletin and we should not arrive late. When we do arrive late and the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the priest is preaching the sermon or the Great Entrance is taking place, please REMAIN in the Vestibule until it is finished before entering the Church. At the end of the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy on Sunday, please keep your conversation until the "Coffee Hour." We should leave the Church in silence. We must never lose reverence for our church as the house of God simply because services have ended. Also, please take the Sunday bulletins with you or return them to the church vestibule rather than leaving them in the pews. Also, out of respect to your fellow parishioners and to God, please turn off all electronic devices such as cell phones before entering the church so as to not interrupt the solemnity of our prayers.

**Let Your Prayer Come From A Humble Heart:**

When we pray, our words should be calm, modest and disciplined. Let us reflect that we are standing before God. We should please Him both by our bodily posture and the manner of our speech. It is characteristic of the vulgar to shout and make a noise, not those who are modest. On the contrary, they should employ a quiet tone in their prayer.

Moreover, in the course of His teaching, the Lord instructed us to pray in secret. Hidden and secluded places, even our own rooms, give witness to our belief that God is present everywhere; that He sees and hears all; that in the fullness of His majesty, He penetrates hidden and secret places. This is the teaching of Jeremiah: Am I God when I am near, and not God when I am far away? Can anyone hide in a dark corner without my seeing Him? Do I not fill heaven and earth? Another passage of Scripture says: "The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, observing both good and wicked men".

The same modesty and discipline should characterize our liturgical prayer as well. When we gather to celebrate the divine mysteries with God's priest, we should not express our prayer in unruly words; the petition that should be made to God with moderation is not to be shouted out noisily and verbosely. For God hears our heart not our voice. He sees our thoughts; He is not to be shouted at. The Lord showed us this when He asked: Why do you think evil in your hearts? The Book of Revelation testifies to this also: And all the churches shall know that I am the one who searches the heart and the desires....

*St. Cyprian of Carthage*

**Thank You**

During Catholic School Week the following students of ACS: Natalie Daly, Victoria Gomez, Diana Kalynyak, Nathaniel Perez, Destiny Saez, and Andrew Zulin received recognition and \$500 scholarships for their commitment to Catholic education since PreK to 8th grade at ACS. My dear parishioners, four times a year we hold collections in our parish for this noble cause and you are always generous. Thank you. Your gifts make an immediate and tangible impact on our students, faculty, and programs.