

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

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DIRECTORY:

Parish Office:

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Closed Saturdays & Sundays
and all legal holidays)

If you wish to see the priest, please call for an appointment.

Confessions:

Monday through Friday before
the Divine Liturgies

Sunday before Divine Liturgies

Baptisms:

Arrangements must be made by parents through the Rectory Office to schedule baptisms and arrange for Pre-Baptism classes. All parents expecting to baptize their first child are to attend Pre-Baptism classes.

Weddings:

Arrangements should be made with a priest through the Rectory Office at least six months prior to the desired date. All couples must attend Pre-Marriage classes which are normally scheduled in March.

Funerals:

Arrangements are made with the Rectory Office through the funeral director before publication in the newspapers.



Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo,

Bishop of St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma

Very Rev. Canon Andrew G. Hanovsky, Pastor

Mr. Oleh Szwed, Sacristan

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 10 AM in Ukrainian

Weekdays 10 AM & Holy Days as Scheduled: Please check weekly bulletin



DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 21st, 2024 - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

11:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

- For the Parishioners -

- Parish Yalynka -

MONDAY, January 22, 2024

(NO SERVICE)

TUESDAY, January 23, 2024

10:00 AM +Oleh Tarnawsky (Olena Tarnawsky-Ferguson)

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2024

(NO SERVICE)

THURSDAY, January 25, 2024

10:00 AM Rt. Rev. Msgr +Michael B. Rewtiuk (Anne Slaby)

FRIDAY, January 26, 2024

10:00 AM Rt.Rev.Msgr.+Michael B. Rewtiuk (D. & M. Holian)

SATURDAY, January 27, 2024

10:00 AM +Ivan - 24th Anniversary (Son)

SUNDAY, January 28th, 2024 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

- For the Parishioners -

CHRIST IS BORN

ХРИСТОС РОДИВСЯ



СЛАВИМ ЙОГО

GLORIFY HIM



Blessing of Homes - Fr. Andrew will begin the blessing of parishioners homes January 8, 2024. If you would like to have your home blessed, please call 216.401-0004.

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ 21 січня 2024 р.

ХРИСТОС РОДИВСЯ !

ПАРАФІЯЛЬНА ЯЛИНКА

Наша парафіяльна Ялинка відбудеться сьогодні неділя 21-го січня 2024 р. год. 12:30 по полудні (після Служби Божої в год. 11-ій ранку).

ВІТАЄМО У НАШІЙ ПАРАФІЇ НАШОГО ЄПИСКОПА КИР БОГДАНА ДАНИЛА

Сьогодні, неділя 21-го січня 2024 р. вітаємо у нашій парафії Єпископа Кир Богдана Данила, який служитиме Святу Літургію в год. 11-ій ранку.



НАШІ ВІТАННЯ ДЛЯ НОВОНАРОДЖЕНОГО

Марк'ян Михайлович Стецик син Михайла і Александри Головатий одержав Тайнства Християнського Втаємничення (Хрещення, Миропомазання і Святої Євхаристії) в неділю 14-го січня 2024 р.
На Многі й Благі Літа Марк'ян Михайлович !

Притча про митаря і фарисея; духовне значення

Ця притча свідчить, що Господь Бог не дивиться на особу чи її стан, але дивиться на її серце й душу. Тут розуміємо правдивість слів Святого Письма, в якому сказано: «... Бог гордим протриває, а покірливим дає благодать» (1 Пт 5, 5).

Тож зрозуміло, що Бог не прийняв молитви чванькуватого й гордого фарисея, зате вислухав молитву покірного митаря. Гордість належить до головних гріхів і є найбільшою перепоною до навернення і покаяння, а покора – це початок справжнього навернення і основа правдивого покаяння й посту.

Отже, свята Церква бажає, щоб і ми, наближаючись до Великого посту, готувалися до нього великою покорою та свідомістю нашої гріховності, бо тільки тоді буде в нас добра воля до скрухи серця, посту й покаяння. Без покори нема навернення, нема жалю за гріхи й нема повернення до Бога.

«Тікаймо від фарисевої хвальби, – сказано в кондаці, – і навчимося митаревої величчї слів смиренних, і кличмо у покаянні: Спасителю світу, очисти рабів Твоїх.

ANNOUNCEMENTS January 21st 2024

Christ is Born!

ANNUAL PARISH YALYNKA

Our Parish will hold Parish Yalynka today, Sunday January 21st, 2024 at 12:30 PM in the church hall (directly after Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM) .

WE WELCOME BISHOP BOHDAN DANYLO TO OUR PARISH

Today Sunday, January 21st, 2024 we welcome our Bishop Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo in our Parish. Bishop Bohdan will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM.



WE WELCOME OUR NEW BORN CHILD
Markiyon Mykhailovych, infant son of Michael Stecyk and Alexandra Holowatyj, received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Holy Eucharist) on Sunday, January 14, 2024.

May God bless and be with Markiyon Mykhailovych to guide and protect him throughout his life !

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>

Faults of the Pharisee

Many are the faults of the Pharisee. First of all, he is boastful, and without sense, for he praises himself, even though the Sacred Scriptures cry aloud, "Let a neighbor praise you, and not your own mouth: a stranger and not your own lips" (Prov. 27:2). ... Our virtue, therefore, must not be contaminated with fault, but must be single-minded and blameless and free from all that can bring reproach. For what profit is there in fasting twice a week, if you so doing serve only as a pretext for ignorance and vanity, and if it makes you prideful, haughty and selfish? You tithe your possessions and make a boast of it; but in another way you provoke God's anger, by condemning men generally on this account and accusing others. And you yourself are puffed up, though not crowned by the divine decree for righteousness, but on the contrary, heap praises upon yourself. For I am not, he says, as the rest of mankind. Moderate yourself, O Pharisee: "Set a guard, O Lord, over your mouth, keep watch over the door of your lips" (Ps. 140:3).

You speak to God Who knows all things. Await the decree of the Judge. None of those skilled in the practice of wrestling ever crowns himself; nor does any man receive the crown of himself, but awaits the summons of the arbiter. Lower your pride, for arrogance is both accursed and hated by God. Although, therefore, you fast with puffed up mind, your so doing will not avail you; your labor will be unrewarded; for you have mingled dung with your perfume. Even according to the law of Moses a sacrifice that had a blemish was not capable of being offered to God; for it was said unto him, "Of sheep, and ox, that is offered for sacrifice, there must be no blemish therein" (Lev. 22:21). Since, therefore, your fasting is accompanied by pride, you must expect to hear God saying, *this is not the fast that I have chosen* (Cf Isa. 58:5) ... You offer tithes, but you wrong in another way Him Who is honored by you, in that you condemn men generally. This is an act foreign to the mind that fears God.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

January 21, 2024

Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only *say* it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— *Father John Muir*

Everyday Stewardship

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*