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January 31, 2021

Sunday of the Prodigal Son, The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Tone: Sheet



Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number – Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or by Appointment on other days

******Please Note ******

Mass Offerings , Sorokousty

Mother's Day, Father's Day

Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young
not the Church ! Thank You...

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine

offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.

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Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A **Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ E-mail _____




City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

From the Vespers of this Sunday: Brethren, let us learn the meaning of this mystery. For when the Prodigal Son ran back from sin to his Father's house, his loving Father came out to meet him and kissed him. He restored to the Prodigal the tokens of his proper glory, and mystically he made glad on high, sacrificing the fatted calf. Let our lives, then, be worthy of the loving Father who has offered sacrifice, and of the glorious Victim who is the Savior of our souls

Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

01/30	Saturday	10:00 AM	The Feast of the Three Holy and Great Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom +Deceased of the Jenks, Nesevitch & Krynitzy Family
01/31	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Michael Pawlyk req. by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk
02/01	Monday		No Liturgy
02/02	Tuesday	10:00 AM	The Encounter of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ +Jerry Kasprzyk req. by Melania Kasprzyk
02/03	Wednesday	6:00 PM	+Frank Fedir Stuban req. by family
02/04	Thursday	10:00AM	+Michael Comcowich
02/05	Friday	10:00 AM	+Andrew & Mary Koalchic
02/06	Saturday	9: 00 AM	First All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved Deceased
02/07	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Andrew & Milka Kuncik req. by granddaughters Audrey Sokol & Helene Cass & Family

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>None Offered</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>Good Health Andrew Lypen & Family by Mother</i>
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>

Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates None Offered	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 2/15/21-2/21/21 2/22/21-2/28/21 3/8/21-3/14/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/3/21-5/9/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 6/14/21-6/20/21 8/2/21-8/8/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21 9/20/21-9/26/21 11/22/21-11/28/21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/15/21-2/21/21 3/1/21-3/7/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 2/15/21-2/21/21
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2020 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.
Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory
Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.
Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

******Notice ******The Men's room is closed for renovation till further notice. Ladies bathroom will be used by everyone.



2020 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of February continues and hope to complete

the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2020**.

This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower. Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification.

Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support.

You have received by mail your request for support.

Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!

There will be collectors to take your donation for 2020 in the church hall or mail it in to church !

Donations \$6,425.00 or 90.4% to go \$575.00 This week \$0.00.

The 2020 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to:

"The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford" and send or bring your donation to the church.

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

Do not use Paypal for your donation !

Since every parish in the diocese has been assessed a target for this campaign, **please do not send your gift directly to Stamford.**

Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. We have met our goal over the last nine years and have not had to put any additional strain on our parish's treasury. While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

This Year 2020 because of Covid-19 we are beginning the Charities Appeal in September which is later than other years. Hopefully now by God's grace as Autumn approaches we all will be blessed with good health in our homes and our community.



+In Memory

Please remember in your prayers parishioner **+Roy Primachuk 94**, formally of Ansonia, Passed away January 22, 2021, in Marietta, Georgia. Holy Name member who stood every Good Friday Vigil the Tomb of Jesus. Roy was past employed by the Evening Sentinel .Funeral services will be in the spring.

Vichnyaya jomu Pam'iat.

Fast-Free Weeks: *Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ to Theophany Eve - Dec. 25 through Jan. 4 The week following the Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee, Bright Week - The week after Pascha until St Thomas Sunday Trinity Week - The week after Pentecost until the Saturday before All Saints Sunday*

Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast: Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today:

These therefore the following are to be done: Abstinance from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast (**February 15, 2021**) and on Good Friday (**April 2, 2021**) and Abstinance from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast. There is the obligation for the Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

The Fasting and Abstinance regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinance regulations. All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty).

Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful.

Great Fast Liturgical Guidelines: The weekdays of the Great Fast are aliturgical meaning no Divine Liturgy, even for funerals, should be celebrated except for the Feast of the Annunciation. On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time. During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 ~ Gospel - Luke 15:11-32 - Tone 2

"I Have Sinned"



The Prodigal son in today's Gospel lesson was honest with himself with a frank and merciless honesty. It was when he admitted the wrong in himself and said, "I have sinned," that he came to his true self. A new chapter in his life began that very day. A new chapter can begin for us if, bidding good-bye to self-excuse, self-pity, self-defense, we will face the facts about ourselves and say, "Yes, that's the kind of person I am; that is the sort of thing I am capable of doing and have done, but, by the grace of God, I can be different, and I will be different."

If it is therapeutic to admit our faults to others and say, "I'm sorry. I was wrong," it is even more so to admit them to ourselves and to God. It is not enough to say just to oneself, "I have sinned." This can lead to despair and suicide. When Judas, for example saw that Jesus was condemned, he brought the money to the chief priests and elders and said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood." Then, throwing the pieces of silver in the temple, he went and hanged himself. Judas was remorseful enough to admit his sin to himself and to the chief priests, but he just could not bring himself to face Jesus and say, "I'm sorry. Forgive me."

Jesus, who forgave the penitent thief on the cross, would have forgiven Judas, too, if he had gone to the cross and confessed. If only he could have realized that the reward for apology and confession far outweighs the momentary humiliation and embarrassment of saying, "I am sorry."

When the Prodigal son said, "I have sinned," he did not stop there. To have stopped there could have meant despair and self-pity. He took the next step. He said, "I will arise and go to my father." And this is what Jesus urges on us. When we see ourselves for what we really are, are ashamed of ourselves, have difficulty accepting ourselves, we can be sure of one thing - God will accept us in the same manner as the Prodigal son was accepted in today's Gospel:

But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him... and said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found.

This is the way God welcomes us when, with deep repentance in our hearts, we come to Him with those magic words: "I was wrong:" Three of the most difficult words to say to yourself, to others and to God. But to the person who musters enough courage to say them, there comes forgiveness, peace, new strength and a new lease on life.

If you were asked what is the hardest task in the world: you might think of some muscular feat, some acrobatic challenge or some act of bravery on the battlefield. Actually, however, there is nothing harder, nothing more arduous than to say these three words: " I WAS WRONG." It takes humility and a self-effacement such as few people are capable of. Yet no three words are more needed in our life than the words, " I WAS WRONG." They are magic words; words that reconcile; words that unite; words that heal wounds and bring peace.

The first law of mental health is to be honest with yourself. If you have done wrong, don't hide it. Don't bury your guilt feelings in your subconscious mind where they will fester and come out as hypertension, neurasthenia or neurosis. Face the facts about yourself. Admit them. Confess them. (Anthony M. Coniaris—Gems from the Sunday Gospels

The Great Fast / Lent is the time set aside in the Church calendar to come to our senses, to recognize the truth of what we have done to ourselves, and begin the journey back to the Lord. But we have a major advantage over the Prodigal son. We know that our Heavenly Father want nothing more than to restore us to His family. He wants nothing more than to forgive, heal and bless us; to return us to our proper dignity as sons and daughters of the Most High.

The Great Fast is not about getting God to change His mind about us; instead, it is about us changing our minds and lives in order to return to God. No amount of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will alter anything about the Lord; but these tools are useful in helping us see the truth about our sinfulness and in opening our lives to the mercy which Jesus Christ always extends to repentant sinners.

February 1 - Pre-Feast of the Presentation - On the eve of the Feast, Vespers is served and contains three Old Testament readings. Sometimes Matins is served on the morning on the Feast. The Gospel reading is from Luke 2:25-32 where St. Simeon receives Christ. The elder Simeon who then prayed, "Now let Thy servant depart in peace... for I have seen Thy salvation."

February 2 - Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord—Presentation in the Temple

The Jewish custom at the birth of a child was that a mother must be purified after 40 days. "She must not touch anything sacred or go to the sanctuary until the days of her purification are over" (Leviticus 12:4). On this Feast day, we see Jesus forty days old, carried into the temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, to be recognized as God's Messiah by the aged Simeon and Anna. In obedience to the Law of Moses, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father Joseph. They marveled to hear what Simeon said. Mary treasured this in her heart.

Blessing of 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. Church historians describe processions with candles on this feast day as early as the fifth and sixth centuries. Eventually, candles were blessed on the feast day itself—from the 11th century in the West and the 17th century in Ukraine. The blessed candles are kept in the home and lighted and placed before a holy icon in times of serious sickness or danger.

They are also used in the rites of Baptism and the Anointing of the sick and may be placed in the hands of dying Christians as the prayers for the departure of the soul are said.

(<http://mcy.archpitt.org/liturgy/meeting.html>)

Blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ who referred to Himself as the Light of the World.

Prayer When Lighting a Candle: "Set our hearts on fire with love for Thee, O Christ our God, so that in this flame we may love Thee with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul and with all our strength, and our neighbors as ourselves, so that by keeping Thy commandments we may glorify Thee, the giver of all good gifts. Amen "

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :

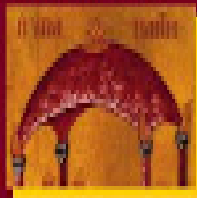
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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

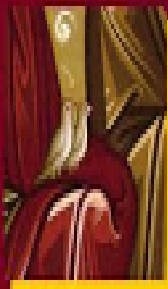
February 2

The meeting of our Lord — the Light and Life of Mankind!

- The location shown in the icon is the Temple.
- God Himself had commanded that all Jewish newborns be presented to the Temple 40 days after childbirth.
- The Panagia and St. Joseph bring the Christ Child to sanctify and dedicate Him to God, in keeping with the law.



- Jesus Christ, Who is God from before all time, humbles Himself not only to be born as a Child, but chooses to be born into a life of earthly poverty!



- St. Joseph the Betrothed and the Panagia were too poor to offer a sacrificial lamb at the Temple, so they offered two turtle doves as the custom provided.

- St. Anna the Prophetess had lived in the Temple day and night for decades, fasting, praying, and awaiting the Messiah.
- On seeing Him, she praises God and "speaks about the Child to all who sought the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2: 38).



- Jesus Christ, Who is God before all ages, is presented to the Temple as any other child of a poor Jewish family of the time.
- His true poverty is less an issue of being born into a poor family, and more that He assumed our human nature for the benefit of mankind.
- St. Gregory the Theologian says, "while He was rich, He became poor so that we might become rich with His divinity."



- Christ is held by St. Simeon, a righteous man, referred to as the "God-receiver."
- He recognizes the infant to be the long-awaited Messiah, and declares Him: "a light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of His people, Israel."



- The Holy Spirit revealed Christ to Sts. Simeon and Anna due to their piety and steadfastness in seeking Him, as we are called to do.
- St. Simeon prophesies to the Panagia of both her Son's great ministry and of heartache she will endure, foretelling of Christ's Crucifixion for our sake.





COVID-19 Novena Prayer

Mother of Perpetual Help, With the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession.

We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross.

Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony.

But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the power of evil. Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial. Help us not to lose heart.

Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus.

Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious.

Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk.

Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly. Teach us to trust in

God's love and mercy, and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life.

Amen

Prayer During a Pandemic: Loving God, Holy One, Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future. We pray: May love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in Your Faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon, You, the Holy One, breathing within us, breathing among us, breathing around us in our beautiful yet wounded world. *(Sisters of IHM, Scranton, PA: Sr Katie Clauss, IHM)*

CORONAVIRUS NOVENA

Day 8 – St. Raphael

Gracious Father, we come before you today asking that you would provide miraculous healing for those who have coronavirus. We ask, through the intercession of St. Raphael, that carriers and those with symptoms would be miraculously healed. St. Raphael, patron saint of healing, pray for us.



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