

## Looking Ahead . . .

### February

Feb 28 - First day of Lent

Strict fast - NO meat or dairy

### March

March 19 & 26 Pysanky Class

## Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

### Prodigal Son

In the words of our Lord, we learn of three things through this parable: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The reading of this parable follows the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own sinful condition, we might come to our senses and return to God through repentance. For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us. Finally, this parable offers us insight into the world in which we live. It is a world where the activities of people are disconnected and not ordered toward the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for life. It is a world of incoherent pursuits, of illusory strivings, of craving for foods and drinks that do not satisfy, a world where nothing ultimately makes sense, and a world engulfed in untruth, deceit and sin. It is the exact opposite of the world as created by God and potentially recreated by his Son and Spirit. There is no cure for the evils of our age unless we return to God. The world in which we live is not a normal world, but a wasteland. This is why in the Slavic tradition the reading of Psalm 137 is added to the Matins service for this and the following two Sundays. This nostalgic lament of the Hebrew exiles states: "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept as we remembered Zion. On the willows we hang our harps, for how could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land" (Psalm 137). Here we can see the challenge of life in this world and the alienation from God that can happen when sin reigns in our lives. As a result of sin in our lives, we lose the joy of communion with God, we defile and lose our spiritual beauty, and we find ourselves far away from our real home, our real life. In true repentance, we realize this, and we express a deep desire to return, to recover what has been lost. On this day the Church reminds us of what we have abandoned and lost, and beckons us to find the desire and power to return. Our Heavenly Father is waiting and ready to receive us with His loving forgiveness and His saving embrace.

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# Our Weekly Bulletin

## Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!  
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

<b>Sunday, Feb 13</b>	Sunday of the Prodigal Son	✠ Jeff Gummo
<b>Feb 14</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 15</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 16</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 17</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 18</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 19</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, Feb 20</b>	Sunday of Meatfare	✠ Denny Beecher

Week of February 13 to February 20, 2022

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ  
and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part  
of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

# PARISH NEWS

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Luke 15:11-32

### *Troparion (Tone 5)*

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Glory be...

### *Kondakion of the Prodigal Son (Tone 3)*

Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father, wasting the wealth You gave me on vices. Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal: Loving Father, I have sinned before You. Take me, for I repent, and make me a one of Your hired hands.

### *Prokeimen*

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

*Verse* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

### *Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever;  
from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever;  
In the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### *Communion Verse*

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

**Weekly Collection** - February 6, 2022 - \$297.00 Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Saturdays with Jesus** - Saturday, March 12, 2022 - 10:00AM - Adult class

Saturday, February 19, 2022—2:00PM - Children from 5 and up

**Marriage Sunday** - Today the Eparchy is celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May God bless all of the married couples with good health, long life and many happy years!

### Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family,

Jeremiah Hunt

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Tuinstra family, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family, the Williams family, Lindsey Lamer.

*To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

### Joke of the Day

Walter took his wife Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, "Ethel, you know that I'd love to go for a ride in that helicopter." But Ethel would always reply, "I know that Walter, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars." Finally, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, "Ethel, you know I'm 87 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance." Once again Ethel replied, "Walter, you know that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars." This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple's conversation and said, "Listen folks, I'll make a deal with you. I'll take both of you for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's 50 dollars." Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel. The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn't so much as one word said. When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, "Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!" Walter replied, "Well to be honest I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!"



**Changes to Pay Pal - The year 2022 has a new federal tax law change.**

**DO NOT** select, "*paying for an item or service*".

This will cause the parish to need to claim income with the IRS.

When making a donation, please select the option: "*sending to a friend*".

Thank you for your cooperation.