

## Looking Ahead . . .

### February

Feb 13 - Marriage Sunday

Feb 28 - First day of Lent

### March

March 19 & 26 Pysanky Class

## Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

### Publican vs. Pharisee

The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in Luke 18:10-14. This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes. Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, thanking God that he is not like other men, specifically the unjust, adulterers, “or even this tax collector” (v. 11). He then begins to list his religious accomplishments by stating, “I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess” (v. 12). In direct contrast to the pride of the Pharisee, the Publican goes to a place where he will not be noticed by others and beats his breast saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” (v. 13). Having told this story, Jesus affirms that it was the Publican who returned home justified and forgiven rather than the Pharisee. He states, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (v. 14). The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. 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 with others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride, he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives. The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a “change of mind.” He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in the words of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3), “poor in spirit.” He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A “change of mind” and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives. Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses us by guiding us to greater spiritual heights. The week that follows the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is designated by the Church as a non-fasting week. All foods are allowed on every day of the week, including Wednesday and Friday.

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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of February 6 to February 13, 2022

## 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 6</b>	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee	Kevin Rogers
<b>Feb 7</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 8</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 9</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 10</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 11</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 12</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, Feb 13</b>	Sunday of the Prodigal Son	✠ Jeff Gummo

*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.*

## Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

*Troparion (Tone 4)*

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles:  
“Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

*Troparion of the Encounter (Tone 1)*

Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God! From you, there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, who enlightens those who dwell in darkness. And you, O righteous Elder, be glad! You received in your embrace the Liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.  
Glory be...

*Kondakion of the Publican and the Pharisee (Tone 3)*

Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the publican and approach the Master as sinners, for He desires salvation for everyone. He grants forgiveness to all who repent. For as God, the One who is co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

*Kondakion of the Encounter (Tone 3)*

Now and ever and for ever. Amen. By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon. You have come also now and saved us O Christ God; give peace to Your community in time of war, and strengthen its rulers, whom You love, for You alone are the Lover of Mankind.

*Prokeimen*

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

*Verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

*Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse:* Poise yourself and advance in triumph  
and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse:* You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Communion Verse*

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

## PARISH NEWS

**Weekly Collection** - January 30, 2022 - \$1,152.00 Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

2:00PM - Children from 5 and up

**Marriage Sunday** - The Eparchial celebration of Marriage will be on Sunday, February 13.

### 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

How do you keep Canadian bacon from curling?  
You take away their little brooms.

I asked a supermarket worker where they kept the tinned peaches.  
He said, “I’ll see,” and walked away.  
I asked another and he also said, “I’ll see,” and walked away.  
In the end I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.



**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.