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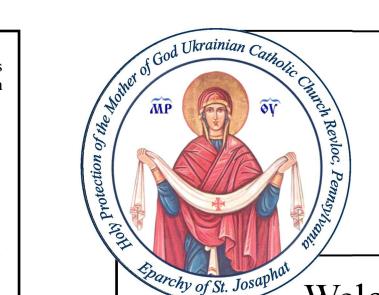
Saint John Chrysostom, the great ecumenical teacher and hierarch, died in the city of Comana in the year 407 on his way to a place of exile. The transfer of his venerable relics was made in the year 438. Saint John Chrysostom had the warm love and deep respect of the people, and grief over his untimely death lived on in the hearts of Christians. Saint John's disciple, Saint Proclus, Patriarch of Constantinople, during services in the Church of Hagia Sophia, preached a sermon praising Saint John. Those who were present in church, deeply touched by the words of Saint Proclus, did not allow him to finish his sermon. With one accord they began to entreat the Patriarch to intercede with the emperor, so that the relics of Saint John might be brought back to Constantinople. The emperor, overwhelmed by Saint Proclus, gave his consent and gave the order to transfer the relics of Saint John. But those he sent were unable to lift the holy relics until the emperor realized that he had sent men to take the saint's relics from Comana with an edict, instead of with a prayer. He wrote a letter to Saint John, humbly asking him to forgive his audacity, and to return to Constantinople. After the message was read at the grave of Saint John, they easily took up the relics, carried them onto a ship and arrived at Constantinople. The coffin with the relics was placed in the Church of Holy Peace (Hagia Eirene). When Patriarch Proclus opened the coffin, the body of Saint John was found to be incorrupt. The emperor approached the coffin with tears, asking forgiveness for his mother, who had banished Saint John. All day and night people did not leave the coffin. In the morning the coffin was brought to the Church of the Holy Apostles. The people cried out, "Father, take up your throne." Then Patriarch Proclus and the clergy standing by the relics saw Saint John open his mouth and say, "Peace be to all." Many of the sick were healed at his tomb. The celebration of the transfer of the relics of Saint John Chrysostom was established in the ninth century and continues to this day on January 27...



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

# **Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week**

Sunday, Jan 28	Sunday of the Prodigal Son	Steve Deskevich
Jan 29	No Liturgy	
Jan 30	No Liturgy	
Jan 31	No Liturgy	
Feb 1	No Liturgy	
Feb 2	No Liturgy	
Feb 3	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Feb 4	Sunday of the Last Judgment - Meatfare Sunday	Harry & Anna Sinchock from Family

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 Prodigal Son**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20



Luke 15:11-32

# Troparion (Tone 2)

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Kondakion of the Prodigal Son (Tone 3)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen

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.

#### Prokeimenion (Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

#### Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

For my eyes have seen Your salvation, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory to Your people, Israel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

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

# **PARISH NEWS**

Weekly Collection - January 21, 2024 - \$270.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will be February 10th

Adults 10:00-12:00 and Children 2:00-3:30.

**Pyrohy for Sale** - We have pyrohy in the freezer for sale. Please spread the word to your friends and family. Remember Lent will be here soon and they are great food for Lent. Super Bowl Sunday will be February 11, they make awesome Super Bowl food.

Great Fast - The Great Fast begins February 12th. Remember that it is a strict fast day in our church. No meat or dairy is permitted.

Fasting Rules - The Ukrainian Catholic Church encourages as a minimum fasting from meat on Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. The Church encourages you to choose to do more if you are able to do so.

Lenten Services - Your are encouraged to attend week day services during the Great Fast. We will be praying the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts on Wednesdays and Fridays in Revloc and Northern Cambria. If your schedule does not permit you to attend at the scheduled times set aside time at home for extra pray time or Bible reading.

### **Praver List**

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski. To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

During basic training at Fort Leavenworth, our sergeant asked if anyone had "artistic" abilities. Having been an architectural draftsman in civilian life, I raised my hand. Then the sergeant announced that everyone would get a three-day pass ... except me. I would stay behind and neatly print each soldier's name onto his Army-issued underwear. Joke