

## Catholic Apologetics — Clergy Vestments (Week 3 of 7)

The vestments worn by Deacons, Priests, and Bishops of the Church are distinguished by the rank of those who wear them. Certain vestments are worn by all, some only by priests and bishops, and some by only bishops. Each vestment is marked with the letters D, P, or B, according to which clergy member wears them.

**Inner Cassock (D, P, B):** The inner cassock is a floor-length black garment. It fits closely to the body and has long narrow sleeves fitted like a shirt. This robe is non-liturgical, which means ordained clergy wear this both inside and outside of services in the Church. Clergy typically wear the (inner) cassock under the outer cassock. Wearing the cassock is common among bishops, priests, deacons, monks and nuns in the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches. The cassock symbolizes the death and burial of a clergyman to this world. It also symbolizes his dedication to God and the Heavenly Kingdom.

**Outer Cassock (D, P, B):** The outer cassock is a floor-length garment. This one, however, is more loosely fitted and has draped sleeves. This robe is also non-liturgical, so clergy wear it both as ordinary daily clothing and as an undergarment during liturgical services. Wearing the outer cassock is common among bishops, priests, deacons, monks and nuns. It also symbolizes death to the world and all worldly things.

### Baptismal Robe or Sticharion (D, P, B):

The first liturgical vestment is called the sticharion, or baptismal robe and it is worn for the celebration of the Eucharist. It is a long and narrow robe that fastens at the neck, with loose sleeves. The sticharion symbolizes the “robe of salvation,” the white garment every Christian dons on his day of baptism. Thus, it symbolizes the new humanity of Jesus and life in the Kingdom of God (Rev. 7:9). The sticharion is worn by all clergy for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Every sacred order of clergy wears this vestment, but the design of the vestment differs depending on who wears it. Priests and bishops wear the sticharion beneath all other vestments. Thus, for priests and bishops the garment is usually a simple white or gold robe. Deacons and subdeacons, on the other hand, wear it as their outermost vestment. So, theirs typically have brighter colors and more intricate embroidery with a cross between the shoulder blades. Additionally, the deacon’s sticharion is open down the sides and held closed by buttons.

*(D - deacon, P - priest, & B - bishop)*



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

## 100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars


**October 4, 2026**

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.

**595 days or 85 weeks**

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 16</b>	Sunday of the Prodigal Son	✠ Jeff Gummo
<b>Feb 17</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 18</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 19</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 20</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 21</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb 22</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, Feb 23</b>	Sunday of Meatfare - The Last Judgement	Margaret Reighard

*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 6)*

Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory 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.

### *Prokeimenon*

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

*Verse* Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

### *Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of Heaven.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### *Communion Verse*

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

**Weekly Collection** - February 9, 2025 - \$1220.00. Thank you for your generosity.  
Sunday - \$1,115.00 Candles - \$5.00 Improvements - \$10.00 Misc. - \$50.00

## PARISH NEWS

**Saturdays with Jesus** - March 8, 2025

Adult Catechism 10 to 12 Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM

**Pinching Day** - We will be making pyrohi on Feb 13 starting at 8AM.

Come and help with this fundraiser event.

### **March Events**

March 1 - Pyrohi sale - Tell your friends and family to come and stock up on our delicious Pyrohi. They make a great Lenten meal

March 22 & 29 - Our annual Pysanky Class from 9 to 12. Spread the word to your friends.

Welcome to Th M to our family in Christ  
Congratulations to R and R on the birth of their daughter.  
May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!  
Многая і благая літа!

### **Prayer List**

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty.

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



### **Joke of the Day**

My husband decided to install a light switch in our master bedroom. Cutting into the wall, he discovered a stash of bottles and boxes. "Honey!" he called excitedly. "Come see what I found!" I ran in and quickly realized that his next task would be to fix the hole he had made in the back of our medicine cabinet.