SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

Who Art in Heaven

ing. They remind us of the homeland we have abandoned, of the citizenship we have lost. In the parable of the young man who left his father s house, went off the rails and was reduced to living with pigs, the Word of God shows us human wretchedness. That young man did not find his one-time happiness again until he had realized his moral degradation, had looked into his own heart and had pronounced the words of confession. These words almost agree with the

These words I think have a very deep mean-

worthy once again to stand in the presence of his father who runs towards him, embraces him, and kisses him. The conclusion is this. To return to heaven there is only one route and that is to admit one's sinfulness and seek to avoid it. To make the decision

to avoid it is already to be perfecting one's

if he were not convinced that the homeland

he had left at the time of his going astray

By this confession of his he makes himself

were not in actual fact heaven.

St. Gregory of Nyssa On the Lord's Prayer

likeness to God.

Lord's Prayer, because the prodigal son says:

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." [Luke 15:21] He would not

confess himself to be a sinner against heaven



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"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

February 9, 2020 Prodigal Son

THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL met on Wednesday to report on the state of financial matter at the Parish. It was reported that the Parish is finnacially sound and solvent with a sufficient reserve on hand, that the Parish is free of debt and that all current bills have been paid. We thank the three members of the Council for their love and caring oversight of our vibrant parish: Dr. John Solar, Ch. Zenny Martyniuk, and Father Pastor.

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED SATURDAY: Walter Ryan, son of Heather Ferris, East Norriton, PA; Lucas, son of Christopher and Nicole (Milburn) Evans, Bridgeport, PA; Lorenzo Joseph, son of Orlando and Genevieve (Grozinski) Rota, Schwenksville, PA. We all pray and rejoice today that the Lord Jesus Christ will bless these three angels and all their families with much love, good health and a strong faith in God-FOR MANY GOOD YEARS!

THE PARISH AUXILIARY will host the Upper Merion Rowing team for a fund-raising bingo game on Saturday, Feb. 29, and the Knights of Columbus for a Night at the Races fund-raiser on Saturday, March 7. For more information on these events, check with Becky Rotondo for the Rowers and Mark Kochanowsky for the races.

TO PREPARE THE HALL for all the upcoming spring events, we are putting together a work crew for Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9-12 noon. We will need a goodly group of strong and willing workers to sweep, mop and buff all the floors, as well as set the chairs and tables, so we INVITE the following fellows to report for duty: Bert and Jerry LeGendre, Steve and Andy Marchalick, Bill Maslayak, Shaun Timbario and brother-in-law, Yurij Khrotyak, Nick Rotondo and Eugene Dychdala. All workers will receive one coupon for a free baptism or wedding, whatever comes first!

RECEIPTS OF CHURCH DONATIONS IN 2019 can now be obtained from the parish office. These statements can be used for tax purposes or even one's personal accounting. Simply sign the register in the church basement. Father will produce a statement for you by the following week.

ALL PARISHIONERS are expected to have and use parish envelopes. Please check out the basement tables to take home the envelope boxes for your

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DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Ann and Mike Santangelo (Son Jimmy)
+John, Gloria and Sharon (The Grozinski Family)

Sunday, 9 am +Naida, Kulka, Lubinetsky Family (Orest and Ruslana)
+Walter Skrypec (Daughter Luba)

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Thursday, 7 am +Bridget Kovach (The Parish Auxiliary)

Friday, 7 am +Wasyl, Anastasia and Family (Bill and Bridget)

Saturday, 8 am +John Nicola (Son Joseph)

Saturday, 6 pm +Zenny martyniuk Sr., (The Martyniuk Family +Horace Hitchens (Maryellen and Family) Sunday, 9 am +George and Roman Dychdala (The Maruszczak Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR: When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, You

conquered hell with the splendor of Your divinity.

When You did raise up the dead from the subterranean abodes, the Powers of heaven cried out: "O Life-Giver Christ our God, glory be to You."

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK: I have foolishly estranged myself Your fatherly glory, and squandered the riches You gave me. I now repent

and beg You, Father, to take me back to Your loving embrace, amenn.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: My strength and song is the Lord, my salvation.