

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

Who Art in Heaven

These words I think have a very deep meaning. 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 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

if he were not convinced that the homeland he had left at the time of his going astray were not in actual fact heaven.

By this confession of his he makes himself 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 likeness to God.

*St. Gregory of Nyssa
On the Lord's Prayer*

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Slava Isusu Khristoo!

Feb. 12-13, 2022
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THIS WEEKEND we will livestream the Holy Liturgy on Saturday, the 12th at 6 pm. Next weekend we will send out the Liturgy on Sunday the 20th at 9 am. on the YOUTUBE platform. Be sure to inform all your relatives and friends about this tremendous opportunity to sing and pray with us in both English and Ukrainian.

THE OMICRON VIRUS is showing signs of lessening, but we still need to exercise caution. My visits this week to Paoli and Suburban Hospitals confirm these facts. So please continue to wear your mask in Church, particularly when receiving Holy Communion. Please take the Communion Cup to your pew, drop your mask and ingest the Sacred species. Leave the empty cup in the pew, so that we can dispose of it properly.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR ^{prayers} all our parish sickly and elderly folks, such as Earl Church, Tom Newmaster, Pat Pasquale, Dottie Dolgash, Lidia Dychdala, Alice Machita, as well as the newly deceased George Roman Baran. Perhaps a card, a prayer, a kind word...?

THE ROOFING PROJECT at the rectory has now been completed AND IT IS time to pay the \$10,000 bill. There is still time to donate toward this cause and we are so very grateful to all the folks who contributed for the new roof.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL is now in the spring semester, as we pray our students for the Easter Season and First Communion reception. To enroll your children in this program, simply punch up our parish website and fill out the registration form. We will contact you and invite you into the appropriate classroom. Remember: Our School is free and all for you!

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY for our dear Ukraine and all our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine, as they face the possible invasion of the Russian Army. Please Lord Jesus, grant our People Freedom and peace this day!

PLEASE CHECK OUT the beautiful 2022 church calendars and donation boxes in the church basement today. Feel free to take a calendar for your sister or brother, son or daughter. They are all free and for you!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 12, 6 pm	+Dorothy Saboe (Mary E. Hitchens)
Sunday, Feb. 13, 9 am	+Anita Chomiak (Russell Chomiak)
Saturday, Feb. 19, 6 pm	+Beatrice Okafor (Dawn Francis Fa.)
Sunday, Feb. 20. 9 am	Health of Dottie D. (Father Ronald)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

O Faithful, let us glorify the Word, Who with the Father and the Spirit has no beginning. He deigned to ascend the Holy Cross, suffer death, and to raise up the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE...

TODAYS KONTAK:

I have foolishly estranged myself from my Father, and I have squandered the riches he gave me. And so today I offer the prayer of the Prodigal Son: O Good Father, I have sinned against you. Take me back, as I repent, and make me one of Your servants, amen."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

O Lord, save Your people, bless Your Inheritance

PEACE! *R. Ronald*