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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Feb. 12, 2017

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| SAT. | 4:00 p.m. | Health & Blessings of Parishioners
& <i>First all Souls Service</i> | Page 152 & 216 |
| SUN | 10:30 a.m. | +George Hrun by GCU Lodge #164 | |
| MON. | 11:00 a.m. | No Liturgy | |
| TUE. | 11:00 a.m. | No Liturgy | |
| WED. | 11:00 a.m. | No Liturgy | |
| THU. | 11:00 a.m. | No Liturgy | |
| FRI. | 11:00 a.m. | No Liturgy | |



SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

Feb. 19, 2017

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| SAT. | 4:00 p.m. | Health & Blessings of Parishioners | Page 156 & 217 |
| SUN | 10:30 a.m. | +Joseph Leshnack by Mr. James Lyn | |

St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511
CONFESSIONS 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

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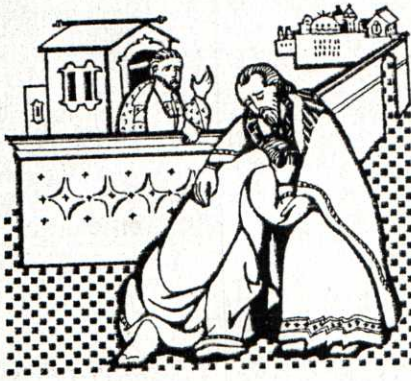
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| Feb. 12 | 9:00 a.m. | +Joseph Maty by wife, Margaret
& <i>First All Souls Service</i> |
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| Feb. 19 | 9:00 a.m. | Fidram & Popp Families by Frank Fidram |
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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

In preparing us for the Great Fast holy Church pointed out in the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee that the first step to conversion is humility. On this Sunday, she sets before us the example of the Prodigal Son to show us how one is converted to God. Where there is humility and sorrow of heart, there the door to God's mercy is opened.

Scripture scholars call the parable of the Prodigal Son the pearl of all the parables. It is unique for its deep moral content. Its dramatic story is being constantly repeated in the souls of millions throughout the world. The Prodigal Son is the symbol of every sinful soul. This parable clearly demonstrates that nothing on earth can satisfy our biting hunger and parching thirst for happiness. True happiness and peace is to be found only in God, our loving Father. Some exponents of the spiritual life also call this parable, the parable of God's love.

Anyone who alienates himself from God by sin and seeks happiness outside of God, sooner or later, will be forced to say with the Prodigal son: "I shall rise and go to my father." And with St. Augustine who was a prodigal son for many years, "Our heart is restless, O God, until it rests in you."

In the parable, Jesus Christ chooses the life of a wealthy family for His theme. The youngest of two sons wishes to leave his father's house to enjoy absolute freedom, to live a life according to the desires of his heart. And so, taking the portion of the inheritance that fell to him, he journeyed into a far-off country.

Under Jewish law the first-born or elder son received two thirds of the family estate, while the remaining third was divided among the other sons. In the parable there were only two sons; consequently, the youngest son received one third of the estate.

His first days away from home were great. He had continuous merrymaking becoming intoxicated with pleasure. Scarcely had he begun enjoying his unlimited freedom when his possessions, his friends and parties began to melt away like the spring snow. In addition to this, a famine devastated the country, and he was forced to tend the pigs. Thus, the rich young man who wished to live according to the desires of his heart became a despicable swineherd. He decided to return to his father's home. When his father sees him, he is moved with pity. He runs to his son, takes him into his arms and kisses him. He restores to him his former dignity.

The parable teaches us that God forgives and mercifully receives even the greatest sinners, if they repent and are sorry for their sins. The history of the human race is nothing but the history of God's mercy. "The mercy of the Lord is from eternity to eternity upon them that fear Him."

***HEAVEN WILL BE INHERITED BY EVERY MAN
WHO HAS HEAVEN IN HIS SOUL***

St. Mary's... Feb. 5, 2017
Offertory \$ 1,646.00

St. George. Feb. 5, 2017
Offertory..... \$160.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played *every Sun & Wed. at 6:45 p.m. WE ARE PLAYING A PROGRESSIVE PIGGY GAME AS WELL AS THE HOG GAME....*

Stop by for an evening of **FUN** and if you are getting the winter blues and would like to visit a warmer climate maybe we can help you out financially so come on down. **ALSO....** If you have a little free time on your hands Wed. or Sun. evenings please consider coming down to the hall and help out our dedicated workers.

G.C.U. FOUNDERS DAY

The meeting scheduled for today has been **POST-PONED** until March. Please watch the bulletin for the date.

CEMETERY CHAPEL NEWS

GOOD NEWS....Ground has been broken, cement has been poured, chapel has been delivered. By next week we hope to have it standing.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Included with this bulletin is the

annual report. If you have any questions please call the office. 792-1578

LOCK-IN RETREAT

For teenagers and young adults.....Sat. March 18 & 19 At St. Anne's Ukrainian Church 4310 Kirk Rd. \$25.00 Fee includes presentations, book, meals, T shirt and FUN.

Contact Deacon Myron Spak 412-303-9086 by March 5th

GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST

Please remember in your prayers Mrs. Helen Rinko who passed on to her eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial service for the repose of her soul was held Tuesday. Interment being at Resurrection Cemetery.

ALSO....Please remember in your prayers Mr. Michael Kovach who passed on to his eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial service for the repose of his soul was held Wednesday. Interment being at St. John Cemetery.

Grant Eternal Rest O Lord to your servants, Helen & Michael and remember them forever. Vicnaja pamjat!

THANK YOU

To Fr. Dave Shortt who will be celebrating the Liturgies while Fr. Richard is out of town.