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Of Youngstown's West side

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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

Feb. 5, 2017

- SAT. 4:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- SUN 10:30 a.m. +Delores Moliterno by cousin, Fr. Richard
- MON. 11:00 a.m. +Helen Chrash by Friends
- TUE. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
- WED. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Stephen Ilko by Mother, Martha
- THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
- FRI. 11:00 a.m. +Ann Marie Metz by David Dorus

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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Feb. 12, 2017

- SAT. 4:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
& *First All Souls Saturday*
- SUN. 10.30 a.m. Intention of GCU Founders & Benefactors

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St. George

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

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- Feb. 5 9:00 a.m. +Kraig Kostyo by Mrs. Elsie Kostyo

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- Feb. 12 9:00 a.m. +Joseph Maty by wife, Margaret



PARABLE OF PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

In teaching the people, Jesus frequently used parables. These are stories that, in clean and simple terms, communicated a moral, truth or virtue to the people.



The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee received its name from the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee, recorded in the Gospel of St. Luke (18:10-14). In this parable, Jesus Christ gives us two contrasts: the proud Pharisee and the humble Publican. Using these two types, He points out the ugliness of pride and the significance of humility.

The parable portrays a typical Pharisee, although he came to the temple to pray, he praised, not God but himself. He does not ask to pardon his sins. On the contrary, being sure of his righteousness, he even thanks God that he is not a sinner. He brags about his fasting and the tithes he gives to the temple of God., while at the same time, he looks down upon the Publican as upon a great sinner.

The Publican, conscious of his own sinfulness, does not even dare raise his eyes to heaven, but prays humbly and strikes his breast, saying: *“God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”* His short prayer, full of sorrow and humility, remains to this day, a most beautiful and sincere act of sorrow for our sins.

Jesus ends this parable with the words: “I tell you, this man went back to his home justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.”

This parable teaches us clearly that God does not look at the person or his position in life, but at the person’s heart and soul. “God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.” God rejected the prayer of the arrogant Pharisee but heard the prayer of the humble Publican. Pride is the greatest obstacle to conversion and penance, while humility is the beginning of true conversion and the foundation of sincere penance and fasting.

For this reason the Church desires that as we approach the Great Fast we prepare ourselves for it with great humility, mindful of our sinfulness, for only then will we experience compunction of heart and possess the courage and goodwill to undertake fasting and penance. Without humility there is no conversion, no sorrow for sin, and no return to God.

Let us run from the words of the boastful Pharisee, and learn the humility of the Publican,
GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER.

St. Mary's... Jan.29, 2017
Offertory \$ 1,144.00

St. George. Jan. 29, 2017
Offertory..... \$1,165.00

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. *..they will greet you with open arms.*

LITURGY REQUEST

St. Mary's & St. George

...Please call the office 792-1578 if you would like to schedule liturgies for the New Year.

ALL SOULS HRAMOTY

The All Souls envelopes are in with your Jan. envelopes. If you would like your loved ones remembered at these liturgies please fill out the envelope and drop in the collection basket. **PLEASE NOTE....**Disregard the dates published in last week's

bulletin for the All Souls Saturdays. Please watch your weekly bulletin for the dates that they will be scheduled.

G.C.U. NATIONAL JUNIOR BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Is open to boys and girls 5- 18 years of age. GCU and non-GCU youth are invited from affiliated Byzantine Churches.

Date: March 26, 2017 at Camelot Lanes, Boardman Canfield Rd.

Sign in time is 12:30 p.m.

There is **NO CHARGE**. Food, beverage and awards will follow.

Applications are in the vestibule.

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G.C.U. FOUNDERS DAY

G C.U. Lodge #164 will hold their **ANNUAL** Founders Day celebration Feb. 12th following the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. A Brunch will be held in our Social Room. All Members and their guests as well as parishioners who are interested in joining the Lodge are invited to attend.

CEMETERY CHAPEL NEWS

GOOD NEWS....Ground has been broken, cement has been poured, next step will be the delivery of our Chapel. Within the next two weeks we hope to have it standing.

PLEASE NOTE....This Fri. Feb. 10 is FREE FRIDAY... NO ABSTINENCE.