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## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

Jan. 21, 2018

SAT. 4:00 p.m. +Andrew & Virginia Fabian by sister, Mary Brown  
 SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners & Prayer Line Members

MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 11:00 a.m. +Helen Rinko by sister, Betty

WED. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

THU. 11:00 a.m. +George Simko by wife, Millie

FRI. 11:00 a.m. +John Hrebovcin by Eleanor Hnat

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## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Jan. 28, 2018

SAT. 4:00 p.m. +Ann Leson by Karen Muransky  
 SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Mary Roman by Karen Danko Cremeans

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# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

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Jan. 21 9:00 a.m. +Michael Kovach Sr. by sister, Jean Kana & Family

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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Jan 28 9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners



## 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.***

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*Offertory...\$1,141.00*

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*St. George....1/14/2018*  
*Offertory.... \$ 275.00*

## SOCIAL GAMES



Games are played every Sunday and Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Come out and play our Progressive Piggy Pull Tab game, The Hog Game, and The Pig Game. You do not want to miss out on all the Great Prizes !

**ALSO...** If you have a little free time on Wed or Sun. evening please consider coming down and lend your fellow parishioners a hand.... A few halls have discontinued their Bingo sessions, therefore we are getting even larger crowds. Your help will be GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

## CHURCH HISTORY REQUEST

We continue asking for your help in compiling info for our records.  
**THANKS...Paul & Liz Andraso**  
*for helping us record historical info for The Gary Family.*

**This week** we are looking for anyone related to, friends with, or who knew Stephen Jewesak, Olga & Gabriel Chockey, & Patricia Shives. If you have any info or memories of this Family, please

contact Dave Ragan 614 370 0221  
or Linda 792-1578.

## ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

You should have received an envelope for All Souls with your Jan. envelopes. If you would like your loved ones remembered at these liturgies please fill out envelope and drop in basket. Only first names are mentioned. The First liturgy will be held Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with Encounter of our Lord with Simeon Feast Day at 11:00 a.m. The Second one will be held Fri. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. during the Presanctified Liturgy. The Third will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The Fourth will be held March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. during the Presanctified Liturgy.

## GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST

Please remember in your prayers Mrs. Rita Strohmeyer who passed on to her eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial Service for the repose of her soul was held Friday. Interment being at our cemetery.

**ALSO** Please remember Mr. Robert Kovacs, former parishioner of St. Mary's and Esther Klapack, GCU District officer in your prayers who passed on to their eternal reward. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servants, Rita, Robert & Esther and remember them forever. Vicnaja Pamjat !