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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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MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. THREE HOLY HIERARCHS

11:00 a.m. +Edward Olbrych by daughter, Laurene & son, Anthony

WED. 11:00 a.m. +Robert Hnat Sr. by Jerome & Glenda Blasko

THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON

First All Souls Service for Deceased loved Ones & Blessing of Candles

11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Rosary Society Members



SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

Feb. 4, 2018

SAT. 4:00 p.m. +Peggy Hripko by Atty. & Mrs. Paul Giba

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SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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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...1/21/2018
Offertory...\$1,004.00

St. George....1/21/2018
Offertory.... \$ 648.00

SOCIAL GAMES
FRIEND US ON
FACE BOOK

Games are played every Sunday and Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. We are also now **PLAYING THE NEWEST GAME IN TOWN "High Horse."** 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.

This week we are looking for anyone related to, friends with, or who **knew KOHUT FAMILY MEMBERS, MICHAEL, STEPHEN, & JOHN** If you have any info, please contact Dave Ragan 614 370 0221 or Linda 792-1578.

ALL SOULS SATURDAY
The First liturgy will be held Feb.

2nd in conjunction with Encounter of our Lord with Simeon Feast Day at 11:00 a.m.

SOCIETY OF ST. JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM

Meeting Tues. Jan. 30th 7-9 p.m at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted. Speaker is Fr. Vit Fiala. All are invited to attend.

BLESSED CANDLES

Candles will be blessed after Liturgy on Fri. If you like you my purchase them.

GCU FOUNDERS DAY

G.C.U. Lodge #164 will hold their Annual Founders Day Celebration Feb. 11th following the 10:30 a.m Liturgy. A Brunch will be held in our Social room. All members and Parishioners interested in joining the Lodge are invited to attend.

SOUP & SANDWICH

Lent is upon us and we will once again be having soup/sandwich every Wednesday following Presanctified Liturgy. If you would like to come lend a hand in preparing lunches please call the office 792-1578. Donations are accepted and all proceeds will go to Sisters of St. Basil and will be matched by GCU.

CCD CLASSES

Classes resume Tues. Feb. 6th at 6:30 p.m at Byzantine Center at The Grove. Hope to see you there.