

Welcome to our Parish

Come and join us daily for the Divine Liturgy in the Chapel located just south of the narthex. Or stop by for a prayer before going to work. The church is open at 7:30 am. Confessions at about 8:30 am till 10 minutes before the service.

Come and join our daily prayer group.

DIVINE LITURGIES, SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 1/23	No Divine Liturgy
Sun 1/24	SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON & TONE 2, P. 130 & 216
9:30 am	Confessions
9:40 am	THE THIRD HOUR
10:00 am	For members of our parish +Helen Stasiuk by the Bole Family (Fr. George Vida)
ECF Classes after the Liturgy	
Mon 1/25	Father Gregory the Theologian, p.
9:00 am	God's Blessing on Susan Kanjer
Tue 1/26	Venerable Father Xenophna & Wife Mary, p.
9:00 am	God's Blessing on Cole Harter
Wed 1/27	Translation of the Relics of John Chrysostom, p.
9:00 am	God's Blessing on Mark, Theresa & Julie by Kay Terry
Thu 1/28	NO DIVINE LITURGY Father is not available
Fri 1/29	FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY BISHOPS, BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, simple holy day, p.
9:00 am	+Helen Kim by Moon Gilbert
Sat 1/30	FIRST ALL SOULS SATURDAY
9:00 am	Divine Liturgy with the Panachida and the Reading of the Names of our Deceased.
Sun 1/31	SUNDAY OF MEATFARE & Tone 3, p.
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am	Confessions
10:00 am	For members of our parish family
ECF Classes after the Liturgy	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Chet Vogel, Cole Webb Harter, Fr. Marcus Gomori, Ruth Terry, Adrian Flores & Veronica Navarette, Colton Oschmann, Jessica Kanenbley, Judy Livingston, Bob & Rita Pipta, Marilu Krofchik, Margaret Bevins, Stella Navarette, Nicholas Moyta, Jean Anderson, Betty Perebzak, David, the brother of Marilyn Cooper, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Ron Lowery & Family, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin, Kay Weil, Janet Lambert, and Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant, Ethan McArthur. For the immigrants escaping the horrors of war in their home country.



HOLY WATER is always available for the faithful in the narthex of the church.

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

Eternal Light:

Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock

Icon of our Lord

+Evdokiya Obushko by Charles & Tanya Johnson

Intention for Kay Terry

Icon of the Theotokos

Tony, Nicolas & Dea by Kay Terry

Thanksgiving for Betty Bohner

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS FOR 2016 we have 5 All Souls Saturdays on which we commemorate by name our beloved deceased.

The dates for this year are: **January 30** (Saturday before Sunday of Meatfare), February 20, February 27, March 5 (3 Saturdays during the Great Fast) and May 14 (the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday).

Please use the special card in your Budget Envelope Sets or the one on the back of this bulletin to print out your last name on the top of the card and only the first names of the deceased you want to remember and place the card and the envelope in the Sunday collection basket or give it to Father. The donation for the All Souls is given to the pastor. **DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES: JANUARY 27.**

The names are read during the Panachida after the All Souls Memorial Liturgy.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
PARISH ADVISORY BOARD**

Beth Gath, Marya Weil, Jan Washicko, John Sheftic, Bruce Terry, Helen Malinick and Stephen Kopko.

FINANCIAL BOARD: Andy Spisak, Stephen Kopko and Robert Erickson.

READERS & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE *for more information contact Robert Pipta*

TODAY 3rd Hour 9:40 am
Steve Kopko 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
1/31/16 REHEARSAL 9:00 - 9:45 am

**Parish Calendar
& Upcoming Events**

1/27 Wednesday—*deadline for the All Souls List for Publication.*

1/30 FIRST ALL SOULS SATURDAY

9:00 am Saturday Liturgy with the Reading of the Names of our Deceased (*Did you update your list for remembrance?*)

1/31 Sunday Parish Advisory Meeting after the 10:00am Parish Liturgy.

MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON & ANNA-Solemn Holy Day

2/1 Monday 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy
2/2 Tuesday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

2/7 Sunday-FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

50/50 Grand Monthly Raffle Drawing

FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST

2/8 Monday Strict Fast—no meat of dairy products.
7:30 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, ANAHEIM, CA. February 26-28

The largest Religious Education Congress will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center. Our Eparchy will have an exhibitors booth in the Convention Center.

Very Rev. David M. Petras will be a co-presenter with Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith on "The Importance and beauty of the Eastern Catholic Churches". This workshop will be held on Friday, February 26th. In addition to our presence as Eastern Catholics, on Saturday, February 27th at 5:15 pm, Rt. Rev. Aphram Mushe will celebrate the Syriac Divine Liturgy.

"50/50 Raffle will run every month with drawings on the 1st of the following month. As usual, every week in January tickets will be sold in the Parish Hall at \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets and the drawing will be held the 1st Sunday in February 7th. The only exception is that 50/50 tickets will not be sold during fundraising luncheons. See Anne Voytilla for more information.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT January 17

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 100 Souls
Adult Tithes : \$2,539.00
Youth Tithes: \$8.67
Holy days: \$730.00
Principle Mortgage Reduction: \$15,095.00
Candles: \$159.00
Luncheon/sponsor: \$284.23
Jams & Jellies: \$40.00
Recycling: \$7.80

****Special Thank you** to our members who have made special pledges to reduce the principle on our mortgage. Fr. Wes (Eparchial Economist) from the chancery told Father this week that a couple of the parishes that have backed our loan are writing off the loans to help us. We will see this soon. What a blessing.

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish. We accept credit and debit cards by way The Square. Your receipts are e-mailed. We appreciate your comments.

Special Petitions for Respect Life

God, our heavenly Father, Creator of all human life, we adore You and worship You. You create all people in Your image and likeness. May we, Your people, dedicate ourselves to defending the pre-born, the terminally ill, the disabled and all those threatened by the culture of death from all seen and unseen evil, we pray you hear us and have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy. (3x)

God, our heavenly Father, Author of all life, help us to always respect all human life, from conception to natural death. Let your Most Holy Spirit enlighten the minds and open the hearts of those who do not fully respect all human life according to Your will. Reveal Your loving presence to expectant mothers who experience fear, doubt, isolation and confusion. Lighten their burdens. Grant them guidance, reassurance and peace by Your grace, we pray you hear us and have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy. (3x)

We also pray for those who are despondent because of age or illness; especially for those tempted to end their lives; for all who are alone and afraid: for those who sit on death row; for single mothers feeling abandoned by all: that our heavenly Father would grant them the patient endurance to do His will, we pray You, hear us and graciously have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Who Art in Heaven By St. Gregory of Nyssa

On the Lord's Prayer, 2 (PG 44, 1144)

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 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.*****

THE WASTREL SON: *By Archimandrite Ephrem*

As familiar, perhaps as the "Prodigal Son" - to the extent that there are people who think "prodigal" means something to do with being a long lost son whose return is welcome! Interesting that he is a wastrel, a spendthrift, a young man who marches off into the world with his half of the inheritance from his father in his pocket or in his bank account, and then is heard no more of until he is reduced to the rock bottom of his existence, and has nowhere to turn nowhere save home.

He becomes the true model of repentance. metanoia , the mind-shift, conversion the reversal, the turning, the return. Jewish tradition and Eastern tradition coincide in seeing the turning as a whole lifetime's work. We say of a holy monk who has died "He truly repented!" And where does the journey home start? In the desolation I have made of my own life:

the place where I find myself, empty-handed, impoverished, my talents squandered, my opportunities lost... and home long forgotten. And in that moment of painful self-discovery I also discover what home is, what it is to have parents to turn to. No doubt the road from home to Desolation Comer was littered with little acts of repentance, moments of self-accusation, flickering good intentions, hours of remorse (washed down with the sweet wines of oblivion...) But only with nowhere else to turn does the wastrel set out for home. Repentance is his last resort - and still his father kills the fatted calf to welcome him, sets a ring on his finger, organizes a feast, glows with joy until the solid, reliable, sensible brother who has stayed at home working at his father's side protests ... and his protest is just... but his father's response pours from his heart "My son was dead and he is alive!" Justice and fairness are lost in grace and joy. And all the wastrel did was go home... On Luke XV 12, two comments from the Fathers...John Chrysostom says: NOW the Scripture says that the father divided equally between his two sons his substance, that is, the knowledge of good and evil. which is a true and everlasting possession to the soul that uses it well. The substance of reason which flows from God to men at their earliest birth, is given equally to all who come into this world, but after the intercourse that follows, each one is found to possess more or less of the substance; since one believing that which he has received to be from his father, preserves it as his patrimony, another abuses it as something that may be wasted away, by the liberty of his own possession. But the freedom of will is shewn in that the father neither kept back the son who wished to depart, nor forced the other to go that desired to remain, lest he should seem rather the author of the evil that followed. But the youngest son went afar off, not by changing his place, but by turning aside his heart. Hence it follows, He took a journey into afar country. Ambrose says. on the same verse:

For what is more afar off than to depart from one's self; to be separate not by country but by habits. For he who severs himself from Christ is an exile from his country, and a citizen of this world. Fitly then does he waste his patrimony who departs from the Church.