

Glory to Jesus Christ!

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## 1 February 2015: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

*Pre-festive Day of the Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna*

*The Holy Martyr Tryphon*

### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Jan 31 5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil + *Daniel Teminsky by his wife Katherine*

Sun. Feb. 01 10:30 AM: Sunday of the Prodigal Son: *pro populo Dei*

Mon.Feb. 02 7:00 PM: Encounter of Lord with Simeon and Anna in the Temple  
+ *Kathleen Snitzer by Margaret Hulyk*

Sat. Feb. 7 9:30 AM: **First All Souls' Saturday**

Sat. Feb. 7 5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil – *Health and welfare of Tina Osif by her parents*

Sun. Feb. 8 10:30 AM: *pro populo Dei*

Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat. Jan 31 ----- J.H. Krynicky R. Gaber, D. Mihalko

Sun. Feb. 01 E. R. & A. Hess J. Hess D. Hess, G. Krynicky

Mon. Feb. 02 T. & M. Syphan Tom Tomosky Any two present

Sat. Feb. 7 ----- J. Kontir J. Snitzer, R. Garber

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Sun. Feb. 8 Ruggieri / Syphan B. Chirdon J. Overdorff, G. Krynicky

**1 / 11 / 15** Adult: \$755.00 Initial Off: \$5.00; Fuel Oil: \$220.00

**Collection:** Candles: \$61.00 Student: \$9.00; **Total: \$1050.00**

**Attendance:** Saturday: 20 Sunday: 43 **Total: 63 +**

8 Visitors

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**From the Triodion:** «Let us strive to imitate the virtues of the Pharisee and let us follow the humble path of the Publican. In each of them let us hate excessive pride and the weight of sin.» «The Pharisee thought he would race swiftly on the chariot of virtues; but the Publican outran him on foot by yoking humility with compassion.»

This coming week culminates with the **Sunday of the Last Judgment**. In the words of *The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete*: «The end draws near, my soul, the end draws near; yet you do not care or make ready. The time grows short, rise up: the Judge is at the door. The days of our life pass swiftly, as a dream, as a flower.» This Sunday places before us the eschatological dimension of the Great Fast, namely a

preparation for the Second Coming of Christ, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come. This week is also known as Meatfare or Carnival Week when, on Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>, we say «**farwell to meat**» at meal time until Pascha. *Carnival* is thought to be derived from the Latin: **carnis** (meat) + **vale** (farewell).

**ALL SOULS' SATURDAYS:** On the day before the Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-fare Sunday) and in close connection with the theme of this Sunday, there is a universal commemoration of the dead «*from all the ages*». Before we call to mind the Second Coming of Christ in the services on Sunday, we commend to God all those departed before us, who are now awaiting the Last Judgment. In the texts for this Saturday there is a strong sense of the continuing bond of mutual love that links together all the members of the Church, whether alive or dead. For those who believe in the risen Christ, death does not constitute an impassable barrier, since all are alive in Him; the departed are still our brethren, members of the same family with us, and so we are conscious of the need to pray insistently on their behalf.» *from the Lenten Triodion of Mother Mary and Metropolitan Kallistos*



**FUNERALS DURING THE GREAT FAST:** Since the fourth century, at the Council of Laodicea (Canon 49), it has been the tradition of the Constantinopolitan Churches that the full celebration of the Eucharist, being always a festive and triumphant event, is felt to be inconsistent with the austerity of the weekday Lenten Fast. Accordingly the Divine Liturgies of Saints John Chrysostom and Basil the Great may **NOT** be celebrated; Monday through Friday, therefore, are known as **aliturghical days** – days without liturgy. In the event of a funeral, the Parastas and Panachida are still served at the Funeral Home as is customary, but the Funeral of a Lay Person **w/out** Divine Liturgy is served in the Church. Suffrages for the faithful departed one will be scheduled for the closest Sunday Divine Liturgy.

### Next Sunday's Readings ~ Sunday of the Last Judgment

**Epistle, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 8:8 – 9:2** *Food offered to Idols*

**Gospel, Matthew 25: 31 – 46** *The Judgment of the Nations*

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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **Metropolitan urges prayer that peace prevail in our imperfect world.** In the wake of yet more acts of terror throughout the world, from the high-profile murders of 17 in Paris, France to the reported slaughter of over 2,000 in Baga, Nigeria just days after the French tragedy, Metropolitan William calls upon the faithful of the Metropolitan Church to pray for all victims of violence and their families: «*Pray to our Lord, the Author of Life, that peace and understanding will prevail over hatred and intolerance within the hearts of those who seek to destroy the diversity of this good yet imperfect world in which we live.*»
- **Mr. Walter Furwa** was admitted to Latrobe Hospital this past week. Kindly remember him and all our sick and homebound parishioners in your daily prayers.

- **FORGIVENESS VESPERS** will be served at **16:00 on Sunday, 15 February** followed by a meager meal in the Church basement. The **GREAT FAST** begins with **Clean Monday, 16 February**, a day of **STRICT FAST** (no meat or dairy products). The **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served on **Clean Monday** and on all **Wednesdays** during the Great Fast at **19:00**.
- **«BENEATH YOUR PROTECTION»** The past few weeks our choir has been singing the **«B setting, p. 454»** of this Marian hymn intercalated with **«Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, p. 452»** in your pew books. Please feel free to sing with them. Starting with the Great Fast, the choir will introduce the **«A setting, p. 454»** which is more contemplative in melody.
- **VOLUNTEER SIGN – UP SHEETS** are now located in the Narthex for the following needs of our church: Bingo Workers, *Maintenance Workers*, Pierogi / Pastry Workers, and *Church Cleaners*.
- **THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH YOUTH GROUP** for recently purchasing a new battery for the tractor and a walk-behind salter to help with snow and ice removal. The annual youth group Christmas celebration took place shortly after Russian Christmas of 7 January (old calendar) starting with snow tubing at Hidden Valley followed by dinner at Laurel Mountain Inn. After dinner **Eric Hess**, president of the group, passed out gifts to all. An excellent and jubilant time was had by everyone. Father enjoys very much his Pittsburgh Penguin jersey.