

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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09 February 2014: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee
Otdanije (leave-taking) of the Encounter. The Holy Martyr Nicephor

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Feb.	08	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil		
			+ Richard Spirko requested by MaryAnn & Edmund Davis		
Sun.	Feb.	09	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee: pro populo		
Sat.	Feb.	15	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil		
			+John Brehun requested by Mary Lezo		
Sun.	Feb.	16	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Prodigal Son: pro populo		
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			<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Feb.	08	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	R. Garber, J. Snitzer
Sun.	Feb.	09	D. Cianciotti	S. Vacha	G. Krynicky, C. Cianciotti
Sat.	Feb.	15	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Feb.	16	E. & R. Hess	A. Syphan	J. Overdorff, J. Knouse
02/02/14 Collection:			Adult \$1300; Candles \$68;	Initial Offering \$14; Fuel Oil \$100;	Student \$12; Total: \$1494.00
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Publican is derived from the Latin *publicanus* and signifies a member or employee of the Roman financial companies [usually of the equestrian order] who farmed the taxes. From the time of the Republic the Roman State relieved itself of the trouble of collecting the taxes in the provinces by putting up the taxes of each in a lump sum to auction [off to a middle-man]. The highest bidder received the authorization to extort the sum from the province in question. Such a system afforded ample opportunity for rapacious exactions on the part of the company and its officials, and the abuses were often intolerable. On account of these, and more, perhaps, because of the natural though powerless Jewish hatred of Roman supremacy, Jews who found it profitable to serve the foreign rulers were objects of execration to their countrymen. In the Gospel narrative we find them as a class habitually coupled with "sinners" and the "heathen". The attitude of Christ towards this, as well as other despised classes, was that of an



uplifting sympathy. One great reproach cast upon Him by His enemies was His friendship for and association with publicans and sinners; and consistent with this conduct, it pleased Him to choose as one of the twelve Apostles Levi or Matthew the Publican.

Slightly adapted from <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12553d.htm>

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 ~ *Glorify God in Your Body*
Gospel, Luke 15:11-32 ~ *Return from a Distant Country, the Prodigal Son*



NO FASTING! During this coming week between the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee and that of the Prodigal Son, there is a general dispensation from all fasting. Meat and animal products may be eaten even on Wednesday and Friday.



The First "All Souls' Saturday" of 2014 is February 22. Use the February 2nd envelope marked for "All Souls" listing on the front the departed to be remembered. The Divine Liturgy, followed by a Panachida w/ Kollyva, will be served at **9:30 am** that day. Make checks payable to Father Paul-Alexander Shutt, not St. Mary Church.

IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO FORGIVE: in preparation for the GREAT FAST - **Forgiveness Vespers w/ Meager Meal** will be served on **Sunday afternoon, 2 March, at 4:00 pm**, followed by our first Lenten meal of bread and soup. This service brings the period of pre-Lenten preparation to an end and at the same time, at the singing of the Great Prokeimenon, transitions us into the Great Fast. Vespers concludes with the Rite of Mutual Forgiveness and is the first service of Great Lent. **ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE NO NEED OF FORGIVENESS MAY BE ABSENT FROM THE LITURGY!** Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that we know how much food to prepare.



CLEAN MONDAY – March 3 – is the first full day of the Great Fast and refers to the leaving behind of sinful attitudes at the previous evening's Forgiveness Vespers and the abstaining from non-fasting foods. The theme of Clean Monday is set by the Old Testament reading appointed for the Sixth Hour on this day (Isaiah 1:1-20), which says in part:

Wash yourselves and ye shall be clean; put away the wicked ways from your souls before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well. Seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, consider the fatherless, and plead for the widow. Come then, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them white as snow; and though they be red like crimson, I will make them white as wool.



~ **Announcements** ~

- **JOSIE FUND:** A most generous donation has been given to the ECF programme by the Urbanowski families in memory of Josie Urbanowski. These funds are used to provide for the catechetical needs of our parish youth in their Eastern Christian Formation. This is the third year that the various families have so munificently come together to honor Josie and her desire to see that the catechetical programme at St. Mary remain dynamic.

~ *February Birthdays* ~

We wish the following parishioners many blessings on their birthday.

Remember them in your prayers on their special day.

02 – Ronald Dinsmore
03 – Eric Hess
08 – Mary Ann Davis
10 – Michael Kakos
10 – Susan Vacha
13 – Donna Fullman



18 – Tina Osif
21 – Dolores Harhai
21 – Barbara Fignar
27 – Joan Boytim
29 – Lisa Cianciotti
29 – Allyson Dinsmore