

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!  
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## 29 January, 2012: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

*Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop and Martyr Ignatius of Antioch.*

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Sat. Jan. 28 **5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil**  
+ Virginia Muchoney requested by Ron & Anna May Somers
- Sun. Jan. 29 **10:30 AM: Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee:** For Our Parishioners
- Thurs. Feb. 2 7:00 PM: The Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna**  
+ Rose Olenchock requested by St. Mary's Youth Group
- Sat. Feb. 4 **5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil w/ Mirovanije**  
+ Nancy Skapura requested by Catholic Daughters of America,  
Court St. Florian # 2240
- Sun. Feb. 5 **10:30 AM: Sunday of the Prodigal Son:** For Our Parishioners  
W/ Mirovanije

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		<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Jan. 28	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Kontir, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Jan. 29	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	J. Overdorff, G. Krynicky
Thurs.	Feb. 2	Any present	M. Hulyk	Any 2 present
Sat.	Feb. 4	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun.	Feb. 5	E. Hess	L. Knouse	D. Hess, C. Cianciotti

**Collection:** 01/22/12: Adult \$ 730; Student \$ 4; Candles \$ 37; Fuel \$ 20; **Total: \$ 791**

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### ~ Candles in the Eastern Church ~



Over the centuries it has become a venerable tradition in our Holy Church to bless candles for the feast of the Meeting-Encounter of Our Lord. Candles made of beeswax are used in the Eastern Church as a form of sacrifice and devotion. They are used in various Divine Services and ceremonies and are symbolic of Christ, who is "the Light of the World." According to a different symbolism, the two elements of a candle represent the two natures of Christ: the Divine (the burning wick) and the Human (the wax body). The great interpreter of the Divine

Liturgy, our venerable father Simeon of Thessalonica (XV century), said that pure wax also symbolizes the purity and innocence of people offering it. The wax is offered as a sign of our repentance for our obstinacy and willfulness. The softness and malleability of the wax speak of our readiness to obey God. The flame of the candle shows the warmth of love to God.

Candles are indispensable during our Divine Services. During the celebration of the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation the newly baptized receives a candle. The burial service is read in the presence of many burning candles. For the faithful who come to Church, buying a candle is a small sacrifice to God, a sacrifice which is voluntary and not burdensome. Remember that a big and expensive candle is not more gracious than a small one. When we come to Church we should not just put up a candle just for the sake of the ritual, with our heart remaining cold. The outward action must be supported by a prayer, be it even a simple one expressed in your own words.

Your candle as a sacrifice is pleasing to God. But He appreciates the burning ardor of your heart much more. Our spiritual life and participation in Divine Services cannot be limited to putting up a candle. The candle itself would not deliver us from sins, would not bring us closer to God, neither will it give us strength for resistance in the invisible battle. A candle is full of symbolic meaning, but we are saved not by a symbol, but by a real entity which is God's grace. Amen.



#### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **The First All Souls Saturday is on February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please turn in the names of your beloved departed so that they may be remembered in the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy that day.
- *Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose for the soul of the departed servant of God **Richard Spirko** who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday evening. A Funeral Divine Liturgy will be served Monday morning at 10:00 here in our church. Fr. Christopher Burke will concelebrate and offer the funeral homily. **Вичная Память!***
- **The 2011 Parishioner Contribution Forms are being totaled & the 2011 Financial Report is being compiled.**
- Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has officially appointed **Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D.** Metropolitan Archbishop of the Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Upon Bishop William's enthronement on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, his name will then be included in the various litanies of the Divine Liturgy.
- **~~ Capo Lano's Pizzeria~~** A new restaurant found in the Wildcat Commons, 205 Colony Lane, Latrobe, is a Christian owned and operated restaurant. It is open 7 days a week with daily specials. Call 724-532-5555 for orders or go to [www.capolanos.com](http://www.capolanos.com).

The **Lenten Triodion** is the service book of the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches that provides the texts for the divine services for the pre-Lenten weeks of preparation, Great Lent, and Holy Week. In Greek and Slavonic it is simply called the **Triodion** (Τριώδιον / Постная Трїодь ) and is called this because the canons appointed for Matins during this period are composed of **three odes** each.

The weeks of preparation, and especially the Sunday gospel readings, serve to exercise the **mind**, whereas the fasting of Great Lent focuses on the **body**, and Holy Week's services exercise the **spirit**. The Church eases us into the Lenten fasting discipline during this period.

- The week following the Sunday of the **Publican and Pharisee** is fast-free.
- The week following the **Prodigal Son** is a normal week: we fast as usual on Wednesday and Friday.
- In the week following **Meatfare Sunday**, no meat is eaten; eggs, fish, and dairy are permitted on any day.
- **Forgiveness Sunday** brings the period of preparation to an end. The next day, *Clean Monday*, begins Great Lent. The Vespers service served on the evening of Forgiveness Sunday includes the **Rite of Mutual Forgiveness** and is the first service of Great Lent.

