

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**  
**Слава Иисусу Христу!**

**St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church**  
**4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Glory Forever!**  
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**Confessions:**  
**Saturday** 4 – 4:30 PM  
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## 5 February, 2012: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

*Postfestive Day of the Encounter. The Holy Martyr Agatha*

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Feb.	4	<b>5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil</b> w/ Mirovanije <i>+ Nancy Skapura requested by Catholic Daughters of America, Court St. Florian # 2240</i>
Sun.	Feb.	5	<b>10:30 AM: Sunday of the Prodigal Son:</b> For Our Parishioners w/ Mirovanije
Sat.	Feb.	11	<b>9:00 AM, First All Souls' Saturday</b> <b>5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil</b> <i>+ Andrew &amp; Helen Cholock requested by Barbara &amp; Jerry Chirdon</i>
Sun.	Feb.	12	<b>10:30 AM: Sunday of Meat Fare:</b> For Our Parishioners
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			<b><u>Acolytes</u></b> <b><u>Readers</u></b> <b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Sat.	Feb.	4	M. Mihalko                      D. Cholock                      J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun.	Feb.	5	E. Hess                              L. Knouse                      D. Hess, C. Cianciotti
Sat.	Feb.	11	M. Mihalko                      B. Chirdon                      J. Kontir, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Feb.	12	D. Cianciotti                      S. Vacha                      D. & C. Cianciotti

**Collection:** 01/29/12: Adult \$ 812; Student \$ 4; Candles \$ 45; **Total: \$ 861**

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**Forgiveness Vespers** will be served on **Sunday evening, 19 February** at **7:00pm**. 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. Jesus began His public ministry by announcing to all who would listen: «**REPENT**, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand». Christ's first directive to His disciples after His resurrection was to give them the authority to **FORGIVE SINS** or to hold them bound. It is impossible to enter into the bright sadness of the Great Fast without first asking others to **forgive** us and in turn bestowing **forgiveness** on them who seek our **forgiveness!!! All parishioners**, young and old, who wish to make the best possible start to their Lenten journey, should make every sincere effort to attend this beautiful liturgy.

I have sown sin in a land of innocence and life and have harvested the ears of thoughtlessness. I have gathered my actions into bundles of sheaves, but have not placed them on the threshing floor of repentance. And now I pray to You, O my God, for You are the pre-eternal tiller of our fields: with the breath of Your loving kindness, winnow the grain of my actions, feed my soul with Your grace and forgiveness, gather me into Your heavenly granaries and save me.

From what blessings have I been deprived in my wretchedness, from what kingdom have I been exiled! I squandered the treasure that I received from You, and I have wandered far from your law. Alas, O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the eternal fire; but before the end cry out to Christ our God: Receive me, O Lord, as the Prodigal Son, and have mercy on me.

*Stichera at Psalm 140 at Vespers*

The final day (Otdanije) of the feast of the Encounter  
of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is  
Thursday, 9 February.



~ 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.
- **In Memoriam of Frank & Elizabeth Burke**: Because of Fr. Chris' many years of service to this parish, it only seems proper for us to express our collective condolences to him on the recent deaths of his parents. To that end, donations will be accepted towards a memorial gift. If you would like to participate in this, please place your cash donation or check made payable to Rev. Christopher Burke in one of your "Special" envelopes and send it to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket.
- Thank you to Virginia Schachte, Jennifer Fullman, and Mary Ann Kontir for donating cakes to this week's bingo.
- Special Thanks to the **Richard Urbanowski family** for their donation of \$1300 to the "Josie Fund" to be used for the religious education of our children.
- **Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania** is an ecumenical organization serving 10 counties, 26 Christian faith traditions, 2000 congregations and 1,000,000 Christian members and strives to be a unifying voice in the Name of Jesus Christ for the mission of His gospel and the wholeness of communities. For more information about the many programmes sponsored by CASP, consult them on the web at [www.casp.org](http://www.casp.org). Their newsletter is also available on line at [newletter@casp.org](mailto:newletter@casp.org).



**The 2011 Parishioner Contribution Forms are available in the Narthex & the 2011 Financial Report is being compiled.**

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The following programs are sponsored by Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer.

- **Feb. 24-25:** Poustinia Retreat, 6:00 pm Friday - 7:00 pm Saturday. \$50.00 registration due by February 20.
- **March 4:** Lenten Day of Prayer, 1:15-4:30 pm. Includes supper. \$25.00 registration due by March 1.
- **March 6, 13, 20, 27:** Spiritual Reading Series, Presented by Sisters Carol & Barbara Jean, OSBM, 9:30-11:00 am. Free will offering. Registration due by March 1.
- **March 10:** Lenten Day of Prayer, Presented by Rev. Damon Geiger. 9:15 am- 12:30 pm. Includes Lunch. \$25.00 registration due by March 5.
- **March 26, 28, 30:** Morning of Personal Prayer, 9:30-11:30 am. Free will offering. Registration due by March 23.

