

Publican and Pharisee: Humility vs Self-Righteousness

This parable represents to us two chariots on the race course, each with two charioteers in it. In one of the chariots it places righteousness with pride, in the other sin and humility. You see the chariot of sin outstrip that of righteousness, not by its own strength but by the excellence of humility combined with it, but the other is defeated not by righteousness, but by the weight and swelling of pride.

For as humility by its own elasticity rises above the weight of pride, and leaping up reaches to God, so pride by its great weight easily depresses righteousness. Although therefore you are earnest and constant in well doing, yet think you may boast yourself, you are altogether devoid of the fruits of prayer. But you that bears a thousand loads of guilt on your conscience, and only

think this thing of yourself that you are the lowest of all men, shall gain much confidence before God.

And He then goes on to assign the reason of His sentence. For every one who exalts himself shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted. The word humility has various meanings. There is the humility of virtue, as, a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. There is also a humility arising from sorrows, as, He has humbled my life upon the earth. There is a humility derived from sin, and the pride and insatiability of riches. For can anything be more low and debased than those who grovel in riches and power, and count them great things?

Saint John Chrysostom

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee

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Sunday – January 24, 2021

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

Sunday Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday January 24 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of Publican and Pharisee (For the Parish) (+Stefania and +Volodymyr Choma from Family)
Wednesday January 27 9:00 a.m.	(+David and +Myron Nagurney from Family)
Thursday January 28 9:00 a.m.	(+Roman Mac from Family)
Friday January 29 9:00 a.m.	(+Orest Paclawskyj from Family)
Sunday January 31 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Prodigal Son (For the Parish) (+Julia and +Mykola Sanockyj from Maria Slota)

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

The Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to March 31, 2021. As such, we will not be able to have our Annual Parish Christmas Dinner/Prosfora in January. We will also not be able to have our Pre-Lenten Communion Breakfast or Easter Bazaar and Pysanka Workshop. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

A NOTE ON 2020 CARES ACT TAX DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if a taxpayer itemized their deductions. The Cares Act allows taxpayers who do not itemize deductions to take up to \$300 charitable deductions for contributions made in 2020 to a qualifying organization. Your parish qualifies for this charitable deduction. Please do not forget to TAKE the Deduction this Tax Season. Your donation will be deductible up to \$300 even if you do not itemize your deductions for 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Have you remembered our Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in your will? Ask your attorney to include such words as these in your will: “I give, devise, or bequeath to UCNS Holy Family, 4250 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, DC 20017, for its general purposes ***ALL (or state a fraction or percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal.***” OR “I give to UCNS Holy Family, 4250 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, DC 20017, (\$ __.00) to be used for the general purposes of UCNS Holy Family.” Thank you and God bless you for caring about your church.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Frank Fisanich, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, 1LT Catherine Hetmanskyy Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Matthew Parowski, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.