

Who Art in Heaven

These words I think have a very deep meaning. They remind us of the homeland we have abandoned, of the citizenship we have lost. In the parable of the young man who left his father's house, went off the rails and was reduced to living with pigs, the Word of God shows us human wretchedness. That young man did not find his one-time happiness again until he had realized his moral degradation, had looked into his own heart and had pronounced the words of confession. These words almost agree with the Lord's Prayer, because the prodigal son says: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." [Luke 15:21] He would not confess himself to be a sinner against heaven

if he were not convinced that the homeland he had left at the time of his going astray were not in actual fact heaven.

By this confession of his he makes himself worthy once again to stand in the presence of his father who runs towards him, embraces him, and kisses him. The conclusion is this. To return to heaven there is only one route and that is to admit one's sinfulness and seek to avoid it. To make the decision to avoid it is already to be perfecting one's likeness to God.

*St. Gregory of Nyssa
On the Lord's Prayer*

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

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Sunday – February 13, 2022

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

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. 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.

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

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday February 13 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Lydia Kernitsky from Family)
Monday February 14 9:00 a.m.	(+David and +Myron Nagurney from Irene)
Tuesday February 15 9:00 a.m.	(+Eva, +Mary, and +Esther from Ruth Fedack)
Wednesday February 16 9:00 a.m.	(+Horace Hitchens from Family)
Thursday February 17 9:00 a.m.	(+Jack Davis from Family)
Friday February 18 9:00 a.m.	(+Hanusia and +Juriy from the Chalupa Family)
Sunday February 20 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Michael and +Catherine Dankewych from Family) (For the Parish)

DISTRICT of Columbia Mayor Bowser announced that the District has extended a universal, indoor masking mandate for everyone, even those fully vaccinated. Persons attending Church in the District, even if they are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended. This will be in effect until February 28, 2022.

Everyone is kindly asked to return to wearing a mask during the Divine Liturgies.

We will also continue to livestream Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies.

PLEASE REMEMBER +TIMOTHY STOCK IN YOUR PRAYERS

+Timothy Stock, 83, passed away on February 6. At his family's request, a graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday February 13, at Columbia Gardens, 3411 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201. Please remember +Tim in your prayers and his wife Lecia and children Marie and Timothy, who mourn him. May his memory be Eternal – Vichnaya Yomu Pamyat!

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SOROKOUSTY 2022 (LIST OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES)

In the Ukrainian Catholic Church, it is the custom to remember our beloved dead during the time of the Great Fast. These commemorations occur on Saturdays because the Saviour of the world rested in the grave on Great and Holy Saturday, awaiting the Resurrection. Thus, Saturday became for Christians the day for commemorating the deceased, who await the resurrection on the last day. We will be starting our remembrances of the dead on Saturdays, beginning March 5, with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. at the **Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, DC**. Please take the time to remember your deceased family members on the Saturdays of the Great Fast. They hope for our prayers; and in turn, they pray for us. Please submit an envelope with your list of names and an offering is customarily made for the priests by email or US Mail. See the attached Sorokousty Form.

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH EXPOSITION THURSDAY MAR 3, 7PM

Our parish will present a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please spread the word. Confession will be available and a special plenary indulgence is also available under the usual conditions.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Jane O'Shea, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, 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.

God With Us Catechism

This is the well-known parable of the prodigal son, who cuts off his relationship with his father by demanding the entirety of his inheritance, and goes off and wastes it in lawless and sinful ways. After some time, due to foolishly wasting his inheritance, he is forced to tend pigs (the most unclean of all animals for the Jews) and was so poor he desired to eat the pigs’ food. Finally, this prodigal son admits his foolishness and decides to go back to his father and ask for his help, saying “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” His father, who had already given his son everything he had a right to, welcomes him with loving arms, clothes him and feeds him, forgiving him of his sins, and celebrating his return, as if from the dead. This son, through his humility and by admitting his fault and coming to his father to plead forgiveness, receives more than he expected, and more than he deserved. Yet in this story there is another prideful character: the man’s second son becomes angry at his father and refuses to join in the celebration, complaining that even while he has kept all his father’s commandments and served him faithfully, he has not been given such a celebration as this. The contrast between the two sons is similar to that between the Publican and the Pharisee: the one does evil, but recognizes it, asks for forgiveness, and is forgiven, while the other, even while living an arguably righteous life, is prideful and blind to the reality of his state. The pride of the second son and of the Pharisee is a spiritual disease; through pride the son cuts himself off from his father and brother, and the Pharisee’s pride prevents him from truly praying and being in relationship with God.