

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 – January 28, 2023

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

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

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Sunday January 28 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+John Fedack from Family) (For the Parish)
Tuesday January 30 9:00 a.m.	Three Holy Hierarchs (+Pauline and +Michael Fedak from Ruth)
Wednesday January 31 9:00 a.m.	(+Eva, +Mary, +Esther from the Fedack Family)
Thursday February 1 9:00 a.m.	(+Bohdan, +Vera, +Julian, +Uriy, +Jaroslav, and others from Family)
Friday February 2 **6:00 p.m.**	Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (Health of Elizabeth from friends)
Sunday February 4 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Rodion Iwanczuk Sr. from Family)

ELEVATION OF FR. ROBERT TO THE ECCLESIASTICAL HONOR AND DIGNITY OF ARCHPRIEST

We request the pleasure of your company as we celebrate the conferral of the ecclesiastical honor and dignity of Archpriest upon Father Robert Hitchens during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom celebrated by Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak at 10:00 AM on Sunday, February 11, 2024, in the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family 4250 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC 20017. A celebratory reception will immediately follow the Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall. Kindly RSVP no later than February 1, 2024, to ucnsfamily@gmail.com. Please write “Invitation RSVP” in the subject line.

SPRING CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 HAVE BEGUN

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family’s Catechism classes this fall with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 1/28, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, Last class 5/12 End of year celebration!

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

Our parish catechism classes are in session for those children intending to make First Confession in 2024. Classes will be held on Sunday between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM). First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 23, 2024). No class will be held on February 18. All children must be attending Divine Liturgy. If you have children of First Confession age in your family, we ask you to please contact Olya Kroytor Mulvey by email at olya.kroytor@gmail.com

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SOROKOUSTY 2024 (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 February 17 at 10:00 a.m. 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 by email or US Mail. An offering is customarily made for the priests

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.