

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 – February 9, 2025

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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Saturday February 8 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday February 9 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (+Horace Hitchens from Family) (For the Parish)
Wednesday February 12 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Ellen from Friends)
Thursday February 13 9:00 a.m.	(+Oleg Jerschkowsky from Family)
Friday February 14 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Saturday February 15 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday February 16 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Prodigal Son (+Michael and +Catherine Dankewych from Family) (For the Parish)

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES - TODAY

First Confession in 2025. Classes will be held on Sundays between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM). First Confessions will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 12, 2025). No class will be held on February 16 (President's Day weekend). All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation for the sacrament. If you have children of First Confession age in your family (age 7+), please contact Olya Mulvey by email at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to register or learn more.

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Catechism classes will be held from 10:15-11:15 am on Sunday. Please mark these dates for the first semester: February 9, 23, March 9, 23, April 6, 27, May 4, 18

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE WITH PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV AS HE VISITS THE ARCHEPARCHY HOPE & PERSEVERANCE, PEACE & JUSTICE

February 16 at 11:00 AM – His Beatitude Sviatoslav will celebrate the Pontifical Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. After the Liturgy, His Beatitude will give his blessing to the faithful, followed by refreshments in the cathedral hall and a catechetical program for children, youth, and adults.

February 16 at 4:00 PM – Archbishop Nelson Pérez, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the U.S. will lead a prayer service for Hope & Perseverance, Peace & Justice in Ukraine at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. This service will commemorate the solemn third anniversary of the full-scale invasion.

February 18 at 5:00 PM – A special conference at the Catholic University of America hosted by the Bishop Losten Center of Ukrainian Church Studies. The meeting will be held in Hannan Hall Auditorium at the Catholic University of America, 620 Michigan Ave., N.E. Washington, DC 20064 at 5:00 p.m.

February 18 at 7:00 PM – His Beatitude Sviatoslav will lead a prayer service with our Bishops of the United States, for Hope & Perseverance, Peace & Justice in Ukraine. We will be commemorating the solemn third anniversary of the full-scale invasion in our Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. There will be refreshments after the service and an opportunity to greet him. It would also be appropriate to present His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk with monetary gifts of love and gratitude.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SOROKOUSTY 2025 (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. The Great Fast begins on Monday March 2 in 2025. 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 8 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, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Bohdan Kantor, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, 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, Fr. George Worschak, and 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.