



January 21, 2018

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Liturgical Schedule

- Jan. 20 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
+Theodore Druga req by Mike & Shirley Andreyko
- Jan. 21 (Sun) Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**
- ECF Classes** **9:00am**
- Divine Liturgy** **10:30am**
+Anna Marie Borosky req by Pat Pierro
- Jan. 22 (Mon) Divine Liturgy** **8:30am**
+Ann Frenzel req by Albert & Helen Ferencz
- Jan. 24 (Wed) Divine Liturgy** **8:30am**
*+Jean Dzura req by Mickey & Arlene Dzura
(99th Birthday)*
- Jan. 27 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
+Joseph Ianni req by M/M Lawrence Kushnir
- Jan. 28 (Sun) Sunday of The Prodigal Son**
- Divine Liturgy** **10:30am**
Intention of our Parish Family



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Jan. 21 thru Jan. 27 for +Jean Dzura req by Vera & Ralph Girman.

January 14, 2018

Our Tithe to our Parish—\$1,471.00



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Rosella Busko, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

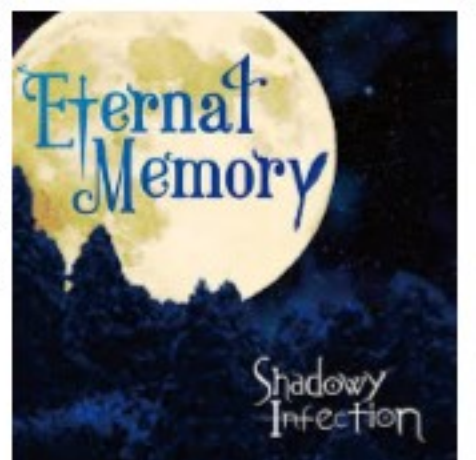
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



Last Sunday our Archeparchy had the joy of seeing a new priest, Fr Vitalii Stashkevich, ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Munhall PA. Indeed, it was a joyous occasion and we look forward to many years of a fruitful ministry for Fr Vitalii. We wish him and his wife all the best of health and blessings as they begin this new way of life.

However, blessings are often mixed with the pains and sorrows of life.

On Monday, Fr Vitalii received the news that his father had passed away suddenly in Ukraine. This week he was making plans to return to his native village for the funeral of his father. Let us keep him and his wife and his extended family in prayer at this difficult time in their lives



The Publican, on the other hand, knew quite well that he was a sinner. He had nothing to boast about. But, he recognized his neediness. He could open himself ... in all humility ... and recognize his need for God. And we are told that he went home justified and at peace ... whereas, the Pharisee did not.

What about us ... who attend church regularly ... who seek to pray and fast and be generous ... do we also recognize our need for God ... our inner insufficiency?

The first stage of our repentance and renewal is our recognition of our need for God. When we recognize this need ... the gates of God's mercy are indeed opened to us.

FAST FREE WEEK

If you look at your church calendar, you will notice that there are no “fish” symbols for this week. Yes, this is correct. It is not a misprint. The week of the Publican & Pharisee is a fast free week; that is, there is no fasting at all even on Friday.

So, as we are approaching the Great Fast (yes, it is already that time!), enjoy this week free from fasting.



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The story of the Publican and the Pharisee is well known to most of us.

It tells us of two people who went to the Temple to pray. One boasted to God about all that he does concerning his religious duties. The other simply bows his head and asks for forgiveness.

It is really the story of two *attitudes*.

Whether we are speaking about our attitude towards God ... or our attitude towards others ... it is pretty much the same ... since we are the same person.

The attitude of the Pharisee ... was one of boasting and being quite proud of all that he did. In fact, the Pharisee *did* many things. He prayed ... he fasted ... he was generous with his money. But, by doing all these things so well ... he felt *complacent and self-satisfied*.

His attitude was one of trusting in himself. God had to be good to him because he felt that he was good to God. In a word, he did not *need* God. He really did not need anyone.

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