



February 17, 2019
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Liturgical Schedule

- Feb. 16 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
 +Alfred & Mary Crocker
 req by Steve & Judi Muchoney
- Feb. 17 (Sun) Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
 +Steve & Agnes Babich req by Andy Babich
- Feb. 23 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
 +Barry F. Janov req by father Michael
Hramoty: Remembrance of the Departed
- Feb. 24 (Sun) Sunday of Meat Fare**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
 +Carl Magdic req by Mike & Ann Andrejczak

Our Tithe to our parish
 February 10, 2019: \$1,358.00

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.



Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Marion Campbell,
 Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
 Joseph Rusinko Sr., Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis,
 Margaret Weber, Debbie Vasko, John Voron Sr.

Prayerful Condolences

Word has reached us of the passing of Barry Janov, son of Michael Janov. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Michael and his family.
 Eternal Memory! *Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat!*



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 February 17 thru February 23 for +Alfred & Mary Crocker. *"Eternal Memory"*

PIROHY SCHEDULE

Starting at 9:00am

- Thursday - February 21 - cabbage filling
- Saturday - February 23 - potato filling
- Monday - February 25 - Make pirohy
- Tuesday - February 26 - Make pirohy

Friday - March 1 Pirohy Sale



INCOME TAX SERVICE

The **North Huntingdon** site for the **free income tax service** provided by AARP's Tax-aide has relocated from the North Huntingdon Townhouse to the lower level of the **Norwin Community Resource Center** which is located behind Shirley's Funeral Home in Circleville. This site will now be a **"by appointment" site** and you must make your **appointment by calling 724-382-5133**. The Resource Center address is 231 Jennie Drive, N. Huntingdon, Pa. 15642. If you need directions, ask when you call for an appointment.

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Program Schedule

724-438-7149

Spring Spiritual Reading Series

Sr. Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM

“SACRED THRESHOLD: Crossing The Inner Barrier To A Deeper Love”

(By Paula D’Arcy)

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2019

Mondays, 10:00 - 11:30am

Free Will Offering - Registration Due: March 11

Stories of healing and love.

Read, Delve, Share!

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

Saturday, Feb. 23, is the first of the five All Souls Saturdays in our Church. On these days, we commemorate the faithful departed in our families and of our parish.

The custom of announcing the names of the deceased during the liturgical services can be traced back to the first centuries of Christianity. Already in the fourth century, the practice was strongly defended by St. Epiphanius (d.403) as a “firmly established tradition” in the Church. He writes: *Concerning the ritual of reading the names of the deceased, what can be more useful or suitable; what can be more worthy of admiration?*

Our Church has a special way of remembering the departed at this time of year. Families turn in a list of names of their departed loved ones (*Hramoty*) and we remember them in a service at the end of the Liturgy.

Hramoty - Remembrance of the Departed will take place following the 5:00pm Divine Liturgy on Saturday 23.

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

*Foolishly I wasted all my Father’s goods;
I became poor and alone in a land of the wicked.
No longer able to bear their company,
I now return to You, O Father all good,
And I cry out to you:
I have sinned against heaven and against You;
I am no longer worthy to be called your child;
Accept me as one of your servants and have mercy on me.*



The parable of the Prodigal son ... so rich in images and so universal in its ability to touch our experience ... is certainly one of the best known parables of Jesus.

It describes ... in detail ... the process of sin and repentance.

In one way or another ... we can each identify with this process ... and clearly see how it operates in our own lives.

Most of us have known the experience of having something valuable ... but only coming to recognize its true value once we have lost it! It may be a possession ... it may be a relationship with someone ... it may be one of those intangible qualities like trust, confidence, commitment or love.

We know what it is like to let ourselves be deceived ... to be duped into letting go of something so valuable ... and thinking that this is the right thing to do.

There are times in life when no one is able to get through to us ... we just seem to know what we want to do ... what is best for us ... and no one is able to change our mind. We can be so persistent (stubborn?) at times like these.

Once we have lost it ... we quickly (or gradually) begin to realize our mistake ... but in reality, we do not like to admit it. So, we pretend ... we fake it ... we act as if everything is just the way it is supposed to be.

But, one day the realization comes to us ... we see clearly what we have lost ... and the long road to repentance is about to begin.