

**Sunday of the Publican
and the Pharisee**

**The Transfer of the Relics of the
Great-Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer
(of Antioch).**

**** Sunday, January 29th, 2023****

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Liturgical Services this coming week

Sunday, Jan 29 ** 9:30 a.m. ** **Rosary** (Eng.) / Sacrament of Confession ** **10:00 a.m.** *Div. Lit.* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

*** Grindrod Parish *** **2:00 p.m.** *Div. Lit.:* *God's blessings to all parishioners*

Monday, Jan. 30 *** **Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs** ** **9:30 a.m.** *Div. Lit.:* *God's blessings for Tara, Garrett & Wyatt H.*

Tuesday, Jan. 31 *** **9:30 a.m.** *Div. Lit.:* *+Russell & +Ross Black – Stella Black*

Wednesday, Feb. 1 *** **9:30 a.m.** *Div. Lit.:* *God's blessings & good health for Rob Emery – Mary & Dave E.*

Thursday, Feb. 2 *** **Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord , God & Saviour Jesus Christ** *** **9:30 a.m.** *Div. Lit.:* God's blessings to all parishioners - (blessing of candles)

Saturday, Feb. 4 *** Grindrod Parish *** **4:00 p.m.** *Div. Lit.:* *God's blessings to all parishioners*

Sunday, Feb. 5 *** **9:30 a.m.** Rosary*** **10:00 a.m.** *** **Baptism & Div. Lit.** (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Troparion, Tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, * and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, * You arose, O Saviour, on the third day, * and gave life to the world. * And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your kingdom! * Glory to Your saving plan, * O only Lover of mankind.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3: Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican * and approach the Master as sinners, * for He desires salvation for everyone. * He grants forgiveness to all who repent. * For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1 - Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (*Psalm 32:22,1*)

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy my Son, now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 1 - God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14



The Lord said his parable, “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise Him in the highest. * Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia. (*Psalm 148:1*)



**** To Ponder – The Fathers & Mothers Speak ****

“The Pharisee, who in his pride not only boasted of himself but also discredited the tax collector in the presence of God, made his justice void by being guilty of pride. Instead of the Pharisee, the tax collector went down justified, because he had given glory to God, the holy One, not even daring to lift his eyes, but seeking only to plead for mercy.

*Be on your guard, therefore! Bear in mind this example of severe loss sustained through arrogance. The one guilty of arrogance suffered the loss of his justice and forfeited his reward by his bold self-reliance. He was judged inferior to a sinner because in his self-exaltation he did not await the judgment of God, but pronounced it himself. Never place yourself above anyone, not even great sinners. Humility often saves a sinner who has committed many terrible transgressions. **St Basil the Great***

Repentance is the gateway to mercy which is open for all who seek it. By way of this gate, we enter into the divine mercy, and apart from this entrance, one cannot find mercy.” St. Isaac the Syrian

Commentary on the Sunday Gospel Reading:

<https://godwithusonline.org/reflections/the-sunday-of-the-pharisee-and-the-publican-ukrainian/>

CATECHETICAL SUMMARY

Today in the Gospel, we are reminded that there are two “ways” in which we can walk in this life and the outcome or goal of those ways are strikingly different. The first of those “ways” is the way of the world, in which financial success and reputation are prioritized and the ultimate goal is personal aggrandizement, no matter the “way” in which it is attained. The second “way” is the way of God, in which charity and honesty are not only prioritized, but are the way and the goal as well.

In other words, the second “way,” the way of God, is a good in itself, for this “way” is the life of God, or eternal life. Following this second “way” leads one to look beyond themselves and live in a way that is always oriented toward others. Just as God the Father, from all eternity, poured out his life in love to the Son, so the one who walks this second “way”, lives a life which is a constant act of self-giving love.

Please notice that both “ways” have an interior and hidden aspect that greatly affects which path or “way” that we walk in this life, and ultimately it greatly affects how we will live forever. While one may outwardly appear to be walking in the “way” of God, as the Pharisee in the Gospel must have appeared to those around him, it is possible for that person to actually be walking the opposite path in life, due to the hidden or interior disposition of his heart.

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

1. Do we often live a double-life? Do we act polite and nice to those around us while harboring resentment or anger toward some people? Do we say one thing with our mouth and think another thing with our heart?
2. In the Divine Liturgy do we pray for everyone and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness? Have we truly forgiven others in the way that we ask God to forgive us?
3. Is there someone in our life whom we are angry with or that we have not really forgiven from our heart? Can we find a way to forgive them and show them that we love them?

Pride and Its Opposite Virtue - Humility

Pride is the most dangerous passion and the mother of all sins. It was because of pride that Satan fell from God, and it is precisely pride that has ruined the prolonged endeavours of many an ascetic. Pride is a person's idolatrous self-deification: a person exalts oneself over other people and puts oneself in place of God. The proud person is closed to God's grace: "The Lord opposes the proud; but he gives grace to the humble" (Prv 3:34). St. Augustine teaches that pride is the source of all evil, and in order to overcome all other sins, one must rid oneself of the root cause – pride: "Whence does iniquity abound? From pride. Cure pride and there will be no more iniquity. Consequently, that the cause of all diseases might be cured, namely, pride, the Son of God came down and was made low."

The proud person usually does not see his or her own sin. This person is filled with self-love, finds it difficult to forgive, and to ask forgiveness of others, and has trouble relenting. Such a person rejects all forms of authority and frequently flares up in anger. He or she bears grudges,

constantly judges other people, and envies their successes. Pride deceitfully takes control even of those who, having achieved virtue, regard themselves, rather than God, as the cause of their achievements.

The most effective means of combatting pride is to train oneself in humility. This opens a person toward God and neighbour, and makes a person capable of receiving God's transfiguring and liberating power."

*** **Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – “Christ Our Pascha”** #777-778, p. 253 ***
<http://catechism.royaldoors.net/catechism/>

Righteousness – being good, just, and blameless. All are called to a life of humble obedience to God. However, acts of righteousness cannot earn salvation. Rather, righteousness is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and the way in which Christians respond with living faith to God's gift of salvation.

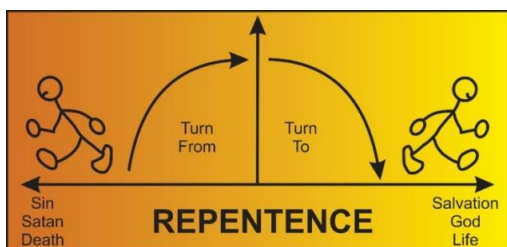
Prayer – communion with God through words of praise, thanksgiving, repentance, supplication and intercession. Prayer is “raising up the heart and mind to God” (St. John Damascus)

Pharisees – one of the parties of first-century Judaism. The Pharisees favored a strict legalistic application of traditional interpretations of the Law stemming from oral Jewish traditions. Unlike the Sadducees, they believed in angels and in the resurrection of the dead.

Justification – the act whereby God forgives the sin of a believer and begins to transform him or her into a righteous person. No person can earn justification by works of righteousness, for justification is the gift of God given to those who respond to the gospel of faith. God also helps those who cooperate with His grace to become righteous. Saving faith is not mere belief, but a commitment to Christ that is manifested by works of righteousness.

Holy – Literally, “set apart” or separated unto God; also, blessed, righteous, sinless. The word, therefore, refers to God as the source of holiness, to the Church and its sacraments, to worshipers of the true God, and to these of outstanding virtue. Those who are transformed by the Holy Spirit become holy as God is holy.

Mercy – the compassionate, steadfast love of God for sinners. Christians reflect the mercy of God by caring for others.



“When a man is getting better, he understands more & more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worst, he understands his

badness less & less.” C S Lewis

** ANNOUNCEMENTS **

A warm welcome - to all parishioners & guests who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy. We wish you a blessed & healthy week!



Даруємо

Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers –
Дякуємо – Many thanks to everyone




for your continued support of our parish community and for supporting our brothers & sisters in Ukraine.

Please Pray for health of ... All those wounded in the war in Ukraine and: Ellie; Guin; Ken S. Michelle M., Anne T., Fr. J, Rita N., Claude & Eva G., Mary & Dave E., Lawrence & Ping B., Ashley H.; Steven Ch., Jill C., Shelly N., Shane E., Ray S; Jeanette N., Elsie K., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Gladys O., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., Sarah N., all sick brothers and



sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Congratulations! Mnohaya Lita! –  very special God's blessings to anyone among our parishioners and their families who celebrated their birthday, name-day, wedding anniversary and any other special anniversary during **the month of January** (3rd - Anastasia Wasylinko; Jan 6th - Zonia St. Pierre; 7th - Steve Usipuk; 13th - Bishop David; 15th – Sharon Beitel & Victoria Panchuk; 24th - Jared Flodstrom & 29th - Damon S.).

Next Major Feast Day - Encounter of Our Lord – will take place this coming **Thursday, February 2nd**. A traditional part of this feast is the blessing of candles.

Zahalnycia – this coming Friday, February 3rd is **not a fasting day**. According to Church tradition, we are permitted to eat meat products throughout this whole week as though in opposition to the proud Pharisee who boasted that he fasts twice a week.

Taking down of church Christmas decorations – will take place next Saturday, Feb. 4th starting at 10:00 a.m.

Rites of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist) – for Nazariy Theodore Skapenko will be celebrated next Sunday, February 5th, 2023.

Knights of Columbus Council 8132 (OLPH) Monthly Meeting - will take place on Thursday, Feb. 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at the OLPH Center.

1st All Souls Saturday (Задушна Субота) – our 1st prayers for our beloved deceased ones will take place on **Saturday, Feb. 11th, 2023**.

Great Fast (Lent) 2023 – will begin on **Monday, Feb. 20th**.



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Monthly Meeting – will take place on Thursday, February 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

2023 Parish Fund – we are very grateful to everyone who was

able to support our parish through the parish fund last year, and to those who have already contributed for 2023. Just a reminder that an annual contribution remains \$55.00 per member. May God reward you for your generosity.

Sunday Coffee Volunteers Needed – after our Sunday Divine Liturgies, we have the wonderful opportunity to get together and grow closer as a community over coffee. This is only possible with the generosity of volunteers. However, we need still more parishioners to be involved. Please contact Mrs. Mary Emery to add your name to the list.

2023 AGM at the Most Holy Trinity Parish - will take place on Sunday, February 12th after the Divine Liturgy.

Perogy Sales – We are continuing to take orders for perogy purchases. Anyone wishing to place an order, please call Mrs. Adelle Dmyterko at **250-554-3107** or Mrs. Mary Emery **250-376-8934**. Cost: \$6.00 a dozen.



2023 Jordan House Blessings & Pastoral Visits – will continue this week. Please assist Fr. Andrzej in planning these visits by contacting him at 250-461-7249 or 250-376-3690.

This Week's Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Jan. 22 - **Kamloops:** \$715.00 *** *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion);
- 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;
- 3) You attend Divine Services regularly;
- 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;
- 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast).
- 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.
- 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.



Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with the parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

***** *Prayers* *****

Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.