

Sunday of the Prodigal Son



The Holy Martyrs
Pamphilus the Priest and
Porphyrius and those with
them.

Неділя про блудного
сина. Свв. мчч. Памфила, єрея,
Порфирія і тих, що з ними.

**** Sunday, February 16th, 2025****



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Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, Feb. 16 *** 9:30 a.m. ** Confessions/Rosary ***
10:00 a.m. *** Div. Lit. (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all
parishioners

Tuesday, Feb. 18 *** 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for
SSVP members & their families & volunteers

Wednesday, Feb. 19 *** 4:00 p.m. "Moleben to Merciful Christ"

Thursday, Feb. 20 *** 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for
Knights of Columbus members & their families

Friday, Feb. 21 *** 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Beloved Deceased
Ones (1st All Souls Service)

Sunday, Feb. 23 ** 9:30 a.m. * Confessions/Rosary *** 10:00
a.m. *** Div. Lit (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners



Troparion, Tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

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

Kontakion, Tone 3: Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6 - Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (Psalm 27:9,1)



Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were

bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia, Tone 6 - He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

verse: He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope. (Psalm 90:1,2)

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 (NRSV)

The Lord said his parable, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later, the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise Him in the highest. * Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia.

**** **To Ponder** ****

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"Look, O Christ, upon the sorrow of my heart, look upon my conversion and my tears, O Saviour, and do not reject me!" (Ode 9 in the Canon of Matins of the Prodigal Son)



In preparing us for the Great Fast, holy Church pointed out in the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee that the first step to conversion is humility. On this Sunday, she sets before us the example of the Prodigal Son to show us how one is converted to God. Where there is humility and sorrow of heart, there the door to God's mercy is opened.

Scripture scholars call the parable of the Prodigal Son “the pearl” of all the parables. It is unique for its deep moral content. Its dramatic story is being constantly repeated in the souls of millions throughout the world.

The Prodigal Son is the symbol of every sinful soul. This parable clearly demonstrates that nothing on earth can satisfy our biting hunger and parching thirst for happiness. True happiness and peace is to be found only in God, our loving Father.

Some exponents of the spiritual life also call this parable the parable of God's love.

Anyone who alienates himself from God by sin and seeks happiness outside of God, sooner or later, will be forced to say with the Prodigal Son: "I shall rise and go to my father." (Luke 15, 18) and with St. Augustine, who was a prodigal son for many years, "Our heart is restless, O God, until it rests in you."

The Prodigal Son — Symbol of God's Mercy Towards the Sinner

The parable of the Prodigal Son has a deep symbolic meaning. When we ponder it, we spontaneously perceive that the Prodigal Son is none other than every person who through a sinful life has become estranged from God. For this reason, the parable is very real to us; it is the story of our lives. It is a symbol of our infidelity to God. But it is also the symbol of God's unbounded mercy toward us. Today, as the world teems with prodigal sons and daughters, this parable is dramatized in countless millions. Every person is either that older son who is ever faithful to his father, or that younger son who only through hard and painful experience becomes convinced that outside the father's house there is no happiness.

The parable teaches us that God forgives and mercifully receives even the greatest sinners, if they repent and are sorry for their sins. The history of the human race is nothing but the history of God's mercy. "The mercy of the Lord is from eternity to eternity upon them that fear him." (Psalm 103, 17)

**** 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!

Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers –



Дякуємо – We are very grateful to everyone for your continued support of our parish community. Thank you very much to everyone who came to help with perogy making.



Our gratitude to Adelle D. & Diane B. for preparing a perogy lunch for the Salvation Army function. God bless you all!

Please Pray for health of ... All those wounded in the war in Ukraine & Holy Land and: Michael P., Lucille B., Mike K., Evelina V., Angela K., Paulette K., Metropolitan Lawrence H., Sharon & Al L., Stella B., Louise M., Orest H., Mary & Dave E., Finn N., Amanda F., Anna N., Paul K., Maria M., Michelle M., Rita N., Lawrence & Ping B., Jill C., Shelly N., Elsie K., Wilma C., Janice R., Rob E., Dave C., Thomas H., Gladys & Oliver O., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Suzanne C., Clay B., 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 who would appreciate a visit.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2025
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Congratulations to our New Parish Council Executive – may God richly bless you for sharing your talents and time for our parish community.

Sincerest Condolence/ Вічна Йому Пам'ять – we share the sad news that our long time parishioner, Mr. Al Bodnaruk passed away last Wednesday, Feb. 12. May his soul rest in peace. Вічна Йому Пам'ять!

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass – 8th session with Dr. Edward Sri will be presented today, **Sunday, Feb. 16th** during our

coffee time.

Blessed Candles – are available in the back of the church. Please take them home and light them in times of need.

SSVP Members Monthly Meeting - will take place this coming Tuesday, Feb. 18th at 11:00 a.m. at our parish hall.



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Monthly Meeting – will take place this coming Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at OLPH Centre.

1st All Souls Saturday (Задушна Субота) – our 1st prayers for our beloved deceased ones will take place this coming **Friday, Feb. 21st, 2024.**

“The Gospel of Matthew” – online sessions will take place this coming Friday, Feb. 21st at 6:30 p.m. Please email Fr. Andrzej at fr.wasylinko@gmail.com for the invite.

Monthly SSVP Perogy Lunch – will take place this coming Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1st Monthly Fundraiser Lunch – will take place this coming Sunday, Feb. 23rd. On the menu is delicious greek food prepared by chef Miguel Romero. We are fundraising to replace the flooring in the residence kitchen and entrance. Our guest speaker on the topic of volunteerism, will be a recent recipient of the King Charles III medal, Dr. Sasha Kondrashov. Suggested donation per person: \$15; family rate will be announced.

Panakhyda Service - 3rd Anniversary of the war in Ukraine – prayers for those who lost their life in the war in Ukraine will take place next Sunday, Feb. 24th at 3:00 p.m. in our church. Coffee and special program to follow in the hall.

Presentation by the Schoening Funeral Home – will take place during coffee time on Sunday, March 3rd. **Topic:** advance funeral planning.

2025 Parish Fund – we are very grateful to everyone who was able to support our parish through the parish fund last year. Just a reminder that an annual contribution remains at \$55.00 per member. May God reward you for your generosity. For more information, please see our treasurer, Mrs. Olga Collins.

Jordan House Blessings - Fr. Andrzej has begun his 2025 pastoral visits. Please assist him in planning his visit to your home by contacting him at 250-461-7249.

Weekly Ukrainian Language Classes – take place at our parish hall each Saturday from **1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Please come and join us.

Weekly Saturday Rallies for Ukraine – take place in front of Kamloops City Hall from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and “Stand with Ukraine”.

Spirit of Awareness - Dear parishioners, if our brother/sister in Christ who usually sits next to you is not in church today, please contact them and ask how they are doing. Let them know that our parish community misses them!

This Week’s Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Feb. 9 – \$422.00 *** May God bless you for your generosity.



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.

Prayer to St. Monica

Lord our God, ever merciful to all who hope in you, You adorned your servant Monica with the priceless gift of reconciling her husband and children to you. You listened to her fervent and continuous prayers calling St. Augustine from the ways of error to serve you in holiness, making of him a sign of conversion in the world. Please bring back to you those who we love.

Amen.



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

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 meet with the parish priest, please call, or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

**БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ:**

Тропар (глас 6): Ангельські сили на гробі Твоїм* і сторожі омертвіли;* Марія ж стояла при гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого.* Полонив Ти ад і, не переможений від нього,* зустрів Ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава Тобі!

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 3): Від батьківської слави Твоєї я віддалився безумно,* у злomu я розтратив багатство, яке передав Ти мені.* Тому Тобі блудного голос приношу:* Согрешив я перед Тобою, Отче щедрий, прийми мене – каюся,* і вчини мене, як одного з наємників Твоїх.

Прокімен (глас 6): Спаси, Господи, * людей Твоїх * і благослови спадкоємство Твоє (Пс 27,9).

Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене (Пс 27,1).

Апостол: *Перше Послання Апостола Павла до Коринтян 6, 12-20.*

Браття і Сестри, все мені можна, та не корисне. Все мені можна, та я не дам нічому заволодіти мною. Їжа для живота, а живіт для їжі. Та Бог одне і друге знищить. Тіло ж не для розпусти, але для Господа, і Господь для тіла. Бог же і Господа воскресив, і нас воскресить силою своєю. Хіба не знаєте, що тіла ваші – члени Христові? Узнявши, отже, члени Христові, зроблю їх членами блудниці? Не бути тому! Хіба не знаєте, що хто пристає до блудниці, є з нею одним тілом? Бо будуть, – каже, – двоє одним тілом. Хто ж пристає до Господа, є одним з ним. Утікайте від розпусти. Усякий гріх, що чоловік чинить, є назовні тіла; хто ж чинить розпусту, грішить проти власного тіла. Хіба не знаєте, що ваше тіло – храм Святого Духа, що у вас пробував, якого ви маєте від Бога? Отже ви не належите більш самі до себе. Ви бо куплені за високу ціну. Тож прославляйте Бога вашим тілом.

Алилуя (глас 6): Хто живе під охороною Всевишнього, під покровом Бога небесного оселиться (Пс 90,1).

Стих: Скаже він Господеві: Ти заступник мій і пристановище моє, Бог мій, на котрого я надіюся (Пс 90,2).

Євангеліє: (Лк. 15,11-32):

Сказав Господь притчу оцю: В одного чоловіка було два сини. Молодший з них сказав батькові: Тату, дай мені частину маєтку, що мені припадає. Батько розділив між ними

свій маєток. Кілька днів потім, молодший зібрав усе й пустився у далекий край і там розтратив свій маєток: жив розпусно. І як він усе розтратив, настав великий голод у тім краю, і він став бідувати. Пішов він і найнявся у одного з мешканців того краю, і той послав його на своє поле пасти свині. І він бажав би був наповнити живіт свій стручками, що їли свині, але й тих ніхто не давав йому. Опам'ятавшись, він сказав до себе: скільки наймитів у мого батька мають подостатком хліба, а я тут з голоду конаю. Встану, піду до батька мого і скажу йому: отче, я согрішив проти неба й проти тебе. Я недостойний більше зватись твоїм сином. Прийми мене за одного з твоїх наймитів. Встав він і пішов до батька свого. І як він був іще далеко, побачив його батько і, змилосердившись, побіг, кинувся йому на шию і поцілував його. Син сказав до нього: Отче, я согрішив проти неба й проти тебе. Я недостойний більше зватись твоїм сином. Батько ж кликнув до своїх слуг: Принесіть швидко найкращу одіж, одягніть його, дайте йому на руку перстень і сандали на ноги. Приведіть годоване теля й заріжте його; і їймо, веселімся, бо цей мій син був мертвий і ожив, пропав був і найшовся. І вони стали веселитись. Старший його син був у полі; і як він, вертаючись, наблизився до дому, почув музику й танці. Покликав він одного зі слуг і спитав, що то таке. Той сказав йому: Брат твій вернувся, і твій батько зарівав годоване теля, бо найшов його живим-здоровим. Розгнівався той і не хотів увійти. Вийшов тоді батько і став його просити. Той же озвався до батька: Ось стільки років служу тобі й ніколи не порушив ані одного приказу твого, і ти не дав мені ніколи козеняти, щоб з друзями моїми повеселитись. А коли вернувся оцей син твій, що проїв твій маєток з блудницями, ти зарівав для нього годоване теля. Батько ж сказав до нього: Ти завжди при мені, дитино, і все моє – твоє. Однак слід було веселитись і радіти, бо цей брат твій був мертвий і ожив, пропав був і найшовся.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). * Аلیلія (х3).