

February 17, 2019

Upcoming Services:

Sat. Feb. 16, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Feb. 17, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Sat. Feb. 23, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Feb. 24, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Sat. Mar. 2, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

2 Timothy 3: 10 - 15

Luke 18: 10 - 14

Reader Schedule:

Sun, Feb. 17 - Cynthia Neff

Sun, Feb. 24 - Kurtis Lauser

Sun, Mar. 3 - Greg Kuzmenchuk

The Publican and The Pharisee:

The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in Luke 18:10-14. This is the story of two men, one a pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the law, and the other a publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes.

The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term, metanoia, means change of mind. To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others.

The fault of the pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook. He is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives.

The Publican on the other hand truly longs for a change of mind. He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in the words of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3), "poor in spirit." He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A change of mind and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives.

Birthdays:

February 20 - John Richard Lebid

February 21 - Geraldine Branson

February 23 - Michael Euler

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 17, Sun., Sisterhood Meeting
after coffee hour

Feb. 19, Tue., -7:00 pm. Executive Board Mtg.
In the church hall

Mar. 4, Mon., - 7:00 pm. Bazaar planning Mtg.

Mar. 11, Monday, Great Lent begins

Preparing for the Spring Bazaar

Holy Ghost is having a Spring Bazaar on April 6, 9am - Noon. "Carry Out Food" only - Religious Items - Church Tours. Volunteers are needed the day of the bazaar to help with bulk order sales, greet arriving people, and clean up afterwards.

Spring Bazaar Cooking Schedule

Feb. 22, Fri. - Potato prep., 8:00 am

Feb. 23, Sat. - Pierogies, 8:30 am

Mar. 8, Fri. - Potato prep., 8:00 am

Mar. 9, Sat. - Pierogies, 8:30 am

Mar. 22, Fri. - Sauerkraut prep., 8:30 am

Mar. 23, Sat. - Sauerkraut Pierogies, 8:30 am

Apr. 1 & 2 - Nut roll making

Anniversaries:

February 19 - Lewis & Geraldine Branson

Notices:

Sisterhood Membership Drive

Please see Linda Kozlowski or Illaria to pay \$10 sisterhood dues for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to join.

Foods Available

Pierogies - potato & cheese - \$6 / box of 15

Pierogies - sweet potato - \$6 / box of 15

Nut Rolls - \$12 per roll

2019 Church Board Members, Elect

President: Tabitha Bentley

Vice President: Robert Steele

Treasurer: Lauren Houck

Financial Secretary: Greg Kuzmenchuk

Recording Secretary: Christina Haines

Auditors: Lillian Maskula, Brenda Euler, & Joseph Yevich

Trustees: Ambrose Kozlowski, Mary Seip Jayme Houck, Ron Hershey, Katie Thomas, Valerie Crescenz & Joe Crescenz

Food Sales

All food sales are suspended after Feb. 28 until the Bazaar.

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Lillian Maskula, Sandy Knisley, Erin Bove, Florine, Charline Ene, Linda, Salwa, Richard Ziegler & Bill Brown

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 9 pm

February Charity - Coatesville Public Library