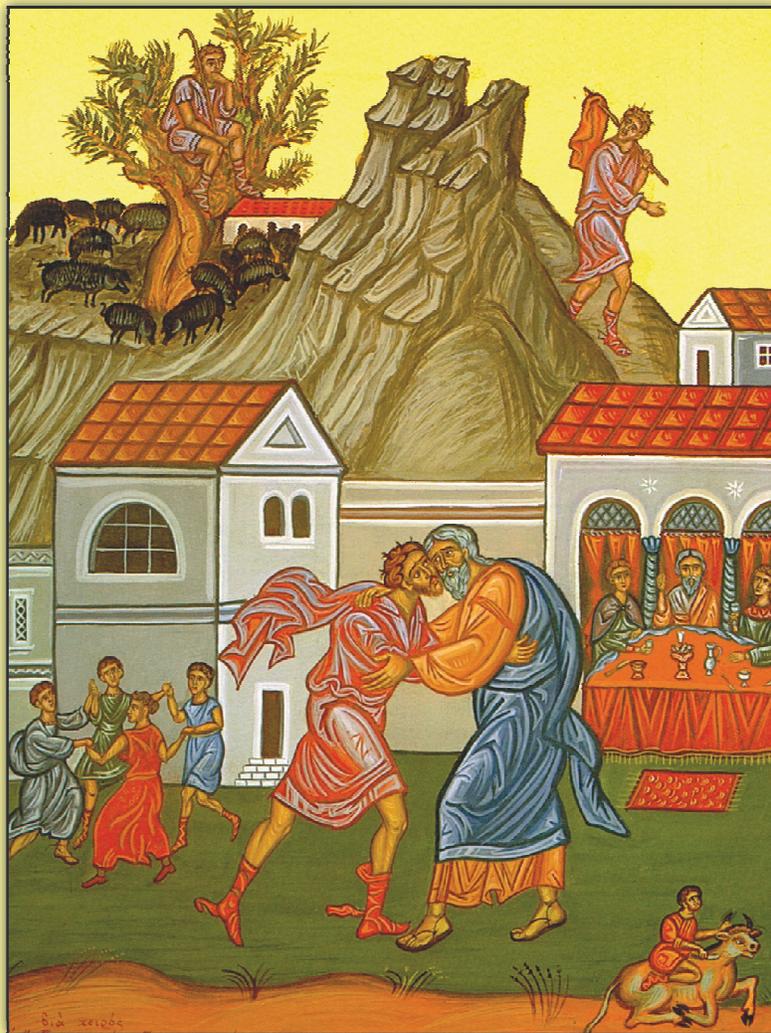


SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

Despite His Sin, the Spirit Was Still with the Son

It was the same with the younger son who squandered his property and wasted his father's property living among prostitutes. Despite all this, he did not lose his honorable title of son. In the land of captivity, having rejected his father, he rather remembered, "How many hired servants are at this moment in my father's house who have more than enough bread, but here am I perishing from hunger."

He was still a sinner. He had sinned to such an extent that he had thrown to the winds with his misdeeds the entire inheritance he had received from his father. He still called God his father. This indicates that the grace of the Spirit, which authorizes him to call God Father, did not depart from him.

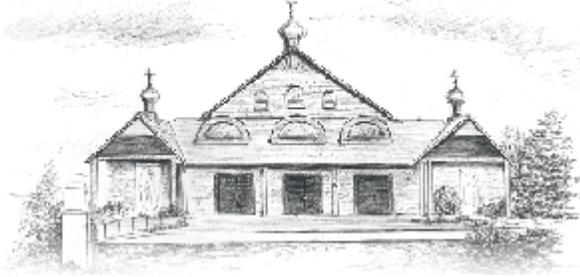
We are unable to employ this term of address and call God Father, except through the authority of the Holy Spirit who is within us. It is well known that those who have not yet become God's children by the holy rebirth of baptism are not authorized to use this term. They are not permitted to say, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." The apparent reason for this is that the Holy Spirit is not yet within them to give them this authorization. It is well known to all that, when they approach the holy mysteries, the newly baptized all repeat this prayer with confidence in accordance with the tradition handed down by our Lord, and then they proceed to the holy mysteries.

Philoxenus of Hierapolis

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February 2: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West, in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. "In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father." The Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and the words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day.



Tuesday is a Solemn Holyday. The liturgy will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m.** It will also be live-streamed and archived. Byzantine decorative candles will be blessed prior to the dismissal. They will be available for purchase (over the weekend as well).

January 31, 2021

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	February 1	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving by Judy Churavy
Tuesday	February 2		Solemn Holyday: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
		7:00 p.m.	† Mary Richesson by Kathy Strobel
Wednesday	February 3	8:00 a.m.	† Ed Niles by John/Janet Foreman
Thursday	February 4	8:00 a.m.	† Mary Jane Shaver by Leonard/Loretta Labuda
Friday	February 5	8:00 a.m.	† Mary Jane Shaver by Mathis Family
Saturday	February 6	9:00 a.m.	1st All Souls (Requiem Liturgy, Panachida, Hramoty)
			Vigil Liturgy
		4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday	February 7	10:30 a.m.	† Joseph/Louise Pasternak by Millie Karaffa Family

		Altar Servers	Lectors
February 2	7:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & G. Lupia	
February 6	4:00 p.m.	S. Lupia & J. Mosgo	B. Sparks
February 7	10:30 a.m.	A. & R. Percic	S. Jaroscak

(Volunteer altar servers needed for All Souls Saturday.)

Love the people God gave you because one day he'll need them back.



From the Pastor's Desk

Last week I outlined what you can look forward to for “**The Year of St. Joseph**” as declared by **Pope Francis**. At this week's meeting, the **Advisory Board** will be fine-tuning all the ideas to the point where specific details will be shared on what you can expect on some of the offerings. I'll make sure next week's Byzz Line relates the particulars. What I can report today is that after every weekend/Holyday liturgy starting next Saturday/Sunday we'll be singing a special hymn in honor of St. Joseph. I've printed the words/music on the last page of this bulletin. After a

while you'll know it by heart. For long-time parishioners you'll recognize it right away. Cantor **Ted Rohal** used to sing it frequently. (Until you memorize it, you might want to clip it out and bring it with you to church.) In addition, we'll pray a special prayer (to be finalized at Tuesday's meeting) prior to the hymn. I'm really encouraged about the spiritual possibilities associated with this special time! We all could certainly benefit from this!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

All Souls Saturdays

This week is the first of five **All Souls Saturdays**. The next three will be held consecutively during Lent and the last one will be in May (refer to your liturgical calendars). There will be a **9:00 Requiem Liturgy** (utilizing the Old Slavonic versions of the hymns) followed immediately by a **Panachida** (prayer service for the deceased) and the reading of the **Hramoty** (names of your deceased family members). Only this first service will be live-streamed. (It will be archived for future viewing since each of the five liturgies are the same.) If you have submitted names this year or in the past to be included, try and make it to at least one of the commemorations. The crowd is typically under ten people in church.



Forms for submitting names to be included on the calendar are on the vestibule desk or you can submit info to lindas1201@aol.com.

- Feb. 9 Jerry Holderbaum
- Feb.10 Rose Marie Sedlak
- Feb. 11 Lisa Greb
- Feb. 11 Juliana Ebert
- Feb. 12 Tim Polasko
- Feb. 21 Victoria Kattler
- Feb. 21 Nathaniel Masters

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally

The **National ByzanTEEN Youth Rally** will take place **July 1-4** at Mt. St. Mary University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Registration information will be made available in the weeks to come. (Because last year's rally was cancelled, nineteen-year-olds are eligible to attend this year.)

Advisory Board Meeting

The **Advisory Board** will meet on **Tuesday** following the Holyday liturgy (**8:00**). Plans for "The Year of St. Joseph" will be finalized.

ByzanTEENS Meet Tonight

ByzanTEENS from throughout the Cleveland area will be gathering **tonight** in our Activity Center with **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ and Fr. Lukas Mitro**. Come join the fun starting at **5:00**.

BLESS Group Meeting

The **BLESS (Byzantine Ladies Encountering Sacred Sources)** Zoom meetings are resuming. On **February 1** (moved from January 25), **Jeff Cavins** will speak on what St. John Paul II taught about human suffering. The link to join the meeting can be secured from **Darlene Hritz (440-237-5237)**. Starting time is **7:30 p.m.**



A pastor was famous for his sermons lasting exactly 22 minutes. On one unfortunate Sunday his sermon went on for 45 minutes. At dinner, his wife asked what had gone wrong.

"It was just one of those things," the pastor replied moodily. "My trick is to slide a cough drop under my tongue just before I start the sermon. It always melts in exactly 22 minutes, and that way I know when it's time to stop. This morning I was 40 minutes in before I realized my cough drop was a button."

Your Weekly Offering

January 24, 2021

Sunday:	\$5,115.00
e-giving:	200.00
8 Student Envelopes:	17.00
Cash:	93.00
Candles:	118.00
Holy Days:	125.00
Horizons:	90.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	37.00
Building Fund:	20.00
Christmas:	50.00
In memory Bill Chalfa :	1,000.00
In memory Helen Sasala :	600.00
In memory Mary Jane Shaver :	1,750.00
Total:	\$7,615.00

Have you remembered St. Joseph Church in your Will and/or Trust?

Communion Visits

Communion will be taken to those who are homebound on **Friday** between the hours of **9-2**. (We still are not allowed into nursing homes and healthcare facilities.)

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp will burn during the month of February in memory of **Mike and Mary Rokoski**.



If you didn't pick-up your **2020 Financial Report** (which includes individual donations), please check the mail slots next weekend. If you would like your copy to be left downstairs at the alternate Communion station, let **Father** know.

Take-Out Fish Fry Planned

We are going to have carryout-only fish fries during the Fridays of Lent. Serving will be from **3:00-6:30**. We'll have a modified menu from past years (less choices). Orders can be placed ahead of time. (Utilizing either the 440-526-1818 or 440-526-0016 number.) Volunteers will be needed. Contact **Pat Lesnick** with your availability (**216-973-1430**).

O Saint Joseph

Byzantine R.
Carpathian
Chant 9/6/85

The image shows a handwritten musical score for the hymn "O Saint Joseph". It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a large "O" and the lyrics "Saint Joseph, chosen for Christ, come to us in time of strife." The second staff continues with "Holy Joseph, father to Christ, guide us to angelic life." The third staff is marked "Refrain" and begins with "Intercede for us who pray, help us reach your peace-filled way." The fourth staff continues with "purest heart so free from strife" and the fifth staff concludes with "help us find your peace-filled life." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

O Saint Joseph, chosen for Christ,
come to us in time of strife.
Holy Joseph, father to Christ,
guide us to angelic life.
Refrain Intercede for us who pray,
help us reach your peace-filled way,
purest heart so free from strife
help us find your peace-filled life.

This hymn was especially commissioned by Father Bartkus for the use as an anthem for the faithful of St. Joseph's Parish of Brecksville.

PARISH INFORMATION

ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS: 440-526-0016

CONFESSIONS: One half hour before liturgies for fifteen minutes and by request

MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

LADIES' AUXILIARY: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES: Sundays 9:00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE: Tuesday noon

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