

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА КАТЕДРА НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ**

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CATHEDRAL LITURGY TIMES

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy for Sunday in English

Sunday morning Liturgies
9:00 a.m. in Ukrainian
11:00 a.m. in English

Daily Liturgies:
please see schedule on next page

ЧАСИ ЛІТУРГІЙ В КАТЕДРІ

У суботу вечером о 4:30 год.
Літургія за неділю по-англійськи

Літургії в неділю ранком:
9:00 год по-українськи
11:00 год по-англійськи

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First Time in our Cathedral? Don't worry!
Just ask anyone of us, "What was that all about?"
We welcome you to our parish community.
Be free to introduce yourself to anyone of our priests, who
are Fr. Joseph Szupa or Fr. Walter Pasicznyk.
We would love to meet you.

Also come to our parish cafeteria after Sunday services for coffee and fellowship.
Still another wonderful opportunity to get to know one another.

We have a simple "Do and Don't Rule" here
Do Come and Enjoy.
Don't Worry.



THE SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
РОЗПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ

Saturday, January 23 CATHEDRAL	4:30 p.m.	Sunday's Divine Liturgy God's blessings on all our parishioners (English)	
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON НЕДІЛЯ БЛУДНОГО СИНА			
Sunday, January 24	9:00 a.m.	God's blessings on all our parishioners (Ukrainian)	
CATHEDRAL	11:00 a.m.	God's blessings on Ukraine and her heroes	Marijka Paprocky
Monday, January 25		NO DIVINE LITURGY	
CHAPEL Tuesday, January 26	8:00 a.m.	+ Stanley Oprysk	Ray and Luba Kwoczak
CHAPEL Wednesday, January 27	8:00 a.m.	+ Maria Wikarczuk—40th day	Mina and Family
CHAPEL Thursday, January 28	8:00 a.m.	NO DIVINE LITURGY	
CATHEDRAL Friday, January 29	9:00 am	THE FEAST DAY OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS	
		Health of Vera, Nadia, Lyubov, Sofia, Tetyana, Gregory, Natalia, Myroslav, Alexandra, Halyna, Daria, Slava and their families Luba Makar	
CATHEDRAL Saturday, January 30	4:30 p.m.	God's blessings on all our parishioners	
MEATFARESUNDAY М'ЯСОПУСНА НЕДІЛЯ			
CATHEDRAL		Tone 3 Epistle: 1 Cor. 8: 8—9: 2 Gospel: Lk: 25: 31-46	
Sunday, January 31	9:00 a.m.	+ Stanley Oprysk—40th day	Oprysk Family
	11:00 a.m.	+ Ronald Maxymiuk, Jr.	Ronald Maxymiuk, Sr.

CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME TO THE PARISH HALL TO TASTE OUR DELICIOUS FOODS & PYROHY

DEEP THANKS GO TO OUR KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

May God bless Iryna Shpylchak, Sr. Martin MSMG, Luba Cyhan, Katherine Dewedoff, Petro Iwaniw, Ottilia Karpin, Anne Krawchuk, Anna Laluk, Anna Maxymiuk, Vera Sawchyn, Myroslav Shpylchak, Ivan Shpylchak and Anna Slotwinski for your labor of love and support of our parish.

SINCERE THANKS GO TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR KITCHEN DONTIONS

Stefan Fediuk

Pray for the following parishioners for healing and good health

Fr. Ruslan Romaniuk, Rev. Deacon Charles Schultz, John Chytruk, Maria Jackiw, Peggy Konzerowsky, Michael Lubianetsky, Julia Maksymchuk, Maria Plekan and Rosalie Senick. If you are admitted to the hospital, or at home and would like the priest to visit you, please call the parish office at 215-922-2845, or in case of an emergency please call 201-741-2292.



Last Sunday's Basket Collection

Total: \$5,465.00

Basket: \$2,536.00, Candles: \$179.00, Kitchen: \$475.00,

Memorials: \$1,075.00, Bingo: \$1,200.00

Memorial Candle Offerings

The Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of deceased family members offered by Fr. Joseph

The Candle before Christ on the Iconostas

In memory of +Stefan and Anna Rad offered by the Rad & Conway Families

The Candle before the Mother of God on the Iconostas

God's blessings and health for an ill friend offered by Rita Malinowski

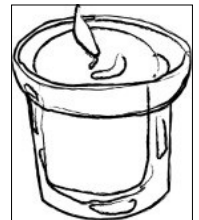
The Candle before John the Baptist on the Iconostas

In memory of + William Malinowski offered by Rita Malinowski

The Candle before St. Nicholas on the Iconostas

In memory of +Bohdan Z. Myr offered by Patricia Myr and Family

The customary donation for a Memorial Candle is \$5.00 per week



The Great Fast is just around the corner....

The forty day period of the Great Fast (Lent) during which we spiritually prepare for the celebration of the Holy Day of our Lord's Glorious Resurrection begins on Monday, February 8th. **WOW!** That is early, especially considering that we are still in the Christmas Cycle.

Here are some thoughts to ponder on how much we need to embrace the Great Fast.

It is meant to kindle a "bright, joyful sadness" within us;

its aim is the remembrance of Christ,

and our deep longing to renew and deepen our relationship with God, strained by sin.

The darkness of the Great Fast allows the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn brightly within our hearts as we are led to encounter the brilliance of Christ's Holy and Glorious Resurrection.

2016 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please take your 2016 Church envelopes home with you if you have done so by now. Fill out the registration card from the envelope box and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory as we would like to update the parish files. Also please include your email addresses and cell phone numbers and write it on the back of the card. All information will be treated as confidential and used solely for parish communications.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

A Ukrainian woman, by the name of Zoya, is seeking employment as a caregiver of an elderly or ill person, or to do domestic work such as cooking and housekeeping in a Ukrainian speaking home. If you are interested, contact her at 856.316.5922.

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THE SCHEDULE OF

LENTEN VESPERS AND CONFESSIONS OF THE PHILADELPHIA DEANERY

The following schedule is for those who are interested in attending Vespers during the Great Fast (LENT) which will be celebrated every Sunday at various parishes in the Philadelphia Deanery. All are encouraged to attend these services as they are both uplifting and a small sacrifice we make in preparation to meet our Lord on His Holy Day of Resurrection—PASCHA.

Sunday, February 14th—Holy Myrrh-Bearers Church, Swarthmore, PA
Fr. Paul Makar, homilist

Sunday, February 21st—St. Michael Church, Cherry Hill, NJ
Fr. George Worschak, homilist

Sunday, February 28th—Annunciation of the BVM Church, Melrose Park, PA
Fr. Volodymyr Klanichka, homilist

Sunday, March 6th—St. Mary Church, Bristol, PA
Fr. Walter Pasicznyk, homilist

March 13th—Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA
Fr. John Fields, homilist

Vespers begin at 4:00PM each Sunday and Confessions begin a half hour before

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Don't Insult God's Image

If you are angry at your neighbor, says St. Ephrem the Syrian, you are angry at God, because your neighbor is the image of God. But if you honor your neighbor, you honor God.

If you are angry against your neighbor, you are angry against God; and if you bear anger in your heart, your pride is lifted up against the Lord. If you rebuke in envy, all your reproof is wicked.

But if love dwells in you, you have no enemy on earth. And if you are a true child of peace, you will do no wrong to your neighbor.

And if you love to be angry, be angry with the wicked, and it will be appropriate. If you look to wage war, here is Satan for your adversary. If you wish to revile, display your curses against the demons.

But if you insult the King's image, you will pay the penalty of murder; and if you revile a human being, you revile the image of God. Do honor to your neighbor, and you have honored God. But if you wish to dishonor God, attack your neighbor in anger!

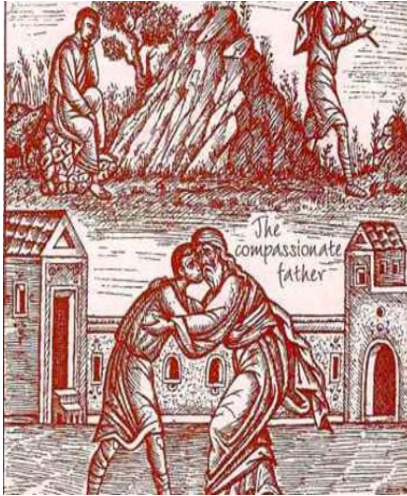
St. Ephrem the Syrian, *Homily on Admonition and Repentance*

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Parable of the Prodigal Son centers on each human being's deepest need for repentance in order to have and maintain a relationship with our Heavenly Father. It is dramatically lived out by the un-named younger son who consciously cuts off ties with his father and exiles himself into a distant alien land. And quickly he squandered all of his father's gifts on "prodigal" living, losing everything. Actually, he began to perish there coming close to dying from hunger because of severe fam-

ine. The Scriptures even state, "He stomach with the pods that the him anything". Yet in the midst of mately came to his senses, realizing servants had enough food to eat and compelled him to reason, "I will say to him, 'Father, I have before you; I am no longer worthy me like one of your hired servants.'" near, his father saw him from a passion on his son, and ran to meet him. The son confessed his sins and ness to be called a son, however, in son, the father ordered his servants ring for his finger and sandals for the fatted calf to be killed for a fes-

claimed, "For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and now is found," receiving true mercy, for mercy can only be received in sincere humble repentance.



would have gladly filled his swine ate, but no one gave these dire conditions, he ultimately even his father's hired still some to spare, and this arise and go to my father and sinned against heaven and to be called your son. Make And so he did. As he drew great distance and had com-

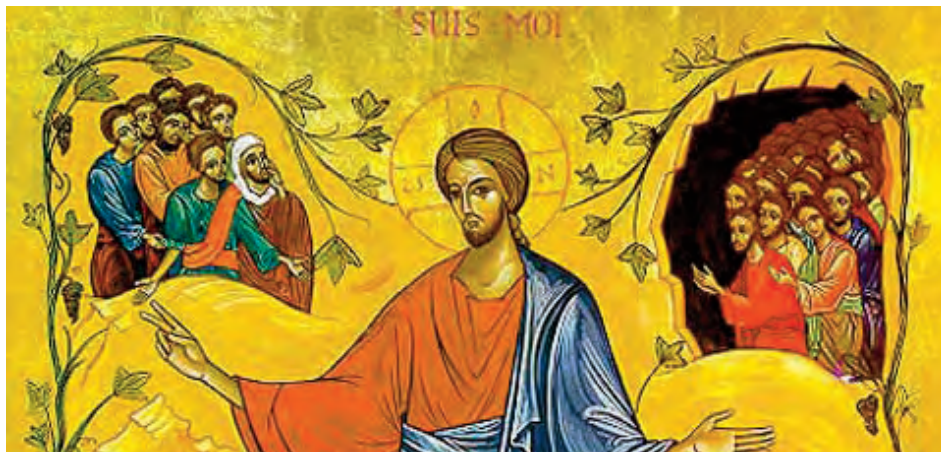
him, embracing and kissing acknowledged his unworthi-

his joy at the return of his to bring him the best robe, a his feet. Then he called for tive celebration as he ex-

This parable forms an exact icon of repentance at its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers and hunger. Repentance, on the other hand, is the return from exile to our true home where we receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. But true repentance also requires action: "I will rise up and go..." To repent is not just to feel dissatisfied, but to make a decision to improve and to act upon it. In the words of our Lord, we learn of three things in this parable: the condition of the sinner, the need of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. We see ourselves in the person of the Prodigal Son, because of our own sinful condition and pray that we may come to our senses and return to God through repentance. For those who may have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father patiently and lovingly waits for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us. This parable also offers us insight into the world in which we live. It is a world where the activities of people are often disconnected and not ordered toward the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for our lives. This is a world of incoherent pursuits and illusory strivings, the craving for food and drink that do not satisfy, a world engulfed in untruth, deceit and sin where nothing ultimately makes sense. It is the exact opposite of the world as created by God and restored by his Son and Spirit. There is no cure for the evils of our age without return to God. Our world is not a normal world, but rather a wasteland.

This is why the reading of Psalm 137 is added to the Matins service today and on the two following Sundays of Meatfare and Cheesefare. This nostalgic lament of the Hebrew exiles states: "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept as we remembered Zion. On the willows we hung our harps, for how could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land" (Psalm 137). Here we can see the challenge of life in this world and the alienation from God that happens when sin reigns in our lives. As a result of sin, we lose the joy of communion with God, defiling our spiritual beauty, finding ourselves far away from our real home, which is the real life—being one with God. True repentance helps us to realize this, and it deeply compels us to return; to recover what has been discarded. The Church reminds us of what we have abandoned and lost, and beckons us to find the desire and power to return. Our Heavenly Father is full of compassion for His children, patiently waiting to receive us with His loving forgiveness and saving embrace as depicted in today's icon.

We pray in the liturgy (page 29) "You do not turn your face from the sinner but offer repentance as a way for salvation." This God inspired line succinctly encompasses this whole parable which St. John Chrysostom has handed down to us.



Illuminated Church Youth Chatter

January, 2016

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE SOUTH ANTHRACITE DEANERY YOUTH

This Publication, a Gift to the Youth and Young Adults of this Deanery, is, I hope, interesting to you and will help you grow in your relationship with God. Please send your comments and ideas for future issues. Thank you to everyone who submitted suggestions for the title to this publication--20 great titles were received. The one chosen is a combination of 2 submissions: **Church Chatter** by Alan Evens and **Youth Illuminations** by *no name*. Together, the first letters form the word **ICYC (Jesus)**.
Sr. Natalya, SSM sisternatalya@gmail.com



Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:13-17)

At the Baptism of Jesus, we hear the Father speak these words about Jesus, His Son, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Jesus then went out to begin

Our Baptism enables us to Share God's Love




His public ministry -- the work of the Kingdom, to which His Father called Him.


At our Baptism, the Father spoke these same words about us: "This is my beloved son/daughter, with whom I am well pleased." and our Baptism calls each of us to do our part in the work of the Kingdom.


Every person is "beloved" of God and every person has a special purpose for their lives. Have you ever thought about your special purpose? Have you ever considered what it means to be a beloved child of God?


What *does* it mean to be a child of God? *and* If I am a beloved child of God due to my baptism, what about every other baptized person? How do I treat every other "beloved child of God" who comes into my life every day?


By virtue of our baptism, we are given the grace and the faith to go out and share our faith and our very selves with others. There are many ways to share ourselves and our faith, some of the best are without words. Some examples are:


-  Shoveling snow for neighbors who cannot do it for themselves.
-  Write a thank you note to your mailcarrier, trash collector, or local police or fire fighters. These are persons who do things to help us and an acknowledgement of their service could make their day.
-  When it snows, scrape the windshields of someone who may be older or have small children.

 Read a story or play a game with a younger sibling or the child of a friend or neighbor to give mom a break or a chance to do something that needs to be done.

 Erase the board or straighten up the room for a teacher without being asked.

 Smile and say "hi" to people as you walk down the street.

 Speak to someone who appears to be alone.

 Say 'thank you' to a parent, teacher, your pastor for the kindnesses that they share with you everyday.

The kindness shown to a person can help them feel God's love and care in their lives. The ways in which we are able to show kindness to others are endless. Be creative.

If you are able to share your faith with another, take a risk. Talk about your faith. Our faith grows as we share it. Make this Year of Mercy a special one in your family, in school, at work, wherever you go.

Our acts of kindness will help change our world into a better place. And our acts of kindness remind us and those around us that we are all "beloved children of God."

Christmas Trivia

❄ Jan. 15, 1870 - The Donkey was first used as symbol of Democratic Party, in Harper's Weekly, drawn by Thomas Nast.

❄ Jan. 18, 1778 - James Cook 'discovered' Hawaii, naming it 'The Sandwich Islands'.

❄ Jan. 19, 1937 - Howard Hughes set a record by flying from Los Angeles to New York City in 7 hours, 28 minutes, 25 seconds.

❄ Jan. 21, 1970 - The Boeing 747, made its 1st commercial flight, between New York's John F. Kennedy Airport and Heathrow Airport in London, England.

❄ Jan. 22, 1973 - Roe vs Wade: U. S. Supreme Court legalized abortions.

❄ Jan. 26, 1912 - Jim Thorpe returned his 1912 Olympic medals for being a professional athlete. He was paid for playing 2 seasons of semi-professional baseball before competing in the Olympics, thus violating the amateur rules at that time. His Olympic medals were reinstated posthumously by an act of Congress in 1983.

❄ Jan. 31, 1958 - The U.S. launched its first successful orbiting satellite, Explorer-I.

The Icon of the Theophany of Our Lord

On the Feast of the Theophany, we commemorate the revelation of God in the Most Holy Trinity for the first time. In fact, in Greek, the word "theophany" means "revelation". In the Gospel read on this day, Matthew 3:13-17, we hear the description of the Blessed Trinity, manifested at Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River.

As we look at the icon of the Feast, we see the following elements:



- ✧ John the Baptist knows that Jesus does not need to be baptized, but, both John and Jesus submit to the Law and Jesus goes into the waters of the Jordan. Jesus is not submerged in the water, for creation was baptized in Him, not He by the water.
- ✧ The Holy Spirit is descending upon Jesus as a dove. The Father's words, proclaiming that Jesus is His beloved Son, are shown coming down from the partial circle at the top of the icon.
- ✧ The angels on the right side are waiting to attend and dress him after the baptism is over.
- ✧ There is an axe near John the Baptist, which reflects his warning that our lives must bear the fruit of the Spirit or else we will be removed. We cannot get comfortable or spiritually lazy.

Tropar of Theophany:

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed, for the Father's voice bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, Who appeared and enlightend the world, glory be to You!

Note Change Teens: Grade 8 - High School Seniors



**Faith
Lights
Our
Way**

We will meet on Sunday, February 14th, 2016

Weather permitting, again, we will try to go snow-tubing. Bowling is an alternative. Details will be available in your parish, closer to the date.

Any Questions -- Call Sr. Natalya (570)544-3639

For more information and/or questions, please contact any of our South Anthracite Parishes:

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Shenandoah - St. Clair www.first-ukrainian.com

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210 W. Blaine St. McAdoo, PA 18237
570 -929-2804

There are many 'odd' holidays that are celebrated everyday. We have never heard of most of these 'holidays'. Some are fun, but all can allow us an opportunity for kindness.

Celebrate:

- Jan. 10 - Houseplant Appreciation Day
- Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King Birthday Day / Thesaurus Day
- Jan. 19 - National Popcorn Day
- Jan. 21 - National Hugging Day
- Jan. 23 - National Handwriting Day / National Pie Day
- Jan. 24 - Compliment Day
- Jan. 29 - National Puzzle Day
- Jan. 31 - Inspire Your Heart Day

Jan. 10-16 - Letter Writing Week

January is also: Baking Month / Hobby Month / Thank You Month

How will you like to celebrate?