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# January 31, 2021 Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (284-305)

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Schedule of Sunday & Weekday Services

<u>1.31.2021 – Неділя Блудного сина</u> 9:30 а.т. - Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 а.т. - Служба Божа *Святковий обід і Прощання з колядою* 

2.2.2021 – Стрітення Господа Бога і Спаса нашого Ісуса Христа. 9:00 а.т. - Служба Божа Освячення Стрітенських свічок 2.7.2021 – Неділя М'ясопусна.

9:30 а.т. - Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 а.т. - Служба Божа 1.31.2021 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son 9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy Farewell to Christmas Potluck and Caroling after Liturgy

2.2.2021 – The Encounter of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy Blessing of candles

#### 2.7.2021 – Meatfare Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

## Sunday Collection for January 24, 2021:

Envelopes: \$465.00

Candles: \$41.00

Loose Cash: \$67.00

## TOTAL: \$573.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!

## <u>Парафіяльні Оголошення</u>

- 1. Святковий обід і Прощання з колядою сьогодні.
- 2. Якщо ви бажаєте, щоб священник відвідав ваш дім з Йорданським благословенням, будь ласка, виповніть форму, яка є при вході до храму.
- 3. Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажаючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
- 4. У зв'язку зі зростанням захворюваності на COVID-19 просимо одягати маски, мити руки чи використовувати санітайзер та зберігати дистанцію
- 5. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні, а також щоб США зібралися разом і намагалися зрозуміти один одного.

## Parish Announcements

- 1. Farewell to Christmas Potluck and Caroling after Liturgy today.
- 2. If you would like to have your house blessed with Jordan Holy water, please, fill out form by the church entrance.
- 3. We need additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
- 4. Due to the increase in Covid 19 cases, please remember to wear a mask, wash hands or use sanitizer and keep social distance from those not in your family.
- 5. We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine, and that people of the USA come together and try to understand each other.

## **Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish**

Finbarr Jones, Olga Wasylowsky, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Natalie Shuya, Charlotte Scheuer, Irene Karpinec, Nadia Kusznir, Oksana Nosyk, Rose Adamko, John Lackhouse, Richard Case, Laura Baker Coughlin and young Samuel Rocha. Remember also all those who have suffered due to Covid 19 – the ill, the deceased, the healthcare workers and those lost jobs because of the virus.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.

Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at **773-979-4737** to let him know who would like a visit. O. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером **773-979-4737**.

#### Who are Holy Wonderworkers & Unmercenaries Cyrus & John?

St. Cyrus was a Christian physician in the city of Alexandria who treated the sick without charge, both their bodily afflictions and their spiritual infirmities. He said, "Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness." Preaching the Gospel, Cyrus converted many pagans to Christ. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), St. Cyrus went to Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, as God gave him the gift to heal every sickness. In the city of Edessa lived the soldier John, a pious Christian. When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and heard about St. Cyrus. He searched for him, going to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When John finally found St. Cyrus, he became his faithful follower. When a Christian woman Athanasia and her three young daughters. Theoctiste (15); Theodota (13); and Eudoxia 11) were arrested, Sts. Cyrus and John went to the prison to help them. Concerned that faced with



torture, the women might renounce Christ, Sts. Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Sts. Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness all kinds form of torture against the holy martyrs. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of the saints, but continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and beheaded, become martyrs at the same place the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John were executed. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. In the 5th century the relics of Sts. Cyrus and John were transferred from Canopis to Manuphin, later to Rome, and then to Munchen (Munich). Sts. Cyrus and John are invoked by those who have difficulty in sleeping.

In this new year 2021, remember those who have less. Donated food items are given to the local food pantry. Please show your thanks to God for what you have by sharing generously with others in need.

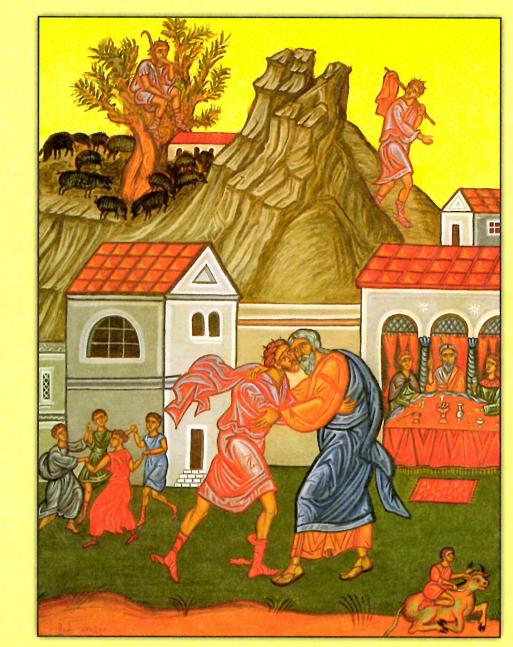
#### Despite His Sin, the Spirit Was Still with the Son

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

#### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son