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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Бюлетень – Bulletin

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**February 5, 2023**

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Post-feast of the Encounter; The Holy Martyr Agatha (249-51)

**Tone 2**

### Schedule of Sunday Services

#### 2.5.2023 – Неділя Блудного сина

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

**Освячення Стрітенських свічок**

#### 2.5.2023 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

**Blessing of candles**

#### 2.12.2023 – Неділя М'ясопусна.

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

#### 2.12.2023 – Meatfare Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

### Парафіяльні Оголошення

1. Якщо ви бажаєте, щоб священник відвідав ваш дім з Йорданським благословенням, будь ласка, виповніть форму, яка є при вході до храму.
2. Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажаючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
3. Ласкаво запрошуємо всіх відвідувачів загостити до нас на каву, канапки і солодке у церковному залі після Святої Літургії.
4. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні.



# Let Christ's Light shine in you!

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

George Wasyliw, Lola Woloch, Nadia Kusznir,  
Charlotte Scheuer, John Lackhouse, Georgia  
Sosnowski, Olga Wasyłowsky, Stephanie Babij,  
Myroslava Iwachiw, Irene Karpinec, Teodozia Shyika  
Lucyk, Howard Vaughn, and young Samuel Rocha.  
Remember those who have suffered due to Covid 19.

Please pray for those who have been killed,  
injured or displaced due to war in Ukraine.

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. О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером 773-979-4737.



### Sunday Collections for January 29, 2023:

Envelopes: \$360.00

Candles: \$58.00

Loose Cash: \$256.00

Parish Dues: \$25.00

TOTAL: \$699.00

**Aid to Ukraine: \$19.00**

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

### Parish Announcements

1. If you would like to have your house blessed with Yordan Holy water, please, fill out form by the church entrance.
2. We need additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
3. A warm welcome to all our visitors today. We invite you to join us for coffee, sandwiches and sweets following our Liturgy.
4. Please pray to God for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine.



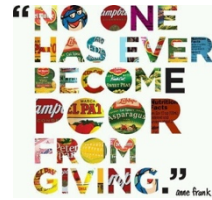


## Who is Holy Martyr Agatha (249-51)?

Holy Virgin Martyr Agatha was the fifteen-year-old daughter of rich and respected Christian parents from the city of Palermo (formerly Panormos) in Sicily. During the persecution under the emperor Decius (249-251), the city prefect of Catania, Quintianus, having heard about Agatha's wealth and beauty, sent his soldiers after her to bring her to trial as a Christian. At Catania they housed the saint with a certain rich woman, who had five daughters. They all attempted to tempt St. Agatha with fine clothes, amusements and entertainment, urging her to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, but she disdained all these things. The more they tried to move her, the more resolute she became. She prayed that she might soon face martyrdom. During her interrogation under Quintianus, Agatha was swayed neither by the flattery, nor by the threats, and she was subjected to cruel torments. They also tried to remove her breasts with metal tongs, and when this failed, they used knives. The

holy Apostle Peter appeared to her in prison and healed her wounds. St. Agatha was led to torture again, and Quintianus was astonished to see her completely healed, with no trace of cutting. Then the torture began once more. At this moment an earthquake took place in the city, and many buildings were destroyed. Among those killed were two of Quintianus's advisors. The terrified inhabitants rushed to Quintianus, demanding an end to Agatha's tortures. Fearing a revolt by the people, Quintianus sent Saint Agatha back to prison. There the martyr, offering thanks to God, peacefully surrendered her soul to the Lord.

*With extreme cold weather and rising prices, please 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.*



### Mercy and Forgiveness

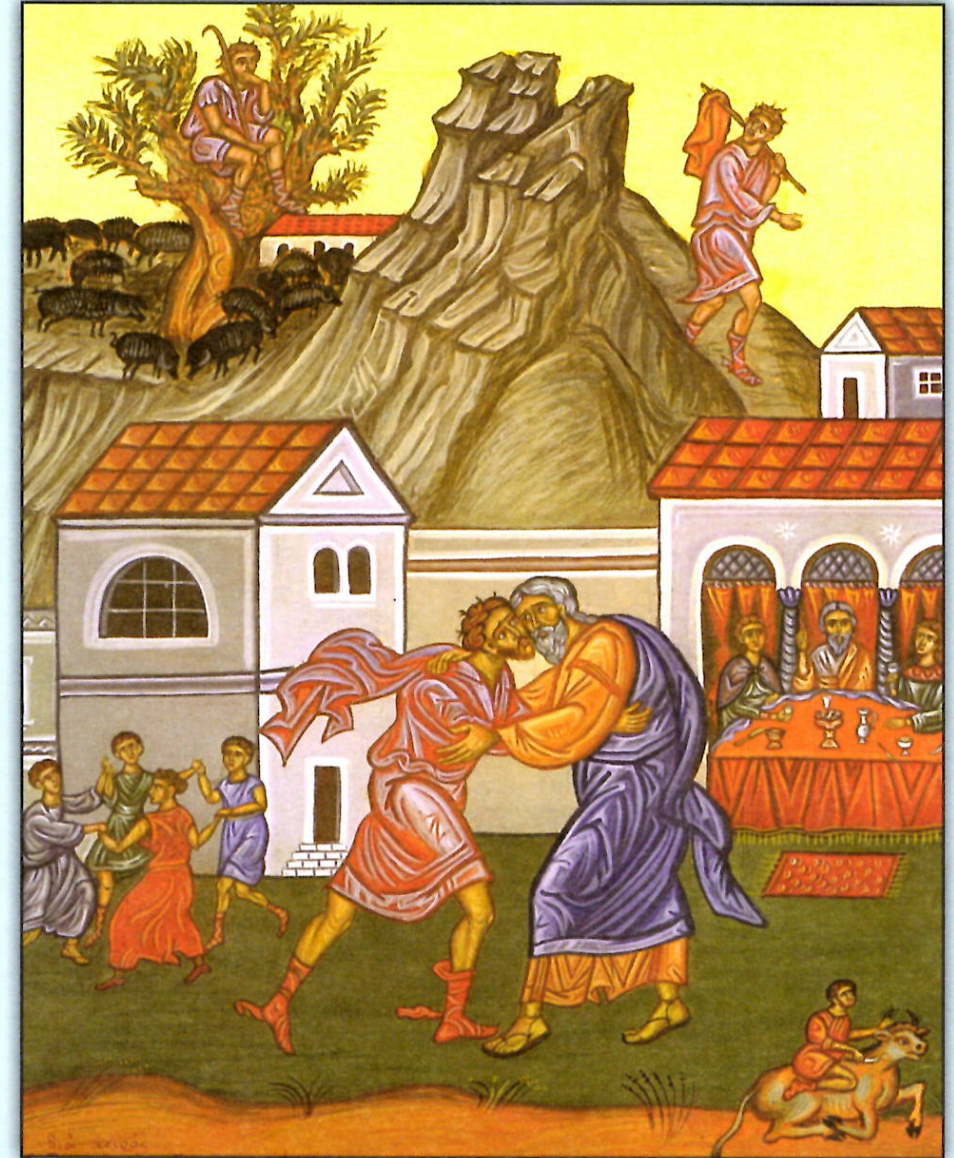
All that God looks for from us is the slightest opening and He forgives a multitude of sins. ... There were two brothers: they divided their father's goods between them and one stayed home, while the other went away to a foreign country, wasted all he had been given, and then could not bear the shame of his poverty. The son who went away represents those who fall after baptism. This is clear from the fact that he is called a son, since no one is called a son unless he is baptized. Also, he lived in his father's house and took a share of all his father's goods. Before baptism no one receives the Father's goods or enters upon the inheritance. We can therefore take all this as signifying the state of believers.

What does he say after falling into the depths of evil? I will return to my father. The reason the father let him go and did not prevent his departure for a foreign land was so that he might learn well by experience what good things are enjoyed by the one who stays at home. For when words would

not convince us God often leaves us to learn from the things that happen to us. When the dissolute returned after going to a foreign country and finding out by experience what a great sin it is to leave the father's house, the father did not remember past injuries but welcomed him with open arms. Why? Because he was a father and not a judge. And there were dances and festivities and banquets and the whole house was full of joy and gladness.

Are you asking: "Is this what he gets for his wickedness?" Not for his wickedness, but for his return home; not for sin, but for repentance; not for evil, but for being converted. What is more, when the elder son was angry at this the father gently won him over, saying: You were always with me, but he was lost and has been found; he was dead and has come back to life. "When someone who was lost has to be saved," says the father, "it is not the time for passing judgment or making minute inquiries, but only for mercy and forgiveness."

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)