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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Бюлетень – Bulletin

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February 9, 2025

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee; Leave-taking of the Encounter of our Lord; The Holy Martyr Nicephorus. Tone 5

Schedule of Sunday Services

2.9.2025 – Неділя митаря і фарисея.

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

2.9.2025 – Sunday of the Pharisee & the Publican

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

2.16.2025 – Неділя Блудного сина

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

2.16.2025 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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



*Jesus is the Light of the World –
Let His Light shine in you!*

Lent will be starting soon – now is the time to start preparing!

Парафіяльні Оголошення

1. Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажаючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
2. Ласкаво запрошуємо всіх відвідувачів загостити до нас на каву, канапки і солодке у церковному залі після Святої Літургії.
3. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні.

Parish Announcements

1. We are in need of additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
2. A warm welcome to all our visitors today. We invite you to join us for coffee, sandwiches and sweets following our Liturgy.
3. Please pray to God for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine.

Collections for Sunday, February 2, 2025:

Sunday Envelopes: \$355.00 Candles: \$85.00 Encounter of Our Lord: \$25.00
Loose Cash & Check: \$150.00 Parish Dues: \$25.00 TOTAL: \$640.00

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

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.

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



Pat Baker, Donald William Churilla, Olga Wasylowsky, Charlotte Scheuer, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Stephanie Babij, Georgia Sosnowski, Myroslava Iwachiw, Irene Karpinec, and young Samuel Rocha. Remember those who suffered or died 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.



Who is Holy Martyr Nicephoros?

The Holy Martyr Nicephoros (Nikēphōros) lived in the city of Syrian Antioch. In this city lived also the presbyter Sapricius, with whom Nicephoros was very friendly, so that they were considered as brothers. They quarreled because of some disagreement, and their former love changed into enmity and hate. After a certain time Nicephoros came to his senses, repented of his sin and more than once asked Sapricius, through mutual friends, to forgive him. Sapricius, however, did not wish to forgive him. Nicephoros then went to his former friend and fervently asked forgiveness, but Sapricius was adamant. At this time the emperors Valerian (253-259) and Gallius (260-268) began to persecute Christians, and one of the first brought before the court was the priest Sapricius. He firmly confessed himself a Christian, underwent tortures for his faith and was condemned to death by beheading with a sword. As they led Sapricius to execution, Nicephoros tearfully implored his forgiveness saying, "O martyr of Christ, forgive me if I have sinned against you in any way." The priest Sapricius remained stubborn, and even as he approached death he refused to forgive his fellow Christian. Seeing the hardness of his heart, the Lord withdrew His blessing from Sapricius, and would not let him receive the crown of martyrdom. At the last moment, he suddenly became afraid of death and agreed to offer sacrifice to idols. In vain did Saint Nicephoros urge Sapricius not to lose his reward through apostasy, since he already stood on the threshold of the heavenly Kingdom. Saint Nicephoros then said to the executioner, "I am a Christian, and I believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Execute me in place of Sapricius." The executioners reported this to the governor. He decided to free Sapricius, and to behead Nicephoros in his place. Thus did Saint Nicephoros inherit the Kingdom and receive a martyr's crown.

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.

"NO ONE HAS EVER BECOME POOR FROM GIVING."

Publican and Pharisee: Humility vs Self-Righteousness

This parable represents to us two chariots on the race course, each with two charioteers in it. In one of the chariots it places righteousness with pride, in the other sin and humility. You see the chariot of sin outstrip that of righteousness, not by its own strength but by the excellence of humility combined with it, but the other is defeated not by righteousness, but by the weight and swelling of pride.

For as humility by its own elasticity rises above the weight of pride, and leaping up reaches to God, so pride by its great weight easily depresses righteousness. Although therefore you are earnest and constant in well doing, yet think you may boast yourself, you are altogether devoid of the fruits of prayer. But you that bears a thousand loads of guilt on your conscience, and only

think this thing of yourself that you are the lowest of all men, shall gain much confidence before God.

And He then goes on to assign the reason of His sentence. For every one who exalts himself shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted. The word humility has various meanings. There is the humility of virtue, as, a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. There is also a humility arising from sorrows, as, He has humbled my life upon the earth. There is a humility derived from sin, and the pride and insatiability of riches. For can anything be more low and debased than those who grovel in riches and power, and count them great things?

Saint John Chrysostom

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee