

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE  
MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA



*Icon of the Publican and Pharisee*



**Divine Liturgy Guide**

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

**Sunday of The Publican & Pharisee**

**Encounter of our Lord with Simeon**

SAT FEBRUARY 1: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Yaroslav Matieshko by Family

SUN FEBRUARY 2: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of The Publican & Pharisee  
Encounter of our Lord with Simeon      God's Blessings for His People

MON. FEBRUARY 3: Synaxis of the Holy Prophets Simeon & Anna READ Mark 13:9-13

TUE. FEBRUARY 4: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Yaroslav Matieshko by Family


WED. FEBRUARY 5: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Yaroslav Matieshko by Family

THU. FEBRUARY 6: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Yaroslav Matieshko by Family

FRI. FEBRUARY 7: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Yaroslav Matieshko by Family

SAT FEBRUARY 8: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Marie Wasylyniak by Gary & Danielle Hughes

SUN FEBRUARY 9: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of The Prodigal Son  
God's Blessings for His People

<u>Collection Basket</u> 	<u>Happy Birthday!</u>
<p><i>[Faint text: ... 705 ... 1,33 ...]</i></p> <p><b>We thank last week's counters:</b></p> <p><b>Paul Ewasko &amp; Pat Waznak</b></p> <p><b>Next in Line:</b></p> <p><b>Dorothy Kowalchick &amp; Debbie Dommies</b></p>	<p><b>Birthdays Feb. 1 - 7</b></p> <p><b>Gianna Volpe - Feb. 3</b></p> <p><b>Sean Brennan - Feb. 7</b></p> <p><b>John Tutka - Feb. 7</b></p>

### CALENDAR 2020

- February 16<sup>th</sup> - Pork Dinner
- February 24<sup>th</sup> - First day of Lent/Great Fast
- February 29<sup>th</sup> - Pyrohy
- March 28<sup>th</sup> - Pyrohy
- April 12<sup>th</sup> - Easter
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – First Solemn Communion

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 1. SPRINGTIME BUS TRIP

The North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 16, 2020. The itinerary includes the 44th Annual Ukrainian Street Festival sponsored by St. George Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish and the 14th Annual Multi-Ethnic Parade and Dance Festival both on the Lower East Side plus a ride on the Staten Island Ferry. Participants are free to do their own thing in the City for all or part of the day if they so wish. Bus will pick up at Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Church, 70 Zerby Avenue at 8:00am and at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue at 8:45am. Departure for home will be at 8:00pm. Cost is \$45.00 per person. Full nonrefundable advance payment reserves a seat. For further information and reservations call Paul at 570 563-2275 or Dorothy at 570 822-5354. Early reservations are recommended as this is a very popular trip and the 55 passenger bus is expected to fill quickly.

#### 2. BLESSING OF CANDLES THIS WEEKEND

The Presentation of Our Lord Solemn Holy Day is this Sunday, February 2nd. Divine Liturgy will be held at the usual time of 10:30am. The traditional Blessing of Candles will take place following both Saturday & Sunday Divine Liturgies. If you would like a Blessed Candle for your home, you may pick one up in the front of the church at the conclusion of Liturgy. A donation will be appreciated.



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### 3. SAINT MARON NOVENA

The Holy Name Society of Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church is sponsoring a Novena for the Feast of Saint Maron. The Novena will be prayed in the parish Church located at Sumner Avenue at Price Street in West Scranton, and runs from Saturday, February 1st to the Feast of Saint Maron, Sunday February 9th. On the two weekends of February 1st and 2nd and February 8th and 9th, the Novena will follow the Saturday 4:30 PM Vigil Mass and the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass; and on the weekdays of February 3rd through the 7th, the weekday Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 PM followed by the Novena. The Novena will include the recitation of the Holy Rosary, a blessing with the Icon of Saint Maron and veneration of the relic of Saint Maron. All are welcome.

### 4. PRELENTEN PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

We cordially invite you to join us for our annual Pre-Lenten pork and sauerkraut/kapusta dinner on Sunday, February 16, 2020, beginning at 12:15pm at our Parish Center. Menu: slow roasted pork loin, gravy, Ukrainian kapusta (sweet and sour cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, beverages. Adults \$13.00; Students \$8.00 (age 6-12); Age 5 and under free. Advance reservations for both sit-down and take-out are required and can be made with Maria Black at 570 503-1514 Take-outs available at 11:30 a.m. but no later than 12 noon.

### 5. DOOR PRIZES AND DESSERTS NEEDED FOR PRE-LENTEEN DINNER

We are asking Parishioners for Door Prizes and/or Desserts for our annual Pre-Lenten Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, February 16th. If you can Donate a prize or dessert, bring them to the Hall on Saturday, February 15th or Sunday morning, February 16th before the Dinner. All Donations will be appreciated.

### 6. SPECIAL THANKS TO DECORATORS OF OUR CHURCH

St. Vladimir's would like to thank those who worked hard on Friday in taking down and storing our Christmas Decorations. Your commitment and dedication is deeply appreciated.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 7. ST. VLADIMIR'S TO HOST DEANERY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

The next Deanery Soborchyk is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 5, at our Church. Parishioners from Simpson, Olyphant, Wilkes-Barre, Edwardsville, Plymouth, Nanticoke, Glen Lyon and Berwick will be attending. Meeting will begin at 10:00am. Lunch at Noon will be provided. Please notify Fr. Myron if you can attend.

### 8. 2020 LENTEN RETREAT

The League of Ukrainian Catholics of America has sponsored and held their Annual Lenten Retreat at St. Mary's Villa Educational and Retreat Center the week-end before Palm Sunday for 42 years, providing all faithful attending the opportunity to spend time in prayer and to have the chance to satisfy their Easter confession obligations. This year's Lenten Retreat might be the last retreat held at The Villa as the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate are selling this property. For the past forty-two years we have been so fortunate to be able to come on Retreat to St. Mary's; have been fortunate to enjoy the quiet and comfort of St. Mary's, away from our everyday cares and chores to leave all behind and spend a few days in prayer and in friendship. We have been blessed with the many graces received while on retreat and are thankful for the many clergy who have given their time to enrich our spiritual life year after year. For this year celebrating our Retreat at St. Mary's, Msgr. Martin Canavan has accepted the position of Retreat Director. The theme for this year's retreat is "Standing at the Cross with the Mother of God". As we come to the close of the Great Lent and the beginning of the Great and Holy Week, we pause, gathered together in Jesus' name to reflect on Mary's (the first disciple) place at the Cross. In the light of her "Let it be done to me according to your word" at the Annunciation for Jesus's word from the Cross, "It is accomplished!" we attempt to better understand our place in the Love and Mercy of God poured out on us each and every day. The dates for year's retreat are March 27, 28 and 29th. The Lenten Retreat is scheduled for beginning Friday evening at 7:30 pm. The retreat is open to the faithful of all Eparchies.





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Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

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Mountain View

Sylvester Cybroski

Nadia Biloskirka

Lackawanna Health Care

Antonietta Kohut

Green Ridge Living

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Kay Futrago

Home

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John Ord

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Mary Warholak

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Michael McConnell

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Vera Krewsun

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Kay Knott

**VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning February 1, 2020**

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| 1  | Hanging Eternal Lamp<br>\$10           | By: Harry, Doris, Greg & Matthew Romancho<br>For: I. M. O. + Wasyl, + Catherine & + William Romancho  |
| 2  | 2 Altar Vigil Candles<br>\$10          | By: Olenka Chandoha-Knott<br>For: Birthday Blessings for my Mama - FEB. 7                             |
| 3  | Proskomedia Candles<br>\$10            | By: Mark. Leslie, Daria and Maria<br>For: God's Blessings of Health for Bridget Knott                 |
| 4  | 2 Tetrapod Candles<br>\$10             | By: Pat, Frank and Kristen Waznak<br>For: I. M. O. + Lovie Kenjerski                                  |
| 5  | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5        | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church<br>For: Remembrance of the Holocaust            |
| 6  | Mary Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5         | By: Nadia Biloskirka<br>For: I. M. O. + Nicholas Biloskirka   |
| 7  | St. Nicholas<br>\$5                    | By: Sharmayne Tucker<br>For: Health and God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr.                        |
| 8  | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5 | By: Marlene Laskowski<br>For: I. M. O. + Joseph E. Laskowski, Sr.                                     |
| 9  | Jesus Entrance Vigil<br>\$5            | By: Stella Patrick<br>For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick                             |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil<br>\$5             | By: Walter Skula<br>For: I. M. O. +Dorothy Skula  |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue<br>\$10           | By: Servants of God<br>For : Commemoration - Presentation of the Lord                                 |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday<br>\$5         | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church<br>For: Health & God's blessings for the sick and disabled |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday<br>\$5           | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church<br>For: Health & God's blessings for the Ukrainian orphans |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)<br>\$5     | By: Servants of God<br>For: + Souls in Purgatory  |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)<br>\$5              | By: Regina Kozel<br>For: Health of Ihor Shablovsky  |

**CONFESSION**

*For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.*



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***Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viky!***

**Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m.,**

**Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin**

**OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter & Paul, 47 Rittenhouse Street, Simpson,  
Pennsylvania**

**Sick calls / Communion calls / Home visits/ Emergencies: call parish office.**

***Faults of the Pharisee***

Many are the faults of the Pharisee. First of all, he is boastful, and without sense, for he praises himself, even though the Sacred Scriptures cry aloud, "Let a neighbor praise you, and not your own mouth: a stranger and not your own lips" (Prov. 27:2). ... Our virtue, therefore, must not be contaminated with fault, but must be single-minded and blameless and free from all that can bring reproach. For what profit is there in fasting twice a week, if you so doing serve only as a pretext for ignorance and vanity, and if it makes you prideful, haughty and selfish? You tithe your possessions and make a boast of it; but in another way you provoke God's anger, by condemning men generally on this account and accusing others. And you yourself are puffed up, though not crowned by the divine decree for righteousness, but on the contrary, heap praises upon yourself. For I am not, he says, as the rest of mankind. Moderate yourself, O Pharisee: "Set a guard, O Lord, over your mouth, keep watch over the door of your lips" (Ps. 140:3).

You speak to God Who knows all things. Await the decree of the Judge. None of those skilled in the practice of wrestling ever crowns himself; nor does any man receive the crown of himself, but awaits the summons of the arbiter. Lower your pride, for arrogance is both accursed and hated by God. Although, therefore, you fast with puffed up mind, your so doing will not avail you; your labor will be unrewarded; for you have mingled dung with your perfume. Even according to the law of Moses a sacrifice that had a blemish was not capable of being offered to God; for it was said unto him, "Of sheep, and ox, that is offered for sacrifice, there must be no blemish therein" (Lev. 22:21). Since, therefore, your fasting is accompanied by pride, you must expect to hear God saying, this is not the fast that I have chosen (Cf Isa. 58:5) ... You offer tithes, but you wrong in another way Him Who is honored by you, in that you condemn men generally. This is an act foreign to the mind that fears God.  
*St. Cyril of Alexandria*