# Mercy and Forgiveness

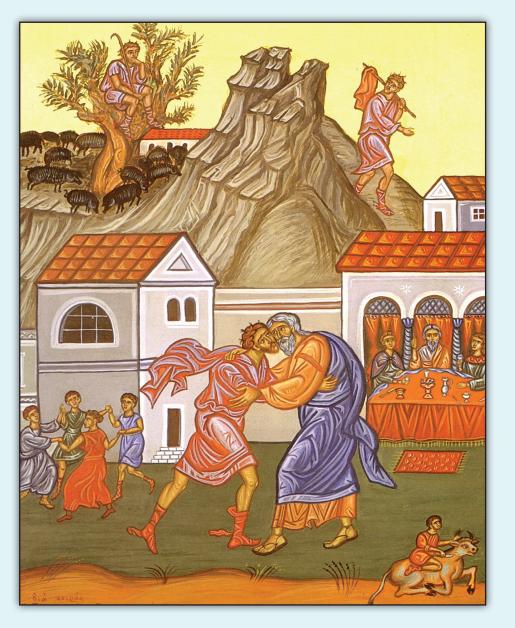
All that God looks for from us is the slightest opening and He forgives a multitude of sins. ... There were two brothers: they divided their father's goods between them and one stayed home, while the other went away to a foreign country, wasted all he had been given, and then could not bear the shame 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)

#### St. George Romanian Catholic Cathedral

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:00 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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# February 5, 2023 Sunday of the Prodigal Son

This Sunday: Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Next Sunday: Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:8-13-9:1-2

Gospel Luke 15:11-32

Gospel Matt 25:31-46

# **Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

Sunday 2/5 Parastas: +Gheorghe Marginean by Ioan Marginean

Family

Monday 2/6 No Liturgy

Tuesday 2/7 8:00am Divine Liturgy: Birthday blessings for Scott &

Simon Parker by Family

Wednesday 2/8 8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Natalie Cseak

Thursday 2/9 8:00am Divine Liturgy: Happy 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mom and

Dad by Fr. Ovidiu Marginean

Friday 2/10 8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Nick Botean and +Esta Wolford

Saturday 2/11 9:00am Divine Liturgy: Saturday of the Dead **Sunday 2/12** 10:00am Divine Liturgy: Meat-Fare Sunday

Church Bulletin donated in February by Mircea Cristea in loving memory of parents, +Metodia and +Mary Cristea along with +John and +Stella Lazar.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <a href="https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/">https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/</a>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner.

All are invited to coffee hour in the Large Hall donated by Mircea Cristea and Ioan Marginean Family. Thank you!

# Sunday Collection: January 29, 2023

Loose \$32.00
Sunday envelopes \$1,544.00
In loving memory of +Augusta, +Octavia, +Aurelia, +Crisana, +Laurentiu and +Ion by Laurentiu and Violeta Muntean \$200.00
Candles \$91.00
Total \$1,867.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members

+All family members

H/S All family members

In loving memory of daughter +Trisha Schock

The Zagan Family

Del and Sandy

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In memory of loved ones Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught

+Terry Orlando, Always in my heart Tony Orlando For the entire Parish with love for all the Tony Orlando

support you gave me

+John Bikis, Jr. Greg and Cheti Bikis

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+Metodia and +Mary Cristea

+John and +Stella Lazar

+John Dragos

In thanksgiving of all who helped in the

Sherry Regula

Helen Bikis

Mircea Cristea

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Mircea Cristea

kitchen for coffee hour today

Special Intention: Caroline Denny and Carol Popa Happy Birthday Ana Popa Denny and Carol Popa

H/S Jim and Esther Dershaw	Scott and Jaime Parker Family			
+Patricia Galida	Mark Botean			
Special Intention	Mariana and David Irimies			
+Parents and Family	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean			
H/S Mircea and Rita Cristea	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean			
+Rodica and +George Suma	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean			
+Oprean Family	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean			
+Parents, All Family Members and Ted McGill	Chuck Roska Family			
H/S Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale, Happy	Chuck Roska Family			
Birthday Jerry Donahue and Miss Celia				
+John Bikis	Nicu and Marcela Greavu			
For Greg Bikis – Sf. Grigore	Nicu and Marcela Greavu			
H/S Geta and Liviu Barcutian	Nicu and Marcela Greavu			
Special Intention	Anonymous			
H/S Xavier	Suzie Dragos			
H/S All Family	Suzie Dragos			
+John Dragos, husband	Suzie Dragos			
+Amparo Adkins	Suzie Dragos			
+Frank and +Mary Getz	Suzie Dragos			
+Gheorghe Marginean	Suzie Dragos			
+Deceased Family	Suzie Dragos			
H/S Susie, daughter	Suzie Dragos			
H/S Aurora, granddaughter	Suzie Dragos			
H/S Danny, Cyndi and Erik Ardelean	Suzie Dragos			
H/S Mircea and Rita Cristea	Suzie Dragos			
H/S Georgeta and Liviu Barcutian	Suzie Dragos			
H/S All Sick Parishioners	Suzie Dragos			

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Suzie Dragos

# **Special Announcement:**

H/S Barbara and Bob Greavu

Please pray for: Joe Oprean, Vicky Dash (Doug Babb's sister), Tim Shocksnider, Timothy John, Troy Kilpatrick, Sadie Dexter, Neil Weakland,

Edward Sutek, Lanette Fliger, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Suzie Dragos, Bob and Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

**Sick and/or homebound:** Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian(Hudson), Mary Cornea (Cleveland), Esther Dershaw (Sprenger Health Care Rose Lane Nursing and Rehabilitation; 5426 Hill Mill Ave NW; Massillon 44646), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Sr. Agnes Scalero (St. Joseph Center), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida)

Altar Candelabrum for February 2023 is donated by Denny and Carol Popa in memory of +George Alecusan, 20 years and +Eugene Popa, 1 year.

**Left Iconostasis Candelabrum** for February 2023 is donated **by Mircea Cristea**.

**Right Iconostasis Candelabrum** for February 2023 is donated **by Mitch and Sue Barnes in memory of Beverly Barnes.** 

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for February 2023 is donated by Dr. and Mrs. Romeo Craciun for the health and salvation of Georgeta Barcutian.

<u>Prescura for 2023:</u> Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

### **Announcements:**

God With Us Publications will host a webinar series: **ORTHODOXY & LIFE: A Patristic Approach to Life Issues** *on Thursdays, February 9 and 16 at 8pm EST. Register at* https://godwithusonline.org/events/orthodoxy-life/

**St. George Romanian Orthodox Church** on 30<sup>th</sup> Street will host a **Reverse Raffle** on February 18, 2023. Tickets are \$65 a piece.

See the bulletin board for the flier on the **10**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Women's Retreat**: From Fallen Passions to Apatheia-Pursuing the Virtuous Life. At Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio. February 24-26, 2023.

Save the Date: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Retreat: The Gift of Prayer. At Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio. March 10-12, 2023. Retreat Master: Fr. Cyril Pinchak, SJ. Contact Karl Busam for more information at 419-626-6811 or karl.busam.77@gmail.com.

#### **Parish events:**

**Homecoming Prep Committee** will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 5:00pm.

**Move Night at the Cathedral** – Pastoral Council found a need for youth to gather and movie night was created to bring them together to watch a movie and have a snack. The first night we will gather is February 10 at 6:00pm. Children 12 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

The **Saturday of the Dead** will begin on February 11 at 9am. Envelopes are on the Narthex table to update your list of deceased loved ones.

The Carpathian Men's Club will host a **Super Bowl party** on Sunday, February 12 starting at 5:30pm. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The **Stewardship Committee** will meet and hold the semi-annual audit on Wednesday, February 15 staring at 6:00pm.

**Pastoral Council** will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 6:30pm. All parishioners are invited to come share how to make our parish the best!

**Fish Fries** will start soon! We will serve take-out and sit down on Fridays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Invite everyone!

#### To Tickle Your Funny Bone ©

The reverend settles in his parsonage study, sorts through the mail and comes upon an envelope from the bank. "Well dear wife, the bank returned the last check you wrote."

To which she replies, "Oh, good. What shall we buy with it this time?"

# Wisdom of the Saints by Matthew Kelly

Aspire not to have more, but to be more. St. Oscar Romero

# Happy Birthday! La mulţi ani!!

Anabelle Florea – February 5<sup>th</sup> Simon Parker – February 6<sup>th</sup> Chandler Crown – February 10<sup>th</sup> Addison Craciun – February 11<sup>th</sup>

# **Advertising Opportunity – business card size:**

outside businesses - \$50 per month or \$450 per year cathedral businesses - \$20 per month or \$150 per year This is a good opportunity to know the talent in our parish and to grow your business!





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Brightwise Candles



	Mon 2/6	Tue 2/7	Wed 2/8	Thu 2/9	Fri 2/10	Sat 2/11	Sun 2/12
	Simon Parker birthday  Ven. Bucolus, Bishop of	Ven. Parthenius, Bishop	(Abstinence) (Great-Martyr Theodore)	(Nicephorus, martyr	Chandler Crown's  Fr. Remus Orian's  Abstinence  Charalampus, martyr	Addison Craciun's Blaise, martyr Ont'l World Day of the	(Alex Gonyias' birthday Cathy Hoffman's Nancy Maciag's birthday Holy Father Meletius
8am		Liturgy: Birthday blessings for Scott & Simon Parker by Family	Liturgy: +Natalie Cseak 8am - 9am	Liturgy: Happy 53rd Anniversary Mom and Dad by Fr. Ovidiu	Liturgy: +Nick Botean and +Esta Wolford 8am - 9am		
9am -						Liturgy of the Dead 9am - 10am	
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am -							
12pm							
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3pm -							
4pm -							
5pm		Homecoming preparation meeting					Course Paul Park
6pm		5pm - 6pm			Movie night at the Cathedral		Super Bowl Party - Carpathians meeting large hall 5:30pm - 10:30pm
7pm					6pm - 9pm		
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