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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**February 1, 2026, A. D.**

**Saturday, January 31**  
**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
†Geraldine Adamchak- Diane Cates

**Sunday, February 1**  
**10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
†Edward Schwartz- Gayle & Bobby Miles

**Monday, February 2**  
  
**10:30 AM**

**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON**  
**Blessing of Candles (Myrovania)**  
†Susanna Chokola- Lisa Chokola

**Tuesday, February 3**  
**9:00 AM**

**SYNAXIS OF SIMEON & ANNA**  
God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Wednesday, February 4**  
**9:00 AM**

Special Intention

**Friday, February 6**  
**9:00 AM**

† Leo Szumskyj – Ulana Campbell

**Saturday, February 7**  
**8:00 AM**

**SOROKOUSTY**

**9:00 AM**

**FIRST SATURDAY LITURGY FOR AMERICA, FAMILIES & OUR CHURCH**  
**Petitions for Families**

**Saturday, February 7**  
**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE**  
† Kaminsky & Augustine Families – Denise Kaminsky

**Sunday, February 8**  
**10:30 AM**

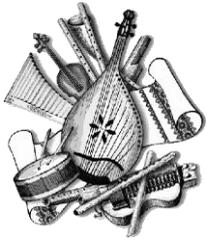
**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE**  
Janusz Wolanin, God's blessings & health –  
Mark & Arlene Jennings

**AFTER LITURGY**

**MYASOPUSNA**



**Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)**  
Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM.



## MYASOPUSNA 2026

Myasopusna Dinner Celebration is fast approaching! The Myasopusna Celebration is scheduled for **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, the date of our Meat-fare Sunday. This event combines a delicious ethnic meal (Ham, kobasi, Halupki, pyrohy, kapusta, bosch, & dessert) with cultural dance, singing and art. This year will feature the St. Mary's Ukrainian Dancers. Ukrainian Beer and wine will be available. Ticket price is \$25 and

children are \$12. Doors open at noon. Cocktail 1/2 hours are noon-12:30. **Serving** starts at 12:30PM and **stops** at 2:00PM. Tables are not reserved ahead of time. Program will start approximately 1:30PM. **For tickets call 570-735-4654 or 570-574-1016 (leave message) to order advance tickets. No Tickets Will Be Sold at the Door.**

**Take-outs are available.**

**MYOSOPUSNA 2026: Myasopusna is one week away. THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 30 TICKETS LEFT- WE WILL PROBABLY SELL OUT. Please help out as you are able. SERVERS ARE NEEDED THE DAY OF THE DINNER FROM 12:30-2:00PM OR ANYTIME YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE in that time interval. If you cannot serve, we need help in the kitchen making plates, etc. There is a job for you! Any concerns or questions feel free to contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.**



**UKRAINIAN RAFFLE BASKETS: Thank you to everyone who has donated a basket! Your generosity is appreciated! More baskets are needed- there are baskets in the church basement if you need one. Please have all baskets to the church by Saturday if you can.** If you have any questions, give Johanna a call 570-256-7883. If you need to drop off a basket, please call Lisa at 570-574-1016 and we will make arrangements to open the basement or drop them at the rectory.

**MYASOPUSNA DESSERT: We are asking for dessert items for our dinner. If anyone is able to make a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated. **DESSERTS ARE REALLY NEEDED. A simple dessert is FANTASTIC; they do not have to be fancy. If you would like to drop off desserts, give Lisa a call and she will make arrangements if the church is not open.****

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!  
YOUR HARDWORK TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED!!**

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

**TROPAR:** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

**TROPAR:** The heavenly choir of angels has come down to the earth to behold the First-born of creation, born from an unwedded Mother brought to the Temple as an Infant, as the angels join us in our expectant song.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father, wasting the wealth You gave me on vices. Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal: Loving Father, I have sinned before You. Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

**PROKEIMENON:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

### **A Reading of the First Letter the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20):**

Brethren, "I have the right to do anything," you say - but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"- but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the LORD, and the LORD for the body. By his power God raised the LORD from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the LORD is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). God gives me vindication and has subdued peoples under me. Alleluia (3). Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. Alleluia (3).

**A reading from the Holy Gospel of St. Luke 15:11-32:**



The Lord told this parable: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his means between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered up all his wealth and took his journey into a far country; and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. And after he had spent all, there came a grievous famine over that country, and he began himself to suffer want. And he went and joined one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his farm to feed swine. And he longed to fill himself with the pods that the swine were eating but no one offered to give them to him: But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many hired men in my father’s house have bread in abundance while I am perishing here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.”’ And he arose and went to his father. But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’’ But the father said to the servants, “Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him, and give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and rejoice; because this my son was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to rejoice. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And calling one of the servants he inquired what this meant. And he said to him ‘Your brother has come and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe.’ But he was angered and would not go in. His father, therefore, came out and began to entreat him. But he answered and said to his father, ‘Behold, these many years I have been serving you, and have never transgressed one of your commands; and yet you have never given me a kid goat that I might make merry with my friends. But when this your son comes, who has devoured his means with harlots, you have killed for him the fattened calf.’ But he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me and all that is mine is yours; but we were bound to rejoice, for this your brother was dead, and has come to life, he was lost and is Found.”’

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the highest.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



### **FEBRUARY CANDLES**

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Pasicznyk Family  
In loving memory of Alex & Irene Jaworskyj.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family  
In loving memory of Ryan Yanoshak.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by the Pasicznyk Family  
in loving memory of Anhel Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is by Lisa Placek  
In loving memory of Mary Amber Davis.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is given  
by the Lee Family in loving memory of  
Red & Helen Lee.



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners:

**At Home:** Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo;

Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Mike Oresick, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Leona Kobela, Paulette Parcel, Josh Alberola, Sister Evhenia Prusnay & Mother Maria M.S.M.G. & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.

## **CHURCH NEWS ....**

**UNDECORATING THE CHURCH:** Thank you to everyone who helped!

**PYROHY MAKING FOR MEATFARE DINNER: HELP IS NEEDED.** We will be making pyrohy on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30AM for our Meatfare Dinner. We will be making 60 dozen pyrohy. Please come out and help.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS:** Church envelopes and calendars are in the basement of the church for pick-up.

**FIRST SATURDAY LITURGY: PLEASE TURN IN YOUR PETITIONS:** Twelve Liturgies were given for the first Saturday of each month starting February 7<sup>th</sup> for any Family experiencing troubles in their lives and seeking God's help. **If you have such a petition for a family please feel free to share it with Fr. Walter to be included in the Saturday's liturgy intention.**

**LENT:** Remember, the first day of Lent is a fast from Meat and Dairy Products. **Lent begins with Forgiveness Vespers, Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. This year Forgiveness Vespers will be at 3:00PM with confessions starting at 2:15PM until 2:45PM.** The first full day of 3:00 PM. Lent will begin on **Monday, February 16** and is a day of abstinence from Meat and Dairy Products for everyone who is able to do so. All Fridays are always a day of fast. Traditionally, Wednesdays are a day of fast during the Great Fast. Anything you can do extra is also indicated. Remember there are no weekday Liturgy during the Great Fast.

**PSANKY CLASSES:** St. Cyril & Methodius are holding Psanky classes. These classes are artistically taught by TAMMY BUDNOVITCH on February 22 & March 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick either 12:00 or 3:00 for classes. All supplies are provided. Fee: \$25. All proceeds support SS. Cyril & Methodius, Ukrainian Catholic Church. For reservations: Call Tammy 570-766-1919.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORK:** O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the eternal Father, Thou hast said, "Without me you can do nothing." In faith I embrace Thy words, O Lord, and bow before Thy goodness. Help me to complete the work I am about to begin for Thine own glory: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, why should I go to the Forgiveness Vespers? After all, I did go to the Divine Liturgy this morning, why do I have to go again today?** Everything a person does has a beginning, a middle and an end. Liturgically (liturgy, meaning a public work of the people) speaking the beginning of the day is at sundown. Every holy day, and every Sunday (which is a little Pascha), begins when the sun sets. Sunday begins at the singing of “O Joyful Light” Saturday evening during vespers. Every Catholic, if possible, should attend the three main liturgical services of every Holy Day and Sunday, which are Vespers (Evening Prayer), Matins (Morning Prayer) and the Liturgy. Vespers begins the day, Matins is at the middle and public works finish with the Liturgy and the reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Holy Communion. So, just as you should attend every Great Vespers each Sunday morning (in secular time, Saturday evening) so too should to attend the Forgiveness Vespers which begins The Great Fast. Also, when you attend all three of the services of a Holy Day, all the unique prayers for that day will tell what is happening and teach you about Salvation. The Great Fast is focused on preparing us for the Holiest of Holy Days, Pascha, and Forgiveness Vespers begins that account and prayer orders us toward the center of our salvation. We should do our best to make an honest effort toward spiritual healing of our entire body and the entire body of Christ, His Church. The focus of Forgiveness Vespers is us looking at ourselves honestly and trying to grow in love for one another. This is because we are all created in the image and likeness of God and we will succeed together and need one another to conquer sin. So, Forgiveness Vespers is a very important and critical first step in beginning The Great Fast. These services could also be considered to be working in us for healing (beginning), working (middle) and succeeding (end) when we receive the Risen Christ in Holy Communion, we are in Heaven on Earth, and the first step on this path is The Forgiveness Vespers. The call to love one another as God loves us often first entails forgiving one another for wrongs we have done to others, or forgiveness we have not granted to those who ask us. If we cannot forgive or accept forgiveness, we cannot be like God, for as St. John tells us, “God is love” (agape, 1 John 4:8). If we begin with forgiving others and accepting their offers of apology for hurting us, our offerings of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will be more authentic and meaningful. One last comment that is always true, every Holy Day, and every day, all the services are an opportunity to be with God. Take advantage of this opportunity to turn to God and be with God.

## **THE FIVE SATURDAYS OF THE DECEASED (SOROKUSTY)**



The Five Saturdays of the Deceased (Sorokousty) The Church Typikon designates the five Sorokousty/ Saturdays of the Deceased for 2026 as February 7<sup>th</sup>; February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at

Matins of the Deceased (Parastas) on these five Saturdays of the year. Sorokousty Services will be celebrated at 8:00am.

### **BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY:**

**St. John of Damascus; On the Divine Images**

By St. John of Damascus/Translated by David Anderson

**ISBN: 0-913836-62-1**

### **PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

