

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE 2/10/19

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Nancy Betza (req. by Rick & Mary Nowakowski)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Reginald Exley (req. by Paula & Larry Reinhart)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Betty Antolik (req. by Chris Antolik & Ann May)

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON 2/17/19

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Fr. Myron Horvath (req. by Christine Simkovitch Skidmore)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Peter and ✨ Margaret Plavcan (req. by Mary Lou Scottino)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

02/03/19 **\$1952.00**

E.C.F. (EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION) –Class this Weekend– Feb. 10, 9:30 AM

The 2nd Sunday of each month with the last class being Sunday, April 14. Class begins at 9:30 AM before Divine Liturgy. All children are encouraged to attend and learn more about their faith as well as to connect with their peers. Call Andy Pushchak at 814-282-6401.

B.C.W. SUBSCRIPTIONS

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BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

We are hosting a family bingo night from 6:30 – 8:30 PM on Friday, March 1. Bingo cards and daubers will be provided. Everyone invited. Prizes for all ages!!! Pizza and beverages will be provided. Bring a snack or appetizer to share. Sign up in the narthex. See Jen Troncone with questions.

LENTEN DINNERS

We will host three Lenten Dinners this year – March 8 & 22 and April 5 from 4:30 -7 PM. All dinners include choice of baked cod, pirohi or combo with green beans, coleslaw, potato salad, roll, cake and free coffee. Tickets are \$10/adult, \$5/children 6-12, free for children under 6. Take-out available.

***JESUS PRAYER** – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*

HUMILITY IN PRAYER

Humility allows us to trust that God loves us immeasurably, that God cares for us with very watchful eyes, that God knows what is best for us, and that God is pleased to provide what lies in our best interest. Scripture often makes reference that we should pray “always.” What this suggests is that humble prayer is finally an attitude, a way of relating to God on a permanent basis. We are prayer-full when we surrender ourselves to God’s love, accepting all that happens to us as part of God’s plan. With such an attitude, no prayer is unanswered.

Reflect on your attitudes in prayer. Do you use prayer as an escape from personal responsibility for yourself? Are you putting more hope in your prayer than in God? Are you telling God what to do, proposing a bargain, rather than surrendering to God’s will? Make your prayer humble; it will put you in the right frame of mind. Above all, listen to God when you pray. Even God’s silence may be an answer to your prayers.

Seeing God’s Presence

Emphasizing the spiritual dimension of materials things, T.S. Elliot described them as being “charged with the grandeur of God.” Plato once said, “The world is god’s epistle to mankind – His thoughts are flashing upon us from every direction.”

God gave us two bibles said St. Augustine – the *world* book and the *word* book. Both volumes were written by the same author. The sun, the moon, and the stars are God’s travelling preachers. They truly proclaim the glory of God.

“Who has seen the rising moon break out of the clouds at midnight, has been present like an archangel at the creation of light and the world,” wrote Emerson. A monk on Mt. Athos said, “We kiss the robe of St. Nektarios because it was worn by the saint. How much more should we kiss the trees, the flowers, the grass and everything else, since within them flows the energy of God.”

The Greek Fathers are known as the dioretic fathers. Diorao in Greek means to see into, to see through. The Greek Fathers looked through the visible world and were able to see God in everything. The entire universe became a sacrament of God’s presence.

THE IMAGE OF GOD IN US

One of the sources of human suffering is disgust with oneself and inability to feel any self-love. There is self-love which we ought to have in accordance with God’s will. We ought to love ourselves as God’s creation and love the Divine image and likeness in us. We must love our neighbors as ourselves. This implies that we must love ourselves too and respect the image of God in us. Such love is opposed to egoism and egocentricity, i.e., to the madness of putting oneself at the center of the universe. Dislike of oneself, insufficient respect for the divine image in one, makes a person a divided, morbidly introspective creature and gives rise to all kinds of complexes. The most touchy and proud people are those who do not love themselves.

MEN’S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

The 6th Annual 2232 Men’s Conference will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie. The 2019 conference theme is from John’s gospel: “*Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, ‘What do you seek?’*”. The speakers will address various aspects of that question. The number 2232 in the conference title comes from Luke 22:32: “*But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.*” For more information and how to register, go to www.2232men.com