

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

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Today is Sunday, February 9th, 2020, Tone 2, The Sunday of the Prodigal Son and the 8th day (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon.

Today's Readings: 1 Cor 6:12-20; Lk 15:11-32.

Today's Liturgy for Sunday, Feb. 9th is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. A visiting priest is scheduled for today's Liturgy by Fr. Andrew

9:00 a.m. Liturgy intention is for the Living and Deceased members of St. Mary Church

Sunday, Feb. 16 is the Sunday of Meatfare. Tone 3. Readings: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2;

Mt 25:31-46

Intentions will be for the deceased registered in the Hramoty book. The

Panachida Service will follow the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, Feb. 23rd is the Sunday of Cheesefare. Tone 4. Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4;

Mt. 6:14-21.

The Liturgy Intention will be in loving memory of +Mario Coccagna with the deepest Sympathy of John and Loretta Lombardo.

Monday, February 24th is the First Day of the Great Fast. It is a day of Strict Fast and Abstinence requiring the faithful to NOT eat meat, eggs, or dairy products. Should one's health be weak or under a doctor's care preventing the strict fast and abstinence, please substitute another form of penance, such as offering prayers, Scripture readings, saying the Jesus Prayer, the Rosary, practicing other forms of virtue or performing some works of Mercy.

It is a Church Tradition to bless candles on the Feast of our Lord's Meeting with Simeon and Anna

Candles are used in all Eastern Churches. It is our practice that we use blessed candles to pray for loved ones who may be ill, away from home, going through some difficulties. We also light candles for loved ones who have died. Sometimes we light a candle to say "Thank you" to God, for prayers answered.

Even today, when we bless candles at this time of the year, let us remember that, "Christ is the light of the world." Also, by our faith, our piety, and by living out Christ's teachings in the Gospels, we are to be like a light in the world for others to see and emulate, that is, pattern ourselves upon Jesus, Mary, and the saints. Let our light shine for everyone to see!" Following this tradition next Sunday, Feb. 16th when we will bless candles.

The Plain Candles are \$5.00 and the Decorated Candles are \$10.00.

PLEASE NOTE: ON Saturday, February 29th, the next Halushka and Pirohy Sale will be between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every sales order received and placed by Thursday, Feb. 27th will be filled and be ready for pick-up, Saturday morning.

\$5.00 pint size \$10.00 quart size (PIROHI or HALUSHKI)

Please remind family, friends, and neighbors about this fund-raising project of St. Mary Church. Thank You.