

HOLY PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

ПОКРОВ Пречистої Діви Марії - Eglise de la Protection
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

(Meeting at the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi Latin Catholic Church)
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Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m. (Ukrainian and English)

Confessions: Before and after Divine Liturgy and **upon request** (Ukrainian/English)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DIVINE LITURGIES

Sunday, February 5 *Postfeast of the Presentation; Sunday of the Prodigal Son; The Holy Martyr Agatha.* (Tone 1).

Epistle: 1 Corinthians [6:12-20]. Gospel: Luke [15:11-32].

Monday, February 6 – *Postfeast of the Presentation; The Venerable Father Bukolus, bishop of Smyrna; The Holy Hieromartyr Silvanus, Bishop of Emessa and his companions.*

1 John [2:18-3-10]. Mark [11:1-11].

Tuesday, February 7 – *Postfeast of the Presentation; Our Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lempascus.*

1 John [3:11-20]. Mark [14:10-42].

Wednesday, February 8 – *Postfeast of the Presentation; The Holy Great Martyr Theodore the Tiro; Holy Prophet Zachariah the Serpovydtza.*

1 John [3:21-4:6]. Mark [14:43-15:1].

Thursday, February 9 – *Leave-taking of the Presentation; The Holy Martyr Nicephorus.*

1 John [4:20-5:21]. Mark [15:1-15].

Friday, February 10 – *The Holy Martyr Charalampias.*

2 John [1:1-13]. Mark [15:22-25; 33-41].

Saturday, February 11 – *First Memorial Saturday; Holy Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste.*

1 Corinthians [10:23-28] (Saturday); or 1 Thessalonians [4:13-17] (Deceased).

Luke [21:8-9; 25-27; 33-36] (Saturday); or John [5:24-30] (Deceased).

Sunday, February 12 - Meatfare Sunday; Our Venerable Father among the Saints Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch. (Tone 2).

Epistle: 1 Corinthians [8:8-9:2]. Gospel: Matthew [25:31-46].

Blessing of Candles (Благословення свічок) Feb. 5 at the Divine Liturgy—in honor of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on Feb. 2.

CATECHISM: Our catechist Elizabeth will be teaching the children on Sunday, February 12 following the Divine Liturgy.

TAKE TIME TO SMILE: Locked Car Door

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car.

She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that her fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been thrown down on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time or other had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this."

So she bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within five minutes an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got out of his car and asked her if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure". He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank You So Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!"



SUNDAY EPISTLE—February 5, 2012 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO CORINTHIANS"

BRETHREN, All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything. Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! Or do you not know that the one

who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, "THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

TAKE TIME TO CONTEMPLATE: THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON has the power to change us because it names human relationships so perfectly. We see ourselves in both sons: We try to live our life apart and autonomously, and yet that leads to an eventual alienation and unhappiness. Slowly we gather our truth and our identity. But we are also capable of being the older son who prides himself on his orthodoxy but who is unable to celebrate and enjoy a free gift. So we end with an amazing story of one son who does it all right and is wrong, and another son who does it all wrong and is right!

At the end of the parable we never learn whether the older son comes to the banquet, but we do know that the Father continues hoping that his son will come and not live in resentment or superiority toward the brother who has done it all wrong. It is an invitation to all of us who have perhaps been good Catholics, "older sons," but can also lack compassion and forgiveness.

By Richard Rohr, O.F.M.