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"Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world."*

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Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies

Неділя/Sunday: 8:30 am in English

10:30 am (sung) in Ukrainian

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

7:30 am and 8:30 am Liturgy in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions: - 15 minutes before
and 15 minutes in the beginning of the Divine
Liturgy - Or by appointment during the week

Baptism by appointment

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/

Eucharist for the sick - any time

Marriages - the arrangements with the priest
have to be made months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

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Parish: - Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM

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Father Marcos Zubyk, OSBM

Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - local Superior

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

Bishop-Emeritus

**Парафія Покрови Пресвятої
Богородиці** вітає всіх гостей,
приятелів та парафіян, які беруть
участь у цій Службі Божі.

Неділя Блудного Сина

**Святитель Мелетій, архієпископ
антіохійський**

Лука 15:11-32



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**Saint Meletius, the Archbishop
of Antioch**

Luke 15:11-32

**The Protection of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Parish** welcomes all
guests, friends, and Parishioners
participating in this Divine Liturgy.

Songs at 10:30 Divine Liturgy: 1) **Opening:** on page 234 “V strasi is pokori”; 2) **at Communion:** page 244 “Vitali mizh namy”; 3) **Closing:** page 276 “V syl`niy nadiyi”

НИНІ: Неділя, 12 лютого: PANCAKE BREAKFAST – ЛУКЖ Сніданок є після першої і другої Літургії у Парафіяльному залі. Всіх запрошуємо. Голова, ЛУКЖ.

- **Середа, 15 лютого:** –9:30 рано – Третій Час і презентація “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ” у класі, під церквою.

- **Четвер, 16 лютого,** о 6:30 вечора – Дев’ятий Час (молитва) і біблійні студії у класі, під церквою.

>>**Конвертки з недільними пожертвами на 2017 рік** знаходяться в притворі церкви. Просимо взяти їх додому. Ці особи, які не мають недільних конверток, але хотіли б їх мати, то просимо ласкаво залишити у Парафіяльній Канцелярії своє ім’я, адресу й телефонічне число.

>> **Календарі.** Ви можете знайти календарі при вході до церкви. Просимо взяти один календар на родину.

Молитва Живої Парафії. Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, Спасе, Твоє Ім’я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

St. Meletius the Archbishop of Antioch

Commemorated on February 12 (<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/02/12>)

Saint Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch, was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (ca. 357), and afterwards he was summoned to Antioch by the emperor Constantius to help combat the Arian heresy, and was appointed to that See.

Saint Meletius struggled zealously against the Arian error, but through the intrigues of the heretics he was thrice deposed from his cathedra. Constantius had become surrounded by the Arians and had accepted their position. In all this Saint Meletius was distinguished by an extraordinary gentleness, and he constantly led his flock by the example of his own virtue and kindly disposition, supposing that the seeds of the true teaching sprout more readily on such soil. Saint Meletius was the one who ordained the future hierarch Saint Basil the Great as deacon. Saint Meletius also baptized and encouraged another of the greatest luminaries of Orthodoxy, Saint John Chrysostom, who later eulogized his former archpastor.

TODAY – February 12: – UCWLC PANCAKE BREAKFAST – The Ladies League is having their Valentine Pancake Breakfast and are inviting all Parishoners and guests to come the Parish Hall following both Divine Liturgies. Please come and enjoy! President, UCWLC"

–**Wednesday, February 15**, at 9:30 AM – Third Hour. A Presentation “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ” downstairs in the church. Please come!

–**Thursday, February 16:**– 6:30 PM – Ninth Hour Prayer and the Bible Study. In one of the church classrooms.

– **Sunday, February 19:** – **Bazaar postmortem meeting** at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room in one of the larger classrooms. The meeting should last anywhere from 30 – 45 minutes.

– **Ukrainian classes** for adults (beginners to advanced) are held on Mondays 6:45–8:45pm. All are welcome. Call Susan for more details or to register: 604.733.3756

>> **BLESSED CANDLES** – we traditionally bless candles on the Feast of Encounter (February 2). You can find these blessed candles on the side altar on the right side (under the icon of Jesus).

>> **THE GREAT LENT** begins on Monday, Feb. 27. During the Great Lent we will have Sorokousty Services on Fridays at 7:00 PM; we will have the Way of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM; we will also have the Presanctified Liturgy on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. You can already submit new names for Sorokousty (the envelopes are in the back of the church).

"**EASTER BAKE SALE and LUNCH** will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 11:00 am–2:00 pm. UCWLC will be having our Sale this year along with lunch. We will be starting our preparations shortly. We are asking our parishioners, male and female to come and help with the preparations. We need at least 15–22 people attending perogy making sessions, paska making, Cabbage roll making.

The schedule for these events are:

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| Perogies: Wednesday, February 22, March 8 & 15 | 8:30 am–1:00 pm |
| Paska: Monday, March 13, 20 & 27 | 9–9:30 am–1:00 pm |
| Cabbage rolls: Wednesday, March 29 | 8:30 am– 11:00 am |

We will be having pre-orders. The forms will be available on Sunday Feb 26 and all orders to be in by Mon April 3. No orders will be accepted after that date. I will keep updates in the bulletin for any changes. Thank you for supporting our ladies and Parish. Marlayne, President UCWLC "

>>**Sunday donation envelopes for 2017** – Pease pick them up in the church vestibule. If you wish to have donation envelopes, please leave your name, mailing address and phone number at the Parish Office.

>> **Calendars.** You can find calendars in the back of the church. Please, one calendar per family.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for February

Evangelization: Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

(St. Meletius cont`d) After Constantius, the throne was occupied by Julian the Apostate, and the saint again was expelled, having to hide himself in secret places for his safety. Returning under the emperor Jovian in the year 363, Saint Meletius wrote his theological treatise, "Exposition of the Faith," which facilitated the conversion of many of the Arians to Orthodoxy.

In the year 381, under the emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395), the Second Ecumenical Council was convened. In the year 380 the saint had set off on his way to the Second Ecumenical Council at Constantinople, and came to preside over it. Before the start of the Council, Saint Meletius raised his hand displaying three fingers, and then withdrawing two fingers and leaving one extended he blessed the people, proclaiming: "We understand three hypostases, and we speak about a single nature." With this declaration, a fire surrounded the saint like lightning. During the Council Saint Meletius fell asleep in the Lord. Saint Gregory of Nyssa honored the memory of the deceased with a eulogy.

Saint Meletius has left treatises on the consubstantiality of the Son of God with the Father, and a letter to the emperor Jovian concerning the Holy Trinity. The relics of Saint Meletius were transferred from Constantinople to Antioch.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

(<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/02/12/3-sunday-of-the-prodigal-son>)

PRAYERS: 1) Dear friends, let us learn the meaning of this mystery. For when the Prodigal Son ran back from sin to his Father's house, his loving Father came out to meet him and kissed him. He restored to the Prodigal the tokens of his proper glory, and mystically he made glad on high, sacrificing the fatted calf. Let our lives, then, be worthy of the loving Father who has offered sacrifice, and of the glorious Victim who is the Saviour of our souls.

2) I have wasted the wealth which the Father gave to me, and in my wretchedness I have fed with dumb beasts. Yearning after their food, I remained hungry and could not eat my fill. But now I return to the compassionate Father and cry out with tears: I fall down before Your loving-kindness, receive me as a hired servant, and save me.

3) O, what great blessings in my wretchedness have I deprived myself! From what a kingdom in my misery have I fallen! I have wasted the riches that were given to me, I have transgressed the commandment. Alas, unhappy soul! You are henceforth condemned to the eternal fire. Therefore before the end cry out to Christ our God: Receive me as the Prodigal Son, O God, and have mercy upon me.