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**St. Mary's Church Bulletin**



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**Pastor: Fr. Petro (Peter) Bodnar**

**DIVINE LITURGY:**

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

**SATURDAY :** 4:00 pm (English)

**Confession:**

**Baptisms & Marriages:**

**Visitations & Anointing of the Sick:**

Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

**January 29, 2017 Sunday of Zaccheus**

Epistle Epistle: **1 Timothy 4:9-15** see explanation on page 490

Gospel: **Luke 19:1-10** see explanation on page 187

Propers for the Divine Liturgy: tone 7

**Prayer Intentions (January 30 – February 5)**

<b>Monday</b>	4:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Anna Kowal (Birthday) – Fr. Peter
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:30 p.m.	+Diane & Chanlene Gemottie – Adeline Lalonde
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:30 p.m.	+Jerry Slobodian – Lucie Slobodian
<b>Thursday</b>	4:30 p.m.	For thanksgiving Anna Romanyszyn (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) -Fr. Peter
<b>Friday</b>		No Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	For health and salvation of Andrea Yuriy – Mr. & Mrs. Yuriy
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	For health and salvation Peter Woloshyn – Fr. Petro
	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners

**NO SATURDAY Liturgy on FEBRUARY 11 and 25, 2017 – there will be no Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm**

**VARENYKY WORKSHOP: Friday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome! Hot and delicious lunch provided!!!**

**VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE – SATURDAY,  
Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 2017. Gala Banquet & Dance. Tickets \$100.00  
with a \$75.00 Tax Receipt issued. Tickets can be  
obtained from the parish office at 705-675-8244.**

## **COME JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF BINGO**

**Saturday FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 am ADMISSION \$10.00 INCLUDES: ONE BINGO CARD, A DELICIOUS LUNCH, AND 10 GAMES OF BINGO. PURCHASE EXTRA CARDS FOR \$1.00 EACH . ONE SPECIAL: TWO CARDS FOR \$1.00-- WINNER TAKE ALL DOOR PRIZES**

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE Meeting** – we invite all interested and who would like to help with social events to a meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 5:45 p.m. Fr. Peter

**TAI CHI EXERCISES**: Exercises for beginners will begin Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 10:15 to 11:30 and they will continue for ten consecutive weeks. These exercises are being sponsored by the Parkinson Support Group of Sudbury and St. Mary's Senior's. Everyone is welcome from seniors to youth. Come join us!

**REQUEST FOR BLESSING HOMES with JORDAN WATER** – Father Peter again will come and visit your home with Jordan Water. If you would like visit on a specific day and time please, call the parish office or request it by email [gucior@yahoo.com](mailto:gucior@yahoo.com). Thank You!

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT** – this year, Dr. Fr. Roman Rytsar again will be our retreat master. The retreat starts on Saturday, February 18 and concludes on Sunday February 19, 2017. We invite all to participate and take this opportunity to receive a sacrament of reconciliation (confession).

**THE GREAT LENT** – will begin this year on Monday, February 27, 2017.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – will take place on Monday, February 6, 7:30 pm, in the church basement.

**Потрібна поміч** – Запрошуємо всіх допомогти робити вареники у п'ятницю 3 лютого о год 9:00 ранку.

**ЙОРДАНСЬКІ ВІДВІДИНИ З СВЯЧЕНОЮ ВОДОЮ** – як звичайно о. Петро буде в тому році відвідувати всіх парафіян зі свяченою водою. Коли хтось бажає домовитися на відвідини, просимо дзонити до парафіяльної канцелярії.

**ВЕЛИКОДНИЙ ПІСТ** – в тому році почнеться 27 лютого 2017 р.

**ДУХОВНІ РЕКОЛЕКЦІЇ** -в тому році відбудуться 18 і 19 лютого, 2017 р. Отець Др. Роман Рицар буде проповідувати. Буде можна скористати з нагоди до св. Сповіді.

### **Christ is Born!**

Bible quiz- What type of leaves did Adam and Eve sew together to make themselves clothes in the garden of Eden? That's right, fig leaves!

We actually see fig trees in many places in Scripture. The fig tree came to be recognized as a symbol of national wealth and prosperity for God's people in the Old Testament. With this in mind, and only in the context of Our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and His cleansing of the temple, can we understand what is being conveyed when Christ does not find any fruit on the tree, and His pronouncement that "no one eat from it again." The time for judgement had come, judgement had been rendered, and the Gentiles who had waited in darkness would have a great light shine upon them.

This story brings up an important question for us however, brothers and sisters: Am I all leaves, or am I bearing fruit? Fruit comes from mature plants. Plants which have been received water, nutrients and time to grow. The Lord Himself causes the growth through His grace, but we can inhibit or cooperate with that growth. Am I a tree which

feeds the proclamation of the Gospel through my fruit, or one which simply appears healthy from a distance? Take some time today to cultivate your faith for the love of God and neighbor!

**Of its own accord the land yields fruit. (Mark 4:28)**

Are you familiar with the Chinese bamboo tree? This fascinating plant grows to a height of ninety feet and can be used for everything from home construction to furniture, from paper to pipes. It also has a very unusual growth pattern. It takes five years for a bamboo seed to sprout, but once it does, that tiny sprout reaches its full height in only six weeks—almost overnight! During those first five years, the farmer must water the seed every single day, all the while never seeing any growth. You can imagine an inexperienced farmer wondering if anything will ever happen. He might even give up.

Just as with the bamboo tree, the same is true both in the kingdom of God and in our own spiritual life: the most important growth is invisible. In today's Gospel parable, the farmer plants a seed. But that seed doesn't become a plant overnight. It takes the right combination of soil, water, and, the most important ingredient, God's grace, to turn that seed into the "largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). In the end, it looks awfully impressive, but most of the work has already happened underground!

This is the encouraging message in the Gospel: God is always working beneath the surface. He is always providing the nourishment of his grace so that we can grow and blossom. Yes, we need to cooperate with that grace, but like the bamboo tree, the growth that we experience will far outstrip the effort we put into it.

Because most of God's important work happens unnoticed, we should be careful to water that seed of faith even when we don't see impressive results right away. We can trust that God will bring the growth in his time and in his fashion.

So imagine yourself as that bamboo farmer. Every time you pray, you're going to the well to get water. Every time you repent, you're improving the soil. You may not be seeing or feeling much growth right now. But every day that you come to Jesus, growth is occurring. God is making you holy. One day you, too, will stand tall with the saints.

*"Lord, I trust you to bring about my growth. Help me cooperate with your work of grace."*

**Господи,** Ти дав мені заповідь Твою – любити, і я приймаю її усім моїм єством; але в собі самому не знаходжу сили цієї любові. Ти єси Любов; тож прийди і сам оселися в мені, і звершуй все те, що Ти заповідав нам, бо заповідь Твоя безмірно перевищує мене.

Знемагає ум мій пізнавати Тебе; не може дух мій проникнути в тайни життя Твого. Хочу у всьому творити волю Твою, але дні мої спливають у безвихідних протиріччях. Боюся втратити Тебе через ті злі помисли, що в серці моєму; і страх цей розпинає мене.

Тож прийди і спаси мене потопаючого, як спас Ти Петра, який насмілився піти Тобі назустріч по морських водах. *Молитва Софронія Сахарова*


Молитва 29. 01

**Святі богообрані** апостоли, найвищі учні Христові, омани викорінювачі й віри істинної насадителі, лікарі недужих душ наших, побідителі хресною зброєю всіх богопротивних супостатів та шукачі миру, яким сам Господь сказав: «Мир мій залишаю вам». Поможіть мені заступництвом вашим, щоб визволився я від усякої омани ворожої, зберігаючи передану вами віру православну, хоч і не маю ніяких добрих діл через неміч душі моєї, переможений війною плоти, світу й диявола. Неміч цю хіба вам дано вилікувати, як і перемогти всю силу ворожу та дарувати боговгодний мир. Сподобте мене цієї благодати, щоб у мирі возніс я руки мої

з подякою до того, хто дав вам владу таку – хвалимого у святих своїх Христа Бога, якому і в житті цьому, й на Страшному Суді Його нехай буде і від мене, за вашими молитвами Ним рятованого, честь, слава і хвала, з безпочатковим Його Отцем і з пресвятим та одноістотним Духом на віки віків. Амінь.

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