

FEBRUARY / MARCH, 2019						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>17</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm Annual Meeting to Follow  Prodigal Son	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Portage: 10 am + Mary Gwodz Offering: Mary Kohut	<b>20</b> Portage: 10 am	<b>21</b> Portage: 10 am	<b>22</b>  Portage: 10 am	<b>23</b> Brandon: 5 pm
<b>24</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm  Meat-Fare Sunday	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Brandon: 9 am Fr. Michael's Intention Offering: Dolores	<b>27</b> Brandon: 9 am	<b>28</b> Brandon: 9 am	<b>01</b>  Brandon: 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service	<b>02</b> Brandon: 5 pm

### Who Art in Heaven

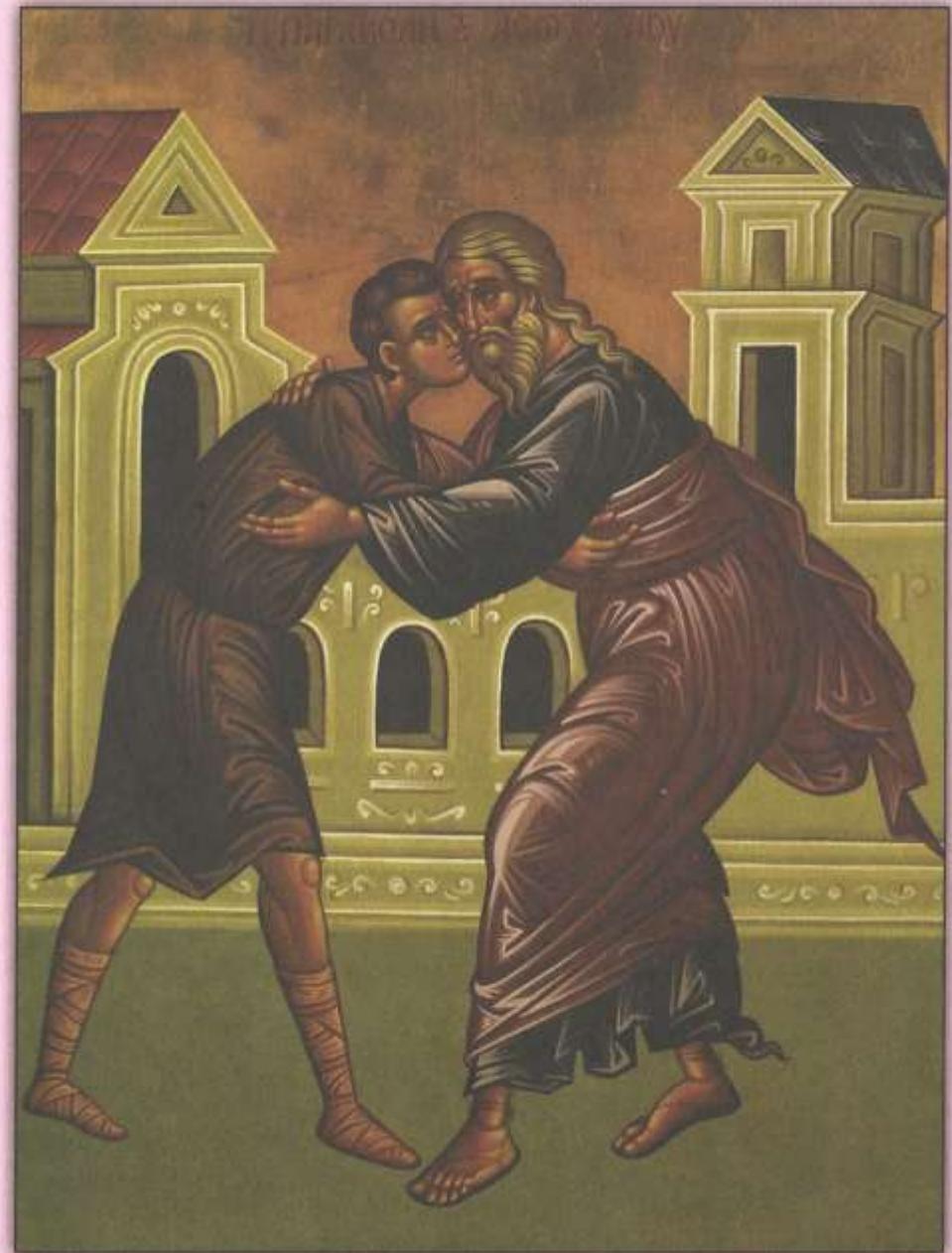
These words I think have a very deep meaning. They remind us of the homeland we have abandoned, of the citizenship we have lost. In the parable of the young man who left his father's house, went off the rails and was reduced to living with pigs, the Word of God shows us human wretchedness. That young man did not find his one-time happiness again until he had realized his moral degradation, had looked into his own heart and had pronounced the words of confession. These words almost agree with the Lord's Prayer, because the prodigal son says: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." [Luke 15:21] He would not confess himself to be a sinner against heaven

if he were not convinced that the homeland he had left at the time of his going astray were not in actual fact heaven.

By this confession of his he makes himself worthy once again to stand in the presence of his father who runs towards him, embraces him, and kisses him. The conclusion is this. To return to heaven there is only one route and that is to admit one's sinfulness and seek to avoid it. To make the decision to avoid it is already to be perfecting one's likeness to God.

*St. Gregory of Nyssa  
On the Lord's Prayer*

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



*Icon of the Prodigal Son*

**WELCOME TO**

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**ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS**

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

**EMERGENCY**

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056  
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**DIVINE LITURGIES**

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM  
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM  
Sunday (Bilingual) - 10:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Feb 17	H. Lazaruk	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	I. Dyakiv	L. Olisnevych
Sun Feb 24	R. Stevenson	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	L. Makwaychuk	B. McKay
Sun Mar 03	S. Kostiw	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	N. Zemliak	O. Stevenson
Sun Mar 10	J. Solomon	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	I. Dyakiv	J. Solomon

**COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

Saturday, Feb 09 \$ 160.00  
Sunday, Feb 10 \$ 520.00  
Total \$ 680.00  
Candles \$ 27.55

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT - DECEMBER, 2018**

Total Credits: \$ 10,436.79  
Total Debits: \$ 9,101.87

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

When a child can be brought to tears, and not from fear of punishment, but from repentance he needs no chastisement. When the tears begin to flow from the grief of their conduct, you can be sure there is an angel nestling in their heart.

- Horace Mann

**DROP-IN CENTRE**

The drop-in centre is open every Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Everybody welcome. See you all there.

**UKRAINIAN READING ASSOCIATION HALL ANNUAL MEETING**

There will be an annual meeting on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the hall starting at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the club room downstairs (use east entrance). All members are urged to attend and new members may attend as well, provided they sign up that day in order to be eligible to vote. Discussion on the future of the hall in terms of declining membership, availability of people to manage and serve on the executive, catering, etc. Coffee and donuts too!

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

Thank-you to everyone who attended the annual church meeting on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A copy of the Parish Priest's Report is available in the foyer, if anyone would like a copy. The Executive of the Parish Council this year is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President - Lawnie Halchyshak
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President - Richard Derewianchuk
- Treasurer - Myrcel Sheeshka
- Secretary - Shirley Sheeshka
- Auditors - Ron Boychuk  
Albert Todosichuk
- Members-at-Large - Joy Solomon  
Sylvia Kostiw  
Stella Fedeniuk

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE GRADUATES**

Congratulations to our parishioners, Danica Wyss and Timothy Murray, for successful completion of the Marriage Preparation Course "For Better, For Ever". We wish them many blessings for their upcoming wedding at Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Catholic Church (Roblin) this summer.

**SOROKOUSTY**

Sorokousty Services will be held every Wednesday at 9:00 AM during Lent (unless otherwise specified). If anyone wishes to have the names of their deceased family members read at the Service, please contact Fr. Michael prior to the Service.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION (FEBRUARY 2019)**

Universal: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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**REFINE, PRUNED AND SHAKEN UP**

*Our Holy Father Basil, the Confessor*

The diamond must be cut to bring out its beauty, the gold must be refined to bring out its purity, the vine must be pruned that it may bear more fruit, the clay must be molded that it might become a vessel fit for use; and the child of God must be cut and refined and pruned and molded to become fit for the Master's use. Sometimes your medicine bottle has on it, "Shake well before using." That is what God has to do with some of His people. He must shake them well before they are ever usable. Paul wrote to Timothy, "Stir up the gift of God, which is in you." (2 Timothy 1:6) Like the diamond and the gold and the vine and the clay, the child of God needs to be refined, pruned, and shaken up that the image of God be polished to the point where it can reflect with glory the image of God that is in us.

*There is no birth of consciousness without pain.*  
- C.G. Jung

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**HUMOR**

I was enjoying the second week of a two-week vacation the same way I had enjoyed the first week: by doing as little as possible. I ignored my wife's not-so-subtle hints about completing certain jobs around the house, but I didn't realize how much this bothered her until the clothes dryer refused to work, the iron shorted, and the sewing machine motor burned out in the middle of a seam. The final straw came when she plugged in the vacuum cleaner and nothing happened. She looked so stricken that I had to offer some consolation. "That's okay, honey," I said, "you still have me." She looked up at me with tears in her eyes. "Yes," she wailed, "but you don't work either!"

