

# St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



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**Epistle** 1 Cor: 6:12-20

Tone 5

**Gospel:** Lk. 15:11-32

## February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**TODAY'S SERVICES:** *Today's Greeter: Stan Nartowicz*

- Sun. 8:30am Sacrament of Confession – Fr. James will be available to any who desire confession every Sunday starting at 8:30 AM.
- Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy (109). Ven. Paphnutius, monk, and his daughter St. Euphrosyne, nun, of Alexandria (5th c.). Ven. Eusebius, hermit of Syria (440). Ven. Paphnutius, recluse of the Kyiv Caves (13th c).
- Sun. 10:45am Parish Board Meeting @ the Center

### **SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:**

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- Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – Meatfare Sunday of the Last Judgment

***NEXT WEEK's Greeter: TBD***

***Altar Servers:*** Subdeacon J.D. Cairns, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

***Reader:*** Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar or Subdeacon J.D. Cairns

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** Diane Decibus Morgan, John Piropatto, Peter Prociuk, John Duma, John Zelenak, William Stokes, Hilda Zuccaro, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Piropatto, Nancy Grabie, Robert Cousins, Chester Bohanek Jr., Mary Wrubleski, Margaret York, Ronald York, Ann Holoob, Jeanette Stokes, Pani Mary Ann, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Michelle Goldberg, Alan Toth, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Anna Muzyka, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, Arthur, Debra, James, Rick, Jerome & children Karina, Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan, remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the US Military, especially Vitaly Pacej, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Lisa Banko, and all those celebrating birthdays or special intentions, may the Lord grant you all "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

**HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY TO:** Gregory and Tanya Chubenko, may the Lord grant you "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

**\*\*\* COFFEE HOUR TODAY \*\*\***

**Hosted by the SR. UOL**

**Thank you** to everyone who donated to the Sr. UOL "Souper Bowl" collection over the last few weeks for the soup kitchens in Ukraine.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** – Father James will gladly come to your home to bless your house during this season. **Please reach out to him and schedule a visit.**

**The Disciple from the Seventy Onysimos** in his youth was a servant of Philemon, a Christian of distinguished lineage, living in the city of Phrygian Colossa. Guilty of an offense against his master and fearing punishment, Saint Onysimos fled to Rome, but as a runaway slave he wound up in prison there. In prison he encountered the Apostle Paul held in chains, was enlightened by him and accepted holy Baptism. In prison Saint Onysimos served the Apostle Paul like a son. The Apostle Paul was personally acquainted with Philemon, and wrote him a letter filled with love, asking him to forgive the runaway slave and to accept him like a brother; he dispatched Saint Onysimos with this letter to his master, depriving himself of help, in which he was very much in need.

Saint Philemon, having received the letter, not only forgave Onysimos, but also dispatched him to sail back to Rome to the first-rank apostle. Saint Philemon was afterwards ordained bishop of the city of Gaza

After the death of the Apostle Paul, Saint Onysimos served the apostles until their end, and he was ordained bishop by them. After the death of the holy apostles he preached the Gospel in many lands and cities: in Spain, Carpetania, Colossa, Patras. In his old age, Saint Onysimos occupied the bishop's throne at Ephesus, in succession after the Disciple Timothy. When they took Ignatios the God-Bearer to Rome for execution, Bishop Onysimos came to meet with him with certain Christians, about which Saint Ignatios makes mention in his Epistle to the Ephesians.

During the reign of the emperor Trajan, Saint Onysimos was arrested and brought to trial before the eparch Tertillus. He held the saint for 18 days in prison, and then sent him for imprisonment to the city of Putiola. After a certain while, the eparch sent for the prisoner and, convincing himself that Saint Onysimos quite firmly confessed his faith in Christ, had him subjected to a fierce beating with stones, after which they beheaded the saint with a sword. A certain illustrious woman took the body of the martyr and placed it in a silver coffin. This was in about the year 109.

**ALL EMERGENCIES:** PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.