

Today's Gospel (Mt. 25.14-30)

¹⁴ 'It is like a man about to go abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one, each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. ¹⁷ The man who had received two made two more in the same way. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now a long time afterwards, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have shown you are trustworthy in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." ²² Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have shown you are trustworthy in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." ²⁴ Last came forward the man who had the single talent. "Sir," said he, "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you had not sown and gathering where you had not scattered; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." ²⁶ But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? ²⁷ Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have got my money back with interest. ²⁸ So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but anyone who has not, will be deprived even of what he has. ³⁰ As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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35^h Sunday after Pentecost/Translation of the Relics of St John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

1st Sunday Church Charities/ 2nd Sunday Building Fund/3rd Sunday for the food bank

Times of Services

Jan	27	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Feb	2	Sat		Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
				Transfer to Sunday, 3 Feb., 2019
			5:30 PM	Vespers
	3	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
				Blessing of the candles

Feb	10	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
	16	Sat	5:30 PM	Vespers—Archbishop to attend
	17	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
	24	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Parish Council

The parish council met on Thursdays, 17 & 24 January, 2019. The 17 January meeting was exclusively devoted to reviewing the Parish By-laws and that was continued in to the following meeting, on the 24th, where the parish budget and finances were discussed.

In addition at that latter meeting the parish council asked Fr. Keith W. Lowe if the date of the annual meeting could be pushed back to 10 March, 2019, due to the pressure of time and he agreed. Also the council determined that the pre-Lenten dinner would be on Meatfare, 3 March, 2019, and the next parish council meeting was scheduled for 21 February, 2019, to finalise the new parish By-laws and pass them so that parishioners would be able to review them before the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the parish has been rescheduled for

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Reports should be handed to Eve Jean no later than 24 February, 2019.

Pre Lenten Dinner

The pre-Lenten dinner will be held on Sunday, 3 March, 2019.

Please co-ordinate dishes with the Sisterhood of the Altar.

Lent 2019

The Lenten season this year will begin on Monday, 11 March, 2019.

The week of 17 February is a fast free week.

Meat fare is 3 March and Cheesefare is 10 March. Pascha is 28 April, 2019.

**The parish is looking for a secretary to record
the parish council minutes.**

Olga Bruner

Olga Bruner was admitted to Butler hospital yesterday, 26 January, 2019. Please remember her in your prayers.

House Blessing

House blessings will be don up until 3 March, 2019. To prepare for a house blessing please advise an appropriate date and time. Please have the following prepared:

1. a table with a cloth over it,
2. a suitable icon,
3. candles for each in the procession to hold during the house blessing.
4. a bowl for the holy water,
3. holy water and
4. a list of names of persons in the house hold.

The procession will be lead by the head of the house hold or someone appointed, followed by the others in the household and the priest follows in the rear. Where ever the procession goes that is where will bless.

Please do not give lit candles to young children.

Please ensure that dogs are either placed outside or crated during the blessing.