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*Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee*

*Commemoration of the the Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates of Heraclea*

*(319 AD) and St. Lybov of Ryazan, Russia (1921)*



*"I am the Light of the World, he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."*

Notes from last Sunday's  
sermon series:

- "Light" is what God is: it describes the very essence of Jesus. *"His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance"*. (Revelation 1)
- Light of Christ reveals sin. This is why people hated Jesus

**No services** in Jacobs Creek on Saturday. Father Marc Wisnosky will celebrate the Liturgy in Monongahela.

and hate the Christian Gospel today.

- Light of Christ heals. A common proverb used in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings is *"Your only as sick as your secrets; bring them out into the light."* This is the purpose of confession, to bring our darkness into the light so that it can be healed.
- Light guides. There is much confusion today on what is right and what is wrong. The light of Christ shows us what is true and what is false.
- Then Jesus said to them, *"A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."* (John 12:35-36)

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**Chili Cook off** The annual competition will be held next Sunday.

See the sign up list on the bulletin board.

**Candles** were blessed on Monday for the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple since Jesus was proclaimed to be *"...the Light to enlighten the Gentiles..."* They are available for purchase.

**No fasting** is permitted this week. This remind us that our fasting should not be a source of pride and boasting as it was for the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

 **LENT** **begins** on Sunday evening March 14 with the celebration of **Forgiveness Vespers at 6:00 p.m.**

**Homeroom ministry** Calling all youth ages 5-18...If you signed up for the new Diocesan Homeroom Ministry, don't forget to participate online each week by posting comments, pictures and videos.

Parents, if you signed your child up for the "Homerooms", help them to participate.

