



Sunday February 4, 2018 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 436-440). Rt. Blv. George, Great Prince of Vladimir (1238). Ven. Kirill (Cyril), Abbot and Wonderworker of Novoezérsk (Novgorod—1532). Ven. Abraham and Coprius, of Pechenga (Vologdá—15th c.). Martyr Jadorus (3rd c.). Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria (ca. 344-347). Ven. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion (868).

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 2/7 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 2/10 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 2/11 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee Hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Feb-4	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Feb-11	WALES	WALES	WALES
Feb-18	SULPIZI	LEWIS	BRASOWSKI
Feb-25	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Mar-4	SOUDER	PECK	PECK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 1 Troparion *(The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
thou didst accept in thine arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father;
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me.
And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father;
receive me as a penitent, //
and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

Tone 1 Kontakion *(The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple)*

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb
and didst bless Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,
O only Lover of Man!

Tone 2 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
(Ps 117/118:4)

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

(Ps 117/118:18)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (Lk 1:46-47)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot?

Certainly not!

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh."

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

Tone 8

v: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation! (Lk 2:29)

Gospel Luke 15:11-32

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' "

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

And they began to be merry.

Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours

It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

Tone 3

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,
protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee!

In the shadow and letter of the Law,
let us the faithful discern a figure:
every male [child] that opens the womb
is holy to God.

Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who
has no beginning, //
the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

(*Ps 115/116:13*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Parish Council Meeting Just a reminder that our parish council meeting will be held this Thursday Feb. 8th at 7:00 p.m. Council members who are unable to attend please see Jeff Kendall.

House Blessings House blessings are available. Please see Mat. Daria or Fr. Barnabas at coffee hour for scheduling.

AAC Special Parish Meeting On Sunday, February 11th, during the coffee hour, we will have an all parish meeting to elect a delegate for the OCA All American council (July 23-July 27, 2018). If you are interested in serving as a delegate or an observer, please see Fr. Barnabas or one of our newly elected parish council members.

Study Group this Week Our weekly study group will resume on Wed. Feb 8th, 2018 with “Courage to Pray” by Metropolitan Anthony. Please feel free to join us on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. All are encouraged to come for continued Adult Education.

Paraklesis Small Paraklesis will continue this Wed. at 6:30 p.m.. Come be a part of the mid-week service of supplication. Note: Small Paraklesis will continue Wednesday evenings until the start of Great Lent.

2018 Assessments As we progress to our fair share giving of 10% of our operating budget to the National and Diocesan Church, our individual assessments for 2018 are changing. With the approval of our 2018 budget in October, we committed to a level 3 giving as a parish which equates to \$177 per adult for this year or \$44.25 per quarter. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to use them as a reminder. Thank you for your continued support.

Gideon Brasowski's Baptism Congratulation to Stephen and Beth Brasowski on the welcoming their first child Gideon. The Brasowski's would like to invite everyone from St. Michael's to share in his baptism on Saturday Feb. 10th at 11 a.m. The family requests that all RSVP to Beth Brasowski's email, bbrasowski@gmail.com, if you plan on attending.

Great Lent to Begin Our Lenten journey will begin with Forgiveness Vespers Sunday, Feb. 18th following coffee hour. All should make a sincere effort to begin the Lenten season with this service and the “Mutual rite of forgiveness”. “On Forgiveness Sunday, we sing of Adam's exile from paradise. We identify ourselves with Adam, lamenting our loss of the beauty, dignity and delight of our original creation, mourning our corruption in sin. We also hear on this day the Lord's teaching about fasting and forgiveness, and we enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive us. If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Mt 6.14–18).”

Lenten Retreat On March 17th we are planning on having a Lenten retreat. The guest speaker will once again be Frederica Mathewes-Green. She will be speaking on "Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her". There will be more details to come in future bulletins.

Wisdom from the Fathers

Fasts and vigils, the study of Scripture, renouncing possessions and everything worldly are not in themselves perfection, as we have said; they are its tools. For perfection is not to be found in them; it is acquired through them. It is useless, therefore, to boast of our fasting, vigils, poverty, and reading of Scripture when we have not achieved the love of God and our fellow men. Whoever has achieved love has God within himself and his intellect is always with God.

+St. John Cassian

"We have to make strenuous efforts when we first try to return from where we fell. For we resent abandoning our own desires, and we think that we can carry out both God's wishes and our own which is impossible. Our Lord Himself said, 'I have come to do, not My own will, but the will of the Father who sent Me' (cf. Jn. 6:38)."

From St. Peter of Damaskos (The Philokalia Vol. 3)

And love, having God as its cause, is like a spring bubbling up whose stream never stops and He alone is the cause of love and its material is inexhaustible... for this material which brings him to the remembrance of God is always available to him, so that even in sleep he speaks with God.

St. Isaac the Syrian

"A dog is better than I am, for he has love and does not judge."

+ St. Xanthias, *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

Prayers for the Departed: Anna Dahulich

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicky, Mary Alice Salay

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Laura Cristina Najemy, Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Leah Reed, Jacquelyn Marie Wham

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
4-Feb	POT LUCK - Oberto	Elia/Morjana	Finck	Maloney
11-Feb	MEAT FARE	Riley/Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis	Lewis
18-Feb	CHEESE FARE no meat	Sulpizi/Finck	Peck/Peck	Gundersen
25-Feb	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Hojnicki/Souder	Baldychev/Shatley/	Farrell

Church School Reminder

Feb. 4 Class
Feb. 11 Class
Feb. 18 No Class (Forgiveness Vespers)
Feb. 25 Sunday of Orthodoxy procession

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Feb-4 Rafael
Feb-11 Roel
Feb-18 Rafael
Feb-25 Roel