



Sunday February 28, 2016 TONE 6

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 6. Ven. Basil the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius at Decapolis (750). Bl. Nikolai, Fool-for-Christ at Pskov (1576). Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria (457). Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia (250). Ven. Marina (Marana), Cyra (Kira) and Domnica (Domnina), of Syria (ca. 450).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 3/5: Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 3/6: Hours 8:40 a.m. **Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**

followed by Fellowship/ Coffee hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3 RD HOUR	6 TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Feb-28	SOUDER, C	PECK	BUNITSKY, S.
Mar-6	CARPENTER	SULPIZI, L	PECK
Mar-13	BUNITSKY, S	BUNITSKY, K	BRASOWSKI
Mar-20	RILEY, A	RILEY, J	RILEY, J.
Mar 25	ANNUNCIATION		

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took captive hell, //
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life. //
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

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

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps 27/28:9*)

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)

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 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps 90/91:1)

v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.” (Ps 90/91:2)

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.' "

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Parish Council Meeting Just a reminder that we will have our March parish council meeting this Thurs. March 3rd at 7p.m.

Mark your calendars! Saturday, March 5 at 2pm. Parish family fellowship and potluck. Join us as we gather for fellowship, share a yummy dish or treat, play a game or eat a sweet.

This is the Saturday before meatfare. Please bring a dish to share.

We will clean up then continue our fellowship in prayer at 5pm for Vespers.

Please Save The Date - We have set a date of Saturday, May 21 for our Spring rummage sale. Please begin setting aside any of your attic treasures of clothes, household items, furniture, knick knacks, etc. Also, please save the date as we can use your help anytime before, during, and after the sale. It's fun to help with the sale and it helps to build relationships in our community and among our parishioners, all while raising money for St. Michael's. Further details will be provided as we get closer to May.

CheeseFare Sunday is Sunday, March 13th, and Archbishop Mark will be visiting! Please sign up for the potluck luncheon on the sheet in the Narthex. We will need help setting up and cleaning up, as Forgiveness Vespers will follow. Contact Hope LaChance (302.561.1870) or Alice Morjana (302.588.5836) with any questions.

Grass Cutting Spring is around the corner and we are looking for volunteers to help with the grass cutting again this year. We had 5 teams last year which made it easier on everyone involved. Please add your name to the signup sheet in the Narthex. Once we form the teams, we will be cutting on a rotating basis with more cutting being required in the spring and less in the dry summer months. Most of the cutting can be completed in 3 hours as a team. We have found out that due to individual schedules, you do not need to cut with your team and can do your share as your schedule permits. Just coordinate the sections to cut with your team. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Riley.

Study Group Our next study group will meet Thursday March 3rd. We will continue with second Corinthians. The study group is an excellent opportunity for continuing adult education. Please join us!

Archbishop MARK to Visit On Sat. & Sun. March 12th & 13th (Cheesefare Sunday) His Eminence Archbishop MARK will be making an archpastoral visit to St. Michael's. Cheesefare Sunday is also "Forgiveness Sunday" where we make the transition from the Sunday's after Pentecost to the Lenten period. Following coffee hour that day we will come back in to the church for Forgiveness Vespers and begin our lenten journey together. Please make plans to join us for this wonderful opportunity in the life of the church.

The Ladder of Divine Ascent On Friday evenings during Great Lent Fr. Barnabas will be offering a study and discussion group on St. John Climacus' "Ladder of Divine Ascent". We will try and make it through the first six or seven steps in this important spiritual work. Please make plans on joining us following services on Friday evening's during Lent.

Journeys to Orthodoxy We are asking both cradle Orthodox and convert alike to share your journey to the Orthodox Church. We hope to compile these stories and make them available to both the faithful of St. Michael's and our guest and visitors. We hope that your story may be an inspiration and a help to others. Journeys to Orthodoxy may be submitted to Laura Najemy or Fr. Barnabas. Please consider sharing your journey with us.

Do the Little Things

On March 1st the Orthodox Church commemorates Saint David, the patron saint of Wales. He was

born in about 487, on the southwestern coast of the country.

His birth is traditionally believed to be the result of rape. His mother Nonita, who is also honored by the Church, was the daughter of a local chieftain, and often in the company of nobles and princes. One prince found her irresistibly attractive, and forcibly seduced her. She is said to have given birth to David in a raging storm, perhaps reflecting the violent nature of his conception.

David was raised in the Welsh Church, and educated by clergy. His teachers were urgently aware of the need to take Christianity to the farther reaches of Wales and England. They recognized David's outstanding ability to speak with eloquence about the faith, and to engage the minds and hearts of people listening to him. This was why, in later years, he would be a convincing opponent of the Pelagian heresy. But as a student he was already seen as an excellent candidate to do missionary work, a ministry he undertook soon after his formal education was completed.

Saint David's missionary travels ranged over Wales, western England, and Brittany. He founded several monasteries in southern Wales. They were noted for the extreme austerity of their practices, modeled on David's understanding of the life of the early desert monastics.

A description of the monks' daily lives was recorded by an eleventh-century writer named Rhygyvarch (spelled in various ways), who based his life of David on "many old manuscripts" in the saint's monastery at Menevia. It is the only extensive record of David's life that we have. Rhygyvarch writes that after a full day of work plowing and planting, done without the aid of oxen or any animals, the monks stood in chapel for several hours of prayer, ending with chanted Psalms: "When the chanting of the Psalms is done...they worship on bended knees until the stars are seen in heaven bringing the day to a close. The father [David] alone, after having gone out, pours forth a prayer in secret to God for the state of the Church."

The monks' meals were simple, and accompanied only by water:

"Not dishes of various tastes lie before them or too dainty provisions, but having fed on bread and herbs seasoned with salt, they may assuage ardent thirst with a temperate sort of drink. On that occasion they provide for the sick and those advanced in age, and even those wearied with a long journey, some refreshments of a more appealing sort, for one must not weigh out to all in equal measure."

David's last words to the monks gathered around his deathbed included these: "Do the little things." These words are a reminder of the words of Christ Himself, read two Sundays ago. Jesus' surprised listeners asked Him when they seen Him in need or distress, and ministered to Him. He answered, "As you did it to the least of these, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25: 40).

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Prayers for the Departed: *Archpriest John Udics, Archimandrite Athanasy*

Reader Nicholas Holowatch (+March 1st)

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. David Shewczyk,, Fr. Josef Petranin, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Lemlem Resat, Harry Wujcik, , Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Lily Nassif, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke Wales, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Georgia Harb, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Caton Tompkins, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Fink*

Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them: *Maria Peck,, Elizabeth Clause, Matushka Anastasia Hojnicky*

Birthdays : *Tom Sulpizi (1st), Hannah Conover (4th), Marie Herrman (4th)*

Service Ministries

Date	Coffee/ Fellowship Hour	Service Duty	Church Cleaners	Library
28-Feb	Gerassimakis/ Bunitsky	Riley	Gerassimakis	Gundersen
6-Mar	Whale/ Gabriel/ Sheeler	Sulpizi/ Fink	Whalen/ Fink	Farrell
13-Mar	Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday	Hojnicki/ Souder	Farrell	Skomorucha
20-Mar	Lachance/ Shatley/ Hines	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Kendall	Maloney
27-Mar	Najemy/ Kendall	Bunitsky/Lewis	Baldychev/ Shatley	Lewis

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