



St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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Sunday February 12, 2017 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 1. St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381). St. Aleksy (Alexius), Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1378). St. Meletius, Archbishop of Kharkov (1840). Ven. Mary (who was called Marinus), and her father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria (6th c.). St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople (895). St. Kristo the Gardener

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 02/18 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 02/19 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by coffee hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Feb-12	SULPIZI	LEWIS	BRASOWSKI
Feb-19	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Feb-26	SOUDER	PECK	PECK
Mar-5	LEWIS	SULPIZI	CAREY
Mar-12	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	BRASOWSKI

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

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 1 Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You! (Ps
32/33:22)

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps
32/33:1)*

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 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..

(Ps 17/18:47)

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

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 Hymn

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

This Week's Announcement

Newly Illumined Last evening we welcomed into the Church Cedric Peck through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God grant he and his family health, happiness, a peaceful life, and many blessed years!

Memorial Service Today following the Divine Liturgy we will have a 40 day memorial service for Anwor Kawaja the brother of Alice Mojana. May his memory be eternal!

Great Lent to Begin Just a reminder that our Lenten journey will begin with ***Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, February 26th*** 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). ”

Family Promise: People are needed for evening fellowship next Mon., Tues. & Thurs 7 to 8 pm to interact with children and parents at St. Philips. Feel free to join us for dinner at 6:30 pm and stay for awhile to visit. Family Promise is a great way to exercise stewardship. Last I checked the board we had no one sign up. Thank you.

Perogie Available Thanks to all who came and helped pinch perogies this past week. Perogies are available for sale in the church hall. Please see Elizabeth Melnick.

Study Group Our Study group will continue this Thursday at 10 am with the 15th Step from “The Ladder of Divine Ascent”. All are welcome to join us.

Basics of Orthodoxy Update We will be offering the basics of Orthodoxy class on Friday evenings during the Lenten season. We will begin the week of Meatfare, Friday evening Feb 24th following vespers. All are welcome to attend.

Compassion and Salvation

On February 13th the Church honors Saint Martinian, a fourth-century native of Caesarea in Palestine.

His life is closely intertwined with the lives of two women, Zoe and Photina, who are commemorated on the same day. Yet he was a hermit saint, and already by the age of eighteen he had decided to live his life in a mountain retreat fairly near the city but having no contact with it. He would be there for twenty-five years, becoming known in the area for his gift of healing and his silence.

A woman of Caesarea, named Zoe, had heard a great deal about the holiness of this man who never came to the city but who seemed to be

known to everyone in it. Perhaps it was because she wanted to test the power of her feminine wiles that she decided she would make him betray his vow of celibacy.

Zoe put on rags and made herself look disheveled. Then she approached his dwelling at night, pretending she was disoriented after wandering too far in the dark. Appealing to his compassion, she prevailed on him to let her spend the night in his cell. He went to sleep in a large crevice near the cell.

Just before morning, Zoe tidied herself and changed into alluring clothes she'd brought in what had seemed like a beggar's bundle. When Martinian came to tell her she must leave, she offered herself to him in a low, sultry voice. He was almost overcome with desire, and walked outside for a moment to recover.

Perhaps it was because he'd been compassionate that God strengthened Martinian, keeping him from doing something that would have destroyed the life he'd worked for a quarter-century to build. He returned to the cell, built a small fire, and put his feet into it. The pain made this man, known for silence, cry out. He pulled his feet from the fire and lay gasping and sobbing on the ground.

Then he said to Zoe: "If I cannot bear this little fire, how shall I cope with the fires of hell?" She was so overcome that she begged him to help her change her life. He sent her to the monastery in Bethlehem overseen by Saint Paula, and there she lived in prayer and repentance for the rest of her life.

Once his legs healed, Martinian moved to a remote island, where a kind boatman brought him provisions every few months. But a few years later his compassion was called on again when he heard a young woman crying for help. She had survived a shipwreck and was floating toward his island on a plank.

He went and pulled young Photina to safety. To avoid temptation, he invited her to stay on the island and live on his provisions till the boatman came again. Saying farewell, he dove into the water and swam to the mainland.

Martinian lived out his life peacefully in Athens. He is called a hermit saint, but perhaps his salvation also depended on his compassionate unwillingness to leave a woman in distress.

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

'The man who lives in darkness is a fool, and the murk of ignorance awaits him.'

St. Thalassios the Libyan

'In general, distress arises from the privation of pleasure, whether it be of a worldly kind or relate to God.'

St. Thalassios the Libyan

'Grace has been given mystically to those who have been baptized into Christ; and it becomes active within them to the extent that they actively observe the commandments. Grace never ceases to help us secretly; but to do good - as far as lies in our power - depends on us.'

St. Mark the Ascetic

'The soul will not desire to be separated from the body unless it becomes indifferent to the very air it breathes. All the bodily senses are opposed to faith, for they are concerned with the objects of this present world, while faith is concerned only with the blessings of the life to come. Thus one pursuing the spiritual way should never be too greatly preoccupied with beautifully branched or shady trees, pleasantly flowing springs, flowery meadows, fine houses or even visits to his family; neither should he recall any public honors that he happens to have been given. He should gratefully be content with bare necessities, regarding this present life as a road passing through an alien land, barren of all worldly attractions. For it is only by concentrating our mind in this way that we can keep to the road that leads back to eternity.'

St. Diadochos of Photiki

Prayers for the Departed: Anwor Kawaja, Fred Salay

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Walter Danchenka, Anne Peck, George Coyle

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Tatyana Klimova

Prayers for Catechumens: Carolyn Peck, William Wennburg, Stephanie Smiertka

Prayers for Newly Illumined/Chrismated: Emily (Theodora) Zushi, Misty (Mary) Robinson, Cedric Peck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
12-Feb	Bacuta/ Fravel	Hojnicki/ Souder	Gerassimakis	Skomorucha
19-Feb	Meatfare Pot Luck	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Finck	Lewis
26-Feb	Cheesefare Pot Luck	Bunitsky/ Lewis	Skomorucha/ Lewis	Gundersen
5-Mar	Pot Luck	Elia/ Morjana	Baldychev/ Shatley- Sylvest	Skomoruch

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE

VESPERS and LITURGY

Feb-12

Team George

Feb-19

Team Conover

Feb-26

Team Gabriel

Mar-5

Team George
