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**Sunday February 24, 2019 SUNDAY OF THE
PRODIGAL SON – Tone 6. First (4th c.) and Second
(452) Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious
Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John. Ven.
Erasmus of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 12th c.).**

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 2/27 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Thursday 2/28 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 3/2 Great Vesper 5:00 p.m.

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

followed by Meatfare Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Feb-24	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Mar-3	SOUDER	PECK	PECK
Mar-10	LEWIS	SULPIZI	LEWIS
Mar-17	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	CAREY

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 4 Troparion *(for St John the Baptist)*

The head of the Forerunner has shone from the earth,
sending forth rays of incorruption and healings to the faithful.
It gathers together a multitude of Angels above
and summons the human race below //
to send up glory with one voice to Christ our God.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(for St John the Baptist)*

O Prophet of God and Forerunner of Grace,
we have found your head as a sacred rose.
Therefore we always receive healings from it,
and, as in times past, now you preach repentance to the world.

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*)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. (*Ps 63/64:10*)

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.

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Forerunner)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –

always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

So then death is working in us, but life in you.

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak,

knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

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)

Tone 4

v: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. (Ps 91/92:13)

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.'"

Matthew 11:2-15 (Forerunner)

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.' Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than

John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Communion Hymns

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

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! (*Ps 111/112:6*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Newly Illumined Yesterday we welcomed into the Church by the sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation, Nathaniel Smith, son of DeAnte Smith and Rachel Shatley (Grandson of Colleen Shatley Sylvest). May God grant health, happiness, and all good things to the newly illumined Nathaniel and his family. Many Years!

Calling All Library Books We asking everyone to try and return parish library books by March 1st. Our librarians will be performing an inventory of our books. The books can be checked out once again after the inventory is complete. Thanks for your cooperation.

Great Lent to Begin Our Lenten journey will begin with Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, March 10th 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. Join us for this Lenten beginning

Books for Prisoners: During Lent please donate new or gently used PAPERBACK books in the bin in social hall entrance--especially Paperback Dictionaries. See the list of books requested by prison libraries in our narthex. See Ellen Gundersen or email ellengundersen5@gmail.com.

Orthodoxy Sunday/Mission Service March 17 St. Michaels will be hosting a Lenten Mission Service (Orthodoxy Sunday) on Sunday March 17 at 4:00 p.m. We are asking for volunteers to help organize and put the meal together. We will need everyone's help as we will be hosting The Philadelphia Clergy Brotherhood as well as the faithful from our surrounding area. Please email Alice Morjana at namorjana@aol.com or see Alice to let her know you can help.

Lenten Retreat "Living Toward the Kingdom In Our Hearts and Homes" St. Michaels will be hosting a Lenten retreat with guest speaker and author Dr. Philip Mamalakis on March 22nd & 23rd. Retreat Schedule:

Friday Evening March 22nd 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. **Marriage and Relationships Toward the Kingdom** : We live out our Lenten journey, and our whole life in and through close relationships. Yet, these can be the most challenging. We'll look into how Christ invites us, particularly during Lent, to draw close to Him, His Church, to grow in our marriage and close relationships.

Saturday March 23rd 9:00 a.m. coffee & prayers, 9:30 a.m.-Noon **Parenting Toward the Kingdom, Part I** : Lent is a time to refocus our efforts on living as Orthodox Christians. However, our kids still have the same struggles they have throughout the year- from getting up and dressed in the morning, and getting along during the day, to getting to bed at night. Join Dr. Mamalakis as he discusses how we can discover the heart of our lenten journey within the daily challenges of parenting.

12:00 p.m. Lunch at St. Michael's Hall

Saturday 1:00 p.m.: **Parenting Toward the Kingdom, Part II** Building off of the morning session, Dr. Mamalakis will discuss how Lent, like parenting, is simultaneously an inner struggle and outward behaviors and practices. Fasting and church services are not the goal of Lent, but the critical pathway toward our goal. We'll discuss skills and strategies for setting limits with our children, not as the goal of parenting, but the pathway toward our goal.

Study Group Our study group will resume this Thurs. Feb 28th at 10 a.m. with the 5th chapter of St. Matthew. Join us!

Women's Book Study Our Women's Book Study will continue Tuesday evenings for the next few weeks. We will continue reading "Touch and the Healing of the World", by Daniel B. Hinshaw. We hope you can join us Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Prayers for the Departed: Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch, Maria Proch, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, George Sarmousakis, Alfred Mokhiber. Theophan Shatley

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, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Patrica, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Michael Sinovich, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides,

Prayers for Catechumen: Robert Jaquette

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Ruth Kendall, Bisrat Gabriel

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
24-Feb	J. Peck/Weins	Hojnicky/Souder	Riley	Maloney
3-Mar	Hojnicky/Flynn/Roberts	Telep/Baldychev	Bunitsky/Finck	Gundersen
10-Mar	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Bunitsky/Morjana	Farrell	Farrell
17-Mar	Riley/Souder	Riley/Riley	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha
24-Mar	Shatley/Hines	Sulpizi/Finck	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemarian	Maloney

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Meatfare Sunday March 3rd

Cheesefare / Forgiveness Sunday March 10th

Beginning of Great Lent March 11th

Annunciation Monday March 25th

Palm Sunday April 21st HOLY PASCHA April 28th