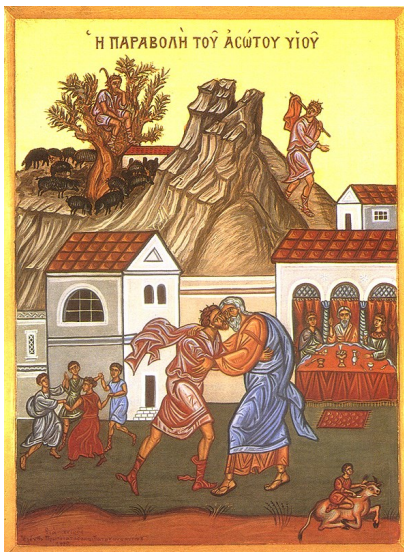


## Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Feb 20)

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).



After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/02/20/3-sunday-of-the-prodigal-son>)

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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## February 20, 2022

### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

LEO, BISHOP OF CATANIA  
AGATHUS, POPE OF ROME  
BESSARION THE GREAT  
SADOK THE BISHOP  
AND THE 128 OTHER MARTYRS OF PERSIA  
PLOTINUS

**Tone 2 - Eothion 2**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 15:11-32**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2** - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

**KONTAKION FOR THE PRODIGAL SON - Tone 3** - Foolishly I sprang away \* from Thy great fatherly glory, \* and dispersed in wicked deeds \* the riches that Thou didst give me. \* With the Prodigal I therefore \* cry unto Thee now: \* I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. \* But receive me in repentance; \* make me as one of \* Thy hired servants, O Lord.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour  
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Feb 27):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn Justin	Gabi & Catalin; Baking class
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Dan M. & Rdr Nick Muz.	Steve K. & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	"Archangel Michael"	"Archangel Gabriel"
CLEANING TEAM:	Nathan, Rebecca & Teens	George & Lily; Zaria R.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H; Maria S.; Amelia T	Calvin; Ada; Ephrem

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### RESCHEDULED

*Saturday, February 26*

- Prospora Baking Class  
3:00-6:30 pm
- Special Guest: Fr. John Parker  
Evangelism Talk:  
"Sowing or Hoarding?"  
7:30 p.m.

#### Lenten Triodion

- Feb 27—Meatfare Sunday
- Mar 6—Cheesefare Sunday
- Mar 13—Sunday of Orthodoxy

#### Feast of Annunciation

Friday, March 25

#### Lenten Retreat:

"An afternoon with  
St. John Chrysostom"  
w/ Dr. David Ford  
March 26, 2022

#### We live Pascha to Pascha!

April 24, 2022

### FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION: PAPER PRODUCTS

### CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

"You are the Light of the World"

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Nicole	+Barbara
Sze-Tatiana	+ArchP Stavros
Joanne	+Robert
Patrick	+N.I. Wendy
Doris	Susanna
John	
John	(February
James	Parish Diptychs)
Lasha B	+Frank
Otari B	+Kristina
Mark	+John
Nancy-Anna	+Steve
Helen	+John
Wadieh	+Hertanse
Anna	+Thomas
Anesia	Joseph
Mary	
Abbot Seraphim	
Claudia	<u>Catechumens</u>
Gregory	Christian,
Elizabeth	Laura,
	Taylor,
Priest Thomas,	Tim & Luke,
Jesse, Nathan and	Christina,
their families	Kate,
& all Missionaries	Tyson,
	Joseph & Alana,
New & Expectant	Ryan,
Mothers & their	Michael, Tina
children	

For the people of our  
land and their  
repentance,  
healing & unity

## **SPECIAL APPEAL**

Please consider making a special offering to the  
**Camp Scholarship Fund.**

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### This Week:

- Mon, Feb 21:** Office open
- Tues, Feb 22:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Feb 23:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.  
Patristic Discussion 7 p.m.
- Thurs, Feb 24:** Office open
- Friday, Feb 25:** Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.  
Chanting Class 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Feb 26:** Memorial Liturgy 10 a.m.  
Holy Bread Workshop 3 p.m.  
Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.  
Fr. John Parker Evangelism Presentation  
7:30 p.m.  
Confession 8:30 p.m.
- Sun, Feb 27:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
Removal of Crowns (McElhinney)  
Sunday School, Catechism, Coffee Hour  
*Meatfare Donation Luncheon*

**OFFERINGS 2/13:** Candles, \$137. Collections, \$85. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$86. Burial Ministry, \$56. Classical School Fund, \$1,200. Mission Chapel, \$100. Stewardship, \$13,802.52. Total received: \$15,466.52.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**