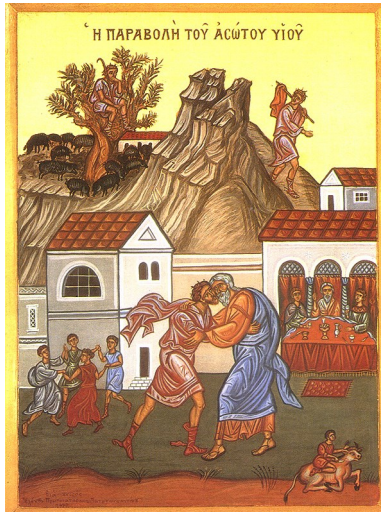


Sunday of the Prodigal Son

(Feb 12)

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.

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February 12, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

COMMEMORATIONS:

MELETIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF ANTIOCH
ANTONIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE
MELETIOS OF YPSENI
CHRISTOS THE NEW MARTYR

Tone 2 - Eothinon 2

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 15:11-32

RESURRECTIONAL 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 OF THE PRODIGAL - 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: *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*
ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Hour

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Feb 19):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.	Sdn. Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	Bushellis – Joachim–16th Birthday	----
USHERS:	Tom A. & Dan M.	Rdr Nick & Todd M.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Phil; Gabe; Zach W.; Beraki	Moodys; Natalia M; Jocey
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Myriam; Conor; Jekels/Teens	Chris H; Mariya; Abraham

Mark Your Calendar:

Forgiveness Sunday
February 26
Forgiveness Vespers 1 p.m.

Men’s Retreat
March 10-11

Choir Concert
April 2 (tentative)

Pascha 2023
April 16

We live from Pascha to Pascha!

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Peter	+Christos
N.I. David, Helen, Elianna, Emmalia	+Georghe
N. I. Euphemia	(February Parish
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	Diptychs)
Kh. Joyce	+Frank
Linda	+Kristina
Tadessa	+John
Nicole	+Steve
Raymond	+John
Patrick	+Hertanse
Doris	+Thomas
John	+Wendy Susannah
James	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Midena	
Radu	

Catechumens

Christian
Christina
Peter, Sarah, Alina,
William, & Elsa
Kate
Ryan
Zachary, Brandy,
Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei,
& Otto
Taylor & Bethany
Joanne
Denis
Nicholas, Rachel,
Luka, Leo
Michael
Evan
Lucretia
Tiffany

Bill, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries
New & Expectant Mothers & their children
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric

FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Paper Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

“You are the Salt of the Earth”

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the

Camp Scholarship Fund

Glory to God, we have ~20 campers planning to attend this year! Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

Mon, Feb 13:	Office open
Tues, Feb 14:	6th Hour Prayers 12 noon Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Wed, Feb 15:	Office open Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
Thurs, Feb 16:	----
Friday, Feb 17:	Office open Confessions 6 p.m. Holy Unction (fast) 6:30 p.m. Refreshments 7:30 p.m.
Sat, Feb 18:	Soul Saturday Liturgy & Memorial 10 a.m. Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb 19:	Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare) ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Sunday School Donation Coffee Hour, sponsored by the Women of St. Mariamne Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m. Parish Council

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Feb 4: 65 Divine Services Feb 5: 277
OFFERINGS 2/5: Candles, \$335. Collections, \$371. Flowers, \$20. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$110. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship, \$8,526.68. Total received: \$9,461.20.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!