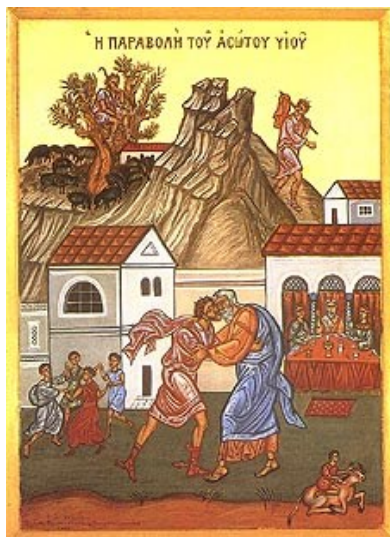


Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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.

"The father in the parable is portrayed as filled with compassion, running to meet his returning son, embracing and kissing him. This illustrates the superabundant kindness of God towards sinners who return to Him." (St. Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on the Gospel of Luke)

Kontakion – Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. Therefore, I cry to You like the Prodigal: "I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants."

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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

COMMEMORATIONS:

**PAMPHILUS THE MARTYR & HIS
COMPANIONS, FLAVIANOS, PATRIARCH
OF CONSTANTINOPLE, ROMANOS THE
YOUNGER**

Tone 1 - Eothinon 1
Orthros Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 15:11-32

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

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, 8:15 a.m.
- ◆ Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Coffee Hour/Sunday School following Liturgy

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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:
COFFEE HOUR:	St. Justin Academy	Women of Saint Mariamne, Meat Fare Feast
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	Bushelli-Joachim's Birthday	<i>Please sign up in the hallway</i>
USHERS:	John N. & Bill H.	Dan M. & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kristi M., Kim B.	Justin & Kate G., Olena M., Midena S.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin S., Mary T., Maria S., Christian L.	Mike L., Dave & Darby S., Steven M., Christian L.

Mark Your Calendar

Forgiveness Vespers
Great Lent Begins
March 2 @ 1:00 pm

Great Compline & Great Canon of Repentance
March 3, 4, 6 @ 6:30 pm
March 5 @ 12:00 pm

Presanctified Liturgies
Begins March 3

Lenten Retreat
March 22
Missions with Fr. Hector Firoglanis
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Choir Concert
April 6—1:30 to 2:30
Passion & Resurrection of Christ
Invite family and friends!

Holy Pascha
April 20, 2025
We live from Pascha to Pascha!

**FEBRUARY OUTREACH
COLLECTION:**
Paper Products

Pray For:

Living	Deceased
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of the Holy Land and Syria Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Displaced of Southern California. NI. Ambrose and Lydia Denis-Patrick John Nun Sergeia Doris Michael John James Steven Paraskevi Elizabeth Michaela Nicholas Elias Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries Nathan, John, & all seminarians Those searching for spouses Engaged Couples Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers New mothers and their babies	+Eustathia +Claudia (February Parish Diptychs) +Frank +Kristina +John +Steve +John +Hertanse +Thomas +Wendy Susanna <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 5px 0;"/> <u>Catechumens</u> Lucretia Ryan Michael Kassandra Rose Jasper Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Carol Morgan Meghan John Steven Bobby Liara Asher Sarah Andrew

The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity

This Week:

- Mon, Feb 17:** Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Tues, Feb 18:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 pm
- Wed, Feb 19:** Confessions, 6:00 pm
Little Compline, 6:30 pm
Patristic Discussion Group, 7:00 pm
- Thurs, Feb 20:** Vespers, 6:30 pm
Revelation Bible Study, 7:30 pm
- Fri, Feb 21:** Confessions, 6:00 pm
Paraklesis, 6:30 pm
Teen Singing Workshop, 7:30 pm
- Sat, Feb 22:** **Divine Liturgy & Memorial, 8:00 am**
Choir Workshop, 10:30 a.m.
Choir Director Workshop, 1:30 a.m.
Catechumen Class, 4:30 pm
Great VESPERS sung by St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir, 6:00 pm
Lecture: "Responding to God's Call", Fr. John Parker, 7:00 pm
Confessions, 7:30 pm
- Sunday, Feb 23:** **The Last Judgment (Meat Fare) ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 am**
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 am
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers (2/8): 60 Divine Liturgy (2/9): 157 (snow)
OFFERINGS (2/9): Candles, \$162. Collections, \$435.01. Book Shelf Ministry, \$191. One-Time Projects, \$100. Stewardship, \$6,549.22. Mission Chapel: \$150. Building Fund: \$150. Total received: \$7,737.23.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!