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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022 ~ PRODIGAL SON

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20 Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

The Gospel According to Luke 15:11-32 The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly 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, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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☞ *Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Zervos and Cuneo families.* ☞

Trisagion: †George Libbos 9 day prayers (*Father of Christine Picard*)

THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 21 6:30pm Paraclesis
Tuesday, February 22 7pm Sts. Mary & Martha
Wednesday, February 23 4:30pm Greek School
6:45pm GOYA Basketball
NO Bible Study

Thursday, February 24

Friday, February 25

GOYA Basketball Tournament HERE

Saturday, February 26

Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

GOYA Basketball Tournament HERE

6:15pm GOYA Dinner

7pm Vespers

* 4:30pm TODAY *
* GOYA will be *
* painting signs for *
* our tournament this *
* coming weekend! *

Fr. Michael is away until the end of the week. Fr. Dan can be reached at 412.262.4589.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week
FEBRUARY 13th



TRIODION WEEKS

Publican and the Pharisee

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15
Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Normal Fast Week
FEBRUARY 20th



The Prodigal Son Returns!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble."
Use up/freeze meats this week.

Meatfare
FEBRUARY 27th
FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY



The Last Judgement

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him!
Use up/freeze dairy this week.

Cheesefare
MARCH 6th
FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY



Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY
Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14:4
Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

1st Sunday of Lent
MARCH 13th



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2
Gospel: John 1:43-51

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

2nd Sunday of Lent
MARCH 20th



ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today!
Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

3rd Sunday of Lent
MARCH 27th



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HALF WAY TO PASCHA!
Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6
Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl

4th Sunday of Lent
APRIL 3rd



ST JOHN of the LADDER

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

5th Sunday of Lent
APRIL 10th



ST MARY of EGYPT

Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14
Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!
APRIL 17th
GREAT WEEK BEGINS



GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9
Gospel: John 12: 1-18

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY
APRIL 22nd



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS
CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!
APRIL 24th
NO FASTING!



BRIGHT WEEK

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: Jan 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!