



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Sun, February 16, 2020 - The Prodigal Son

Week 2 of Lenten Preparation — Tone2

Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (470). St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869).



Hymns for Today

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all
the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ
our God, glory to Thee!”

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and
among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou
gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: “I have
sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me as a
penitent, // and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

Epistle Reading - 1 Cor 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.

Gospel Reading - 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

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament through prayer and fasting.

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.'"

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY: 9:00 AM - 3rd/6th Hours (8:40AM), Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Church School, [Intro to Divine Liturgy Class](#)

WED: Feb 19, 6:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

SAT: Feb 22, 4:00 PM - Great Vespers

SUN: Feb 23, 9:00 AM - 3rd/6th Hours (8:40AM), Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Church School, [Meatfare Potluck](#)

Altar candles donated in memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Basarab, offered by Mr. & Mrs. David Voda.

Attendance & Donations - 2/9/20

Attendance: 72 | Regular: \$855
Improvements: \$423 | Candles: \$125

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Living: Cynthia Dulsky, Josie Bisset, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nancy Valletta & Family, Nadine Breisch, Luke Austin, Susan Goobic Howell, Rosalie Bagenski, Connie Padrezas, Denise Meck, Sonja & Leighann Kay, Stephen & Mary Krill, John Roman, Ann-Marie Roma, Anna Hutz

Lahr, Brian Cawley **Departed:** Thomas Kay, Lexi Marie Tessitore, Joseph Mahan

++ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS ++

The Russian Club is seeking pictures from in and around the club over the years. This is in preparation of the 100th Anniversary to be held later this year. Please see Colleen with questions.

BAZAAR 2020 MEETING: It's that time again my friends to talk about BAZAAR 2020! There will be a Bazaar committee meeting on Feb 23rd after coffee hour. This meeting will be held in the Pavilion. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

WOMAN'S RETREAT at ST. TIKHON'S: A Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Department of Curriculum and Education of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern PA, will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 in St. Tikhon's Monastery Trapeza. The topic for this year's retreat is: **"Preparing our Hearts for Great Lent."** The speaker will be Mother Gabriella, who serves as the Abbess of Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan. The cost for the retreat is \$10 which includes breakfast and lunch. It is open to all women. See the flyer on the bulletin board and speak with Matushka Melanie if you would like to carpool.

MEATFARE SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR: Sunday, February 23rd We will have our traditional Meatfare Sunday Coffee Hour which will comprise of our special meat fare dishes at this time of year. Please feel free to bring your favorite meat pre-Lenten dishes. A sign-up sheet is provided in the vestibule, however, if you are unable to bring anything, NO WORRIES! We will have plenty of food to enjoy!

DR. DAVID FORD AT HOLY RESURRECTION FEB 25TH - Holy Resurrection Cathedral will be hosting Dr. David Ford on Tuesday Feb. 25th at 6:30p.m. The presentation is called: "Gems of Wisdom from St. John Chrysostom, in Brand-New Translation." Following the presentation there will be time for Q & A and refreshments will also be served.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST COFFEE HOUR? We are seeking additional hosts for Coffee Hour. If you would like to get in the rotation to host or co-host, please add

your name to the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. See Joann or Colleen with questions.

On The Prodigal Son

“All our attention must be centered on the parable of the Prodigal Son. We all see ourselves in it as in a mirror. In a few words the Lord, the knower of hearts, has shown in the person of one man how the deceptive sweetness of sin separates us from the truly sweet life according to God. He knows how the burden of sin on the soul and body, experienced by us, impels us by the action of divine grace to return, and how it actually does turn many again to God, to a virtuous life.”

+ St. John of Kronstadt, “Sermon on the Sunday of the Prodigal Son”
