

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.

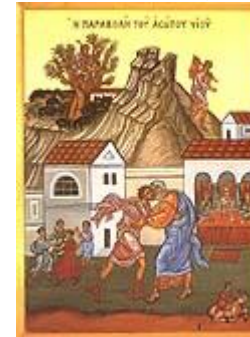
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Friend of the Bridegroom: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)



Sunday, February 16th, 2025
Sunday Of The Prodigal Son

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Sunday, Feb 16th Sunday of the Prodigal Son / Tone 1

9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour & Parish Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 19th Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius, & Asclepiodota

5:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, Feb 21st Saint Makarios of Glinsk Hermitage

6:00 pm Akathist followed by Catechuman Class

Saturday, Feb 22nd Saturday of Meatfare Week — Memorial Saturday

5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, Feb 23rd Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare) / Tone 2

9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Attendance/Stewardship February 9th

Attendance: 39 Adults and 7 Children	46 Total
Weekly Stewardship Offerings:	\$3,390.00
Weekly Candle Offerings:	\$217.00
Charity of the Month (Zoe for Life):	\$70.00
YTD Budget Inflows:	\$15,088.15
YTD Budget Outflows	\$11,466.55
YTD Surplus/deficit	\$3,621.60

Prayer Corner

Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)	Sbdcn George Kaschack
Sarah Crivella	Ellen Malacky
Patty DiGiacobbe	James Livermore Jr.
David Campbell	Cassandra, Patrick, Elizabeth, & Patrick
Anna	Jeffrey
Wallace Family	Laura & Roy
Greg, Clara, Jeanie	Azouria
DeToro (Fr Dcn John’s Friend)	Nancy
Debbie	Tristan Beil
Barb Leis	David McGee (David Wood’s friend)
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

Newly Departed: Ann Backiu (1/28) [Cheryl’s Aunt] & Renee Dann (2/9) [Jennifer’s Friend]

Expecting: Tom & Cadie Kirk, Natalie & Chase York, Erin & Paul DiGiacobbe & their unborn children

Newborns: Allegra & her parents Nick & Raquel Cironi

Catechumens: Lucian & Lilianna Vasil, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christophher, & William Cunningham, Matthew Rose, Nicky Lewis, Alexander Mackey, Tristan & Colleen Beil

Birthdays: Thomas Sacca (16th) Kristen Bakich & Olivia Burrell (17th), Jennifer Gearhart (18th), Penelope Bush (19th) & Dr. Jason Bakich (20th)

Anniversaries: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	For the Health of Pauline Gemmel
Altar	For the Memory of Margaret Bolock
Christ	For the Birthday of Olive Reid

Announcements

Parish Annual Meeting

Will be held after Liturgy and a brief coffee hour today, in the Nave of the church.

Liturgy for the Departed Names

On St. Theodore Saturday (March 1st) we’ll celebrate the Divine Liturgy with the Litany for the Departed and the reading of all the names of our departed loved ones. The list of names commemorated is on the candlestand, please take a moment to check it for accuracy and to write in any names that need to be added to update it.

2024 Donation Statements

2024 donation statements are available. Please see Carol Bobosh to get your statement or if you have any questions. Also the 2024 altar candle commemoration list is available at the candle stand.

Coffee Hour

A friendly reminder that coffee is self-serve during coffee hour. Please help yourself.