

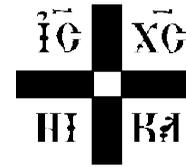
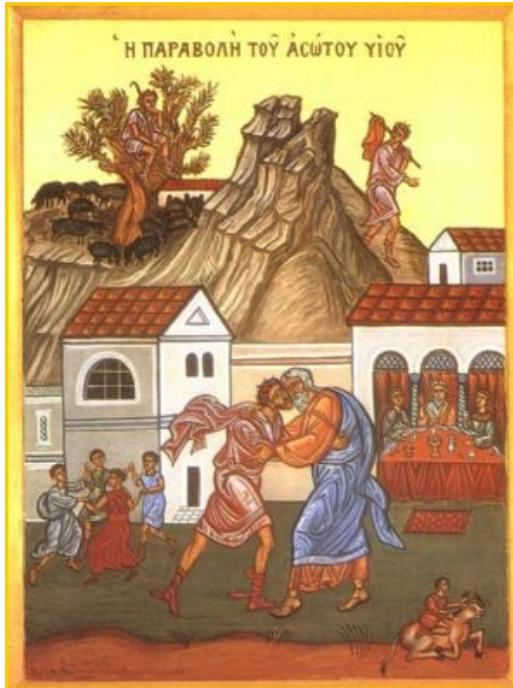
Week Schedule

Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions following Vespers

Sunday Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy

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.



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instruction, counseling, home visits, sick
calls.

Troparion (Tone 6)

The angelic powers were at Your
tomb; the guards became as
dead men. Mary stood by Your
grave, seeking Your most pure
body. You took captive hell, //
not being tempted by it. You
came to the Virgin, granting
life. // O Lord, Who rose from
the dead, glory to You.

Kontakion (Tone 3, from Lenten Triodion)

I have recklessly forgotten Your
glory, O Father; and among sin-
ners I have scattered the riches
which You gave me. And now I
cry to You as the Prodigal: "I
have sinned before You, O mer-
ciful Father; receive me a peni-
tent, and make me as one of
Your hired servants!"

February 20, 2011

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON —
Tone 6. St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily
(ca. 780).

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Dn. Peter Skoog, Lena Robovitsky, Al-
bert and Catherine Kavalkovich, Ronnie
Kavalkovich, Frank Slivka, Alex
Lourido, Child Alizabeth White, Ronald
and Robert Corba, Patterson family and
friends, LeRoy family and friends, Jduy
Currier. **May God Grant Them Many
Years!**

William Brasko, Michael Makara,
Charles Fortner, Ann Mackiewicz. **May
Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 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.¹²And 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.¹³And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.¹⁴But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.¹⁵Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.¹⁶And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.¹⁷But 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!¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,¹⁹and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."²⁰And 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.²¹And 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.'²²But 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.'²³And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;²⁴for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.²⁵Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'²⁸But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.²⁹So 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.³⁰But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.'³²It 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.' "

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

Ana Presentation

Ana Kavalkovich will be presenting a proposal for continued church growth after the Divine Liturgy today. Please make time to attend.

Church Education

Do remember that the last Sunday of the month is devoted to our church education. We'll continue to address suffering and Christ following the Divine Liturgy.

Easter Flowers

Debbie Kavalkovich has started collecting orders for Easter flowers. Please see her if you would like to place an order.

Parish Statistics for February 13, 2011

Attendance: uncounted

Income: \$1124.00

Expenses: \$3168.79

Deficit: \$2044.79