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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 2.

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381).

Troparion (Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Kontakion (Tone 4)

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

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Lena, Bobby, David, Nina, Anna McCartney, Grace and Bob Corba, Emelie Albrecht, Ronnie, Rdr. Leonty Macalush, Alex Hourahan, Patterson family, parishioners, Pellack family, Christopher Ronald, June, Patricia, Alexander, Burychka family, Witiak family, Christopher, Matthew, Christopher, Jason, Anastasia, Diva, Christopher, Helen, Lisa, Nicole, Laura, Kavalkovich family and friends. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Departed: Helen Herbert, Onufrey Spack, Diane Benson, William Zuzulock, departed parishioners, William Brasko. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**



Upcoming Services

Saturday Great Vespers, **5:00 p.m.**

Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy

I 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.

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 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.'"

Announcements

Readers, Coffee Hour, and Church Cleaning
Please consider volunteering for any of the above. The church needs help especially with cleaning and coffee hour. Sign-up sheets are downstairs on the bulletin board.

Annual Meeting
Our annual parish meeting will be next Sunday, February 19, following the Divine Liturgy.

New Vespers Time
Starting February 18, Vespers will begin at 5:00 p.m. Note that there will be no Vespers on February 11.

Centennial Team
Please see Debbie Kavalkovich if you would like to serve on the team preparing for our centennial next year.

OCF Students
Please welcome the OCF students who visit today. Their visit comes at the conclusion of the Orthodox Week at the University of Pennsylvania.

Weekly Financial Statement (02.05.12)

Attendance: 32

Money In: \$2408.00

Money Out: -\$2509.18

Net Total: -\$101.18

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).