

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Troparion (Tone 2)

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!”

Troparion (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou didst accept in thine arms the ^Redeemer of our souls, //Who grants us the Resurrection!

Kontakion (Tone 3)

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!

February 08, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 2.

Afterfeast of the Meeting. Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates (“the General”—319). Prophet Zachariah (ca. 520 B.C.).

Kontakion (Tone 1)

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb and didst bless Simeon’s hands, ^O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, //O only Lover of Man!

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Peggy Walker, Margaret Pellack, David Pellack, Emelie Albrecht, Michael Spack, Jr., Jean Hourahan, Christine Bava, Gabbriel Lourido, Marlene Blaskevitch, Ron Kavalkovich, Alex Kavalkovich, David Andrews, Ellen Kavalkovich, Patricia, Albert, Catherine, Barbara, Norman, Christopher, William, Jessica, Shaun, Ellen, Jeannine, Catherine, Diana, Mrs. Davis, Helen Wanancheck, Anastasia, Heidi, Susan, Luke, Darrel, John, Taya, James, Nicholas. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Departed: Mary Demeo, Susan Dacey, Charles Fortner, Julia Shuda, Helen Herbert, Leonard Macalush, Anthony Reale, Deborah Archie. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Saturday Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Reading of the Hours, 9:40 a.m.
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.' "

Weekly Financial Statement (02/01/15)

Attendance: 35

Money In: \$1781.00

Money Out: -\$2773.41

Net Total: -\$992.41

Announcements**Theology Course**

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 17, at church at 6:00 p.m. We'll read closely St. Gregory of Nyssa's *The Life of Moses*.

Bible Study

The next Bible Study is February 10, at church at 6:00 p.m. We'll read the nativity narratives in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.

Work Day

In order to repair the ceiling in our parish hall, there will be a work day on February 21 beginning at 8:00 a.m. We need as many volunteers as possible.