

Prodigal Son

Tone 5

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*I Corinthians 6:12-20*

*Luke 15:11-32*

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Homily by

Fr. Tom Frizelle

Epistle Reader:

Russell Clodfelter

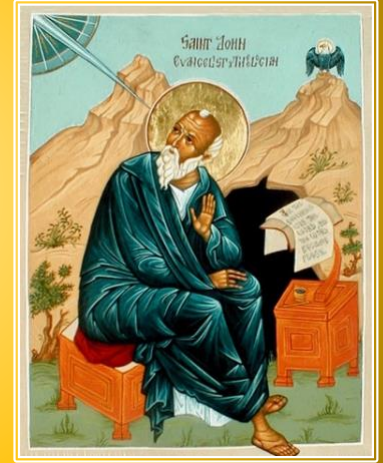
St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, February 28, 2021

And the Days Following

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*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

## *Divine Liturgy Group Schedule and Group Assignments*

### **Divine Liturgy Group Schedule through the Coming Week**

If you know you will be absent or want to attend a Liturgy you're not assigned to, contact Fr. Marc ([fmarc@aol.com](mailto:fmarc@aol.com)) or Deborah Stallman ([dbdgo@yahoo.com](mailto:dbdgo@yahoo.com)).

#### **This Week**

- ❖ Saturday, February 27, Liturgy at 9:15am – Group **LAF**
- ❖ Saturday, February 27, Vespers at 7:15pm – **ALL** – *Live-Streamed*
- ❖ Sunday, February 28, Prodigal Son, Matins/Liturgy at 9:30am – Group **BC** – *Live-Streamed*
- ❖ Wednesday, March 3, Liturgy at 6:15pm – **ALL**

#### **Next Week**

- ❖ Saturday, March 6, Saturday of Souls, Liturgy at 9:15am – Groups **DE & GHI**
- ❖ Saturday, March 6, Vespers at 7:15pm – **ALL** – *Live-Streamed*
- ❖ Sunday, March 7, Last Judgment, Matins/Liturgy at 9:30am – Group **JK** – *Live-Streamed*
- ❖ Wednesday, March 10, **NO LITURGY**
- ❖ Saturday, March 13, **NO LITURGY**
- ❖ **NEW LITURGY GROUPS BEGIN ON MARCH 14**

## *Parish Events and News*

### **Good Works Basket**



### **Heart-to-Heart Pregnancy Resource Center Collection Needs**

Premie and newborn clothing and other items to assist the Center in providing for the practical needs of these families. Due to concerns over the virus *new clothing* is preferred. (If donating a gently used blanket, it must be washed and bagged separately.)

*sleepers, booties, onesies, wash cloths, bottles, pacifiers, diapers, receiving and baby blankets, etc.*

## **Fr. Marc Out of Town**

Fr. Marc and Kh. Betsy will be in Hawaii from February 26 through March 9.

### **Summary of Parish Council Meeting 2.23.21**

At our Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday night the following items were on the agenda:

1. Michael Jones asked if our parish could help support two OCMC missionaries to Sweden, Josef and Euphrosini Candelario. While there remain some questions exactly about the role of Orthodox missionaries going into developed countries with a long Christian history, the Parish Council decided we would like to help this couple with a donation of \$100 per month for two years as a gesture of support from our parish, honoring the request of Michael Jones. This decision will be taken up by the Financial Advisory Committee in March to incorporate into the budget.
2. Bryan Potts presented a proposal to build a "retreat cabin" on the 50 acres near the Chapel. It would be a place of prayer and retreat interested people could schedule. The Parish Council discussed this idea and asked him to put his ideas into a written proposal so that it could be shared with all the Parish. No decision was made at this time in order to give others time to think about the idea as well. We will revisit this at the March meeting.
3. John Marc Dunaway gave a report from the Gym Feasibility Committee and he will summarize this in a separate bulletin announcement soon.
4. Fr. Marc shared ideas about how some of our Lenten traditions can be observed this year. This will be detailed in an email/letter he will send out to the parish this week.
5. The 2020 Archdiocese Census of our parish showed that we have 290 members spread evenly across all age groups. This is approximately 132 families.

## **New Parish Council Member Needed Applicants to Submit Name into the Church Office**

### **Parish Council Membership Openings**

Each spring we have two openings on our Parish Council. This year Anna Potts will continue to serve, beginning a 3-year term, taking the place of Isaac Truelson, as a member who was appointed by the pastor. The other opening is filled by selection. John Marc Dunaway's first 3-year term is ending. He is eligible to apply for a second term.

**Anyone else interested in applying to fill this position should do so before March 23.**

At this point there is no Church-Family Meeting scheduled. How selection is to be made will be determined later.

### **Qualifications for Membership on the Parish Council**

Members are selected from the General Membership of the Parish

“The General Membership shall consist of all persons who have been baptized and accepted in the membership of the Holy Orthodox Church according to its teachings, who accept, profess, and practice its faith and discipline, and who desire and demonstrate membership in Saint John Orthodox Cathedral, by regularly participating in its sacramental life and by regularly contributing to its temporal maintenance through the payment of dues, pledges, and assessments.”

Must be twenty-five years of age or over

Must have been a Member of the Parish for two years

Must have fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Faith

### **Selection of Members by Lot**

All qualified and willing candidates must submit their names in writing to the Church secretary several weeks before. Names may also be submitted by persons other than the candidates as long as the candidate is willing to serve.

The Pastor shall verify qualification of each candidate and willingness to serve.

At the March Church Family Meeting the names of all eligible candidates are read aloud.

As many names as there are vacancies will be randomly drawn from the names of the candidates by the youngest voting member of the Cathedral present at the meeting. (*A voting member is eighteen years of age.*)

### **Duties of the Parish Council**

“The Pastor and the Parish Council shall work together in a spirit of conciliarity, respect, and mutual submission, as is consistent with the Orthodox Christian way of life, and as is beneficial to the general welfare of the Cathedral. The Parish Council is not a decision-making body, but rather is to assist and advise the Pastor and the Voting Membership in whatever matters are necessary for the good administration of the entire Cathedral community.”

“The Parish Council shall hold three regular meetings per year, during the months of January, May, and September.”

## **Check out Lenten Series "Scholars Preach"**

The Orthodox Christian Studies Center is pleased to announce the launch of the new video series "**Orthodox Scholars Preach.**" The goal of the series is to provide a platform for Orthodox scholars to reflect on the spiritual themes of the liturgical calendar while drawing on their expertise. The series provides a space where Orthodox Christians and others interested in Orthodox spirituality can encounter the depth and richness of the tradition through stimulating, theologically-informed preaching by respected and diverse Orthodox scholars. The series debuts with weekly sermons for Sundays of the Triodion and culminates in Holy Week and Pascha. Videos will be released on our [YouTube channel](#) on Fridays, so be sure to subscribe to receive notifications.

### **Schedule for 2021 Lenten Series**

Follow the links below to watch the videos on YouTube as they are released.

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee:** Fr. Stefanos Alexopoulos, *Catholic University of America*

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son:** Sister Vassa Larin, *Host, "Coffee with Sr. Vassa"*

**Sunday of the Last Judgment:** Fr. John Behr, *University of Aberdeen*

**Sunday of Forgiveness:** Aristotle Papanikolaou, *Fordham University*

**Sunday of Orthodoxy:** Fr. John Chryssavgis, *Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America*

**Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas:** Jeannie Constantinou, *University of San Diego*

**Sunday of the Holy Cross:** John Fotopoulos, *Saint Mary's College*

**Sunday of St. John Climacus:** James Skedros, *Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology*

**Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt:** Nadia Kizenko, *SUNY Albany*

**Palm Sunday:** Teva Regule, *President, Orthodox Theological Society in America*

**Holy Friday:** Paul Gavrilyuk, *University of St. Thomas*

**Pascha:** Ashley Purpura, *Purdue University*

## St. James House Weekly News

### St. James House Deep Cleaning – Can You Help?

We are having a deep cleaning morning at the St. James House on March 13 from 10am to noon. I want to extend the invitation for those who would be interested in a service opportunity. If you have extra hands we will also deep clean the guest room at the Maranatha House! Please contact Anna Potts at 859-740-2992. If you're willing – come and join us.

## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

Since we are unable to see much of each other – Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to this summer? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com) Hope to hear a little something from you – it might help us feel a little more connected.

## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week



March 1 - Noah Curry

March 2 - Josh Arvidson

March 2 - Michael Jones

March 2 - Melanie Rogers

March 3 - Joseph Aleza

March 4 - Mark Agnew

March 4 - Mary Ruth Zink

March 6 - Cecilia Scherer

March 6 - Skylynn Lineer

March 7 - Bill Cook

*M A N Y Y E A R S !*

### Anniversaries This Week



Bill & Mary Alice Cook - March 1, 1975

*M A N Y Y E A R S !*



### Remembering in Prayer...

*Tom Johnson  
Fr. John Downing  
Elisa Betson  
Preston Collier  
Matt Komar  
Peter Bernstein*

*Jan Northey  
Helen Gillquist  
Susan Kamkoff  
Gwyn Jones  
Sparks Family  
Those with Covid 19*

## Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



\*Helen Primis - March 14, 1999

\* Clyde Clarence Jones - March 29, 2002

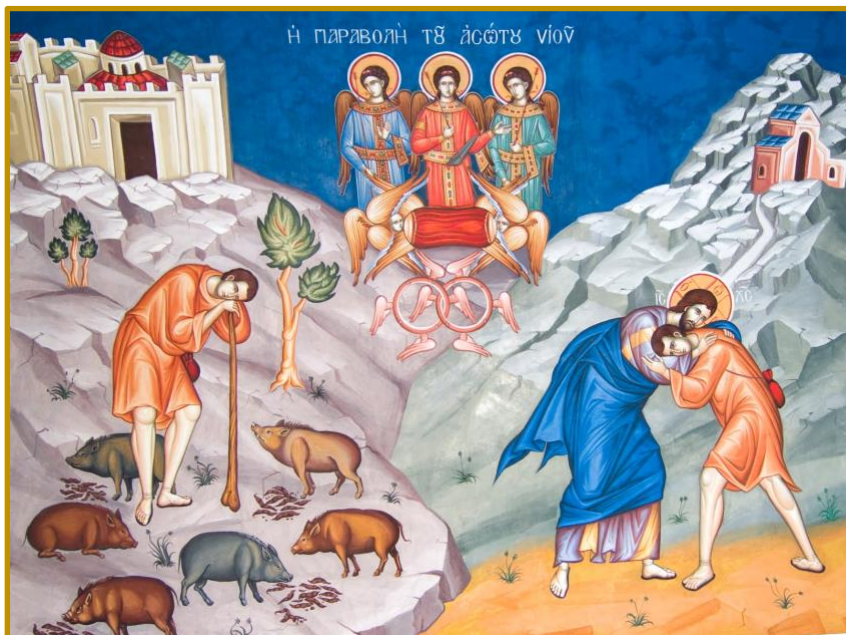
*M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !*

## Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of **March** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**March 27th.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### THE SYNAXARION



On February 28, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Basil the Confessor, companion of Prokopios of Decapolis; Hieromartyr Proterios, archbishop of Alexandria; Righteous Kyra and Marana of Beroea in Syria; Apostles Nymphas and Euvoulos; and New-martyr Kyranna of Thessalonica.

On this day, we remember the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the Gospel and which our deified Fathers brought further honor in the Lenten Triodion.

#### *Verses*

*O you who are like me, a prodigal,  
come forward with confidence and tranquility;  
For unto all has been opened the door of divine mercy.*

In the parable given to us by our Savior, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us: that we are distant from God and His Sacraments. However, when we become aware of ourselves and awaken, we hasten with hope and return to Him through repentance. Our Savior calls back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking the hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds. Through Your inexpressible love for mankind, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.