

HOLY ANGELS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 16, 2025

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Holy Martyr Presbyter Pamphilus and those with him:
Deacon Valens, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus,
Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel and Daniel

February 16, 2025

Schedule of services for the week of February 17 – February 23

Saturday, February 22 – 1st All Souls Saturday; The Finding of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Eugene Gate

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
4:00 PM – Confessions
5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, February 23 – Sunday of Meatfare; The Holy Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna

8:40 AM – 3rd Hour
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

For all parishioners

O Physician of Souls and Bodies, we pray for:

Pope Francis, Barbara Alexander, Maria Amaro, Fr. Dcn Craig Anderson, Janice Andre, Peter Andre, Fr. Christopher Andrews, Harry and Virginia Bowden, Julia Camberos, Kim Camplisson, Patrick Carmack, Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Dennis Cline, Amy Cohn, Vivian Corr, Fr. Dcn Benjamin Crowe, Maria Cruz, Joe Danscuk, Fr. Daniel Dozier, Gabriel Espedal, Ana Fandrey, Karen Foto, Christine Galgano, Janet Greenwell, Deborah Harris, Michael Havens, Martha Hill, Doris Huber, Rebecca Huber, Gavin Hudspeth, Melissa Hunter, Taylor Kessler, Jacob, Jamie Kohanyj, Juan Lopez, Pauli Martin, Mila Mina, Linda Moffit, Maryann Nagrant, Julia Ohnysty, Genevieve Paquette, Sylvia Pasnak, Fr. Lee Perry, Anthony Porrello, Nina Porrello, Peter Porrello, Fr. Robert Rankin, Margaret Raya, Michael Raya Jr. Maha Salazar, Gretchen Sharpe, Karen Simonich, Debbie Stark, Tava Tomc, Hong Truong, Pat Walsh, Maria Zhukova, Mark Zimmer, Gianna, Nicole, Subdcn Eddie and his wife Viane.

“All that is mine is yours.” The merciful Father welcomed the Prodigal Son and showed love to his brother when he questioned that profound love which gave all that was his to his children. Are you open to share that love of the Father by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or monastic life? If so, contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Men's Group - BROHA:

This is an informal group of men who support each other in living their faith more fully in today's culture. Next meeting is Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 PM. All men, 21 years of age and up, are invited!

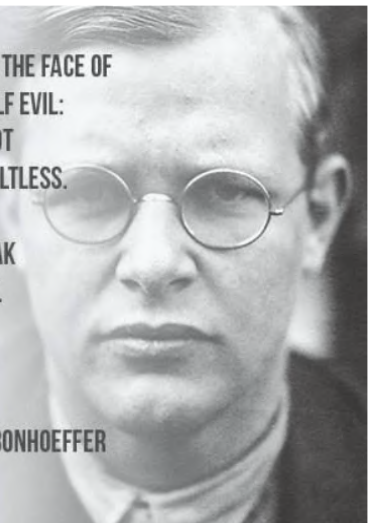
BROHA along with WOHA will be working through the book *Men and Women Are From Eden: A Study Guide to John Paul II's Theology of the Body*.

Copies are available in the bookstore for \$17.00.

**“SILENCE IN THE FACE OF
EVIL IS ITSELF EVIL:
GOD WILL NOT
HOLD US GUILTLESS.**

**NOT TO SPEAK
IS TO SPEAK.
NOT TO ACT
IS TO ACT.”**

- DEITRICH BONHOEFFER



1st All Souls Saturday

Next Saturday, February 22nd is First All Souls Saturday. There will be a Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM for all our beloved departed followed by a Panahida. Special envelopes are included in the envelope mailing. Please write the names of all those you wish to be remembered and place in the collection basket. I encourage all to attend the Liturgies and Panahidas for our beloved deceased.

Looking Ahead:

- ❖ Feb. 22nd – 1st All Souls Saturday
- ❖ Feb. 23rd – Meatfare Sunday Potluck
- ❖ March 2nd – Cheesefare Sunday; Forgiveness Vespers following Liturgy
- ❖ March 3rd – Clean Monday: The Great Fast Begins (day of strict fast)
- ❖ March 15th – 2nd All Souls Saturday
- ❖ March 22nd – 3rd All Souls Saturday
- ❖ March 23rd – Sunday of the Holy Cross
- ❖ March 29th – 4th All Souls Saturday
- ❖ March 25th – Annunciation
- ❖ April 5th – Akathist Saturday
- ❖ April 13th – Flowery (Palm) Sunday
- ❖ April 20th – Pascha



The Vestments that we purchased for Kyr Artur have arrived in Phoenix. May God bless all of you who made this gift possible!



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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Open to me the doors of repentance O Life-giver; for my spirit rises early to pray towards Thy Holy Temple, bearing the temple of my body all defiled. But in Thy Compassion purify me by the loving kindness of Thy Mercy. Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Lead me on the paths of Salvation O Mother of God, for I have covered my soul in shameful sins and have wasted my life in lazy acts. But by your intercessions, deliver me from all impurity. Have mercy on me O God according to Thy Great Mercy and according to the multitude of Thy Compassions blot out my transgressions. When I think of the many evil things I have done, wretched I am, I tremble at the fearful day of Judgement, but trusting in Thy loving kindness, like David I cry to Thee. Have mercy on me O God, have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me O God according to Thy great Mercy.

An Icon of an Icon of Repentance | The Prodigal Son

Adapted from a post on February 12, 2012 by iconreader

«Ἡ παραβολή του ασώτου υιού» (The Prodigal Son)

The third Sunday before the start of Great Lent is dedicated to the **Parable of the Prodigal Son**. This parable is celebrated in the pre-fasting period because it is considered in Eastern Christianity as a perfect reflection, or icon, of the nature of sin and the nature of repentance.

Jesus' parable of the Prodigal (in Greek: *Ἡ παραβολή του ασώτου υιού*) is the final part of a trilogy of parables, told together after the Pharisees and Scribes grumbled among themselves that Christ was eating with sinners. Within the hearing of those assembled, Jesus delivers the parable of the Good Shepherd, the parable of the Lost Coin, and finally the parable of the Prodigal (wasteful) Son which we heard in Liturgy today:

(Luke 15:11-31)

The parable describes sin as a kind of exile from our Father's house, where we are the younger son. Inside the house is salvation; outside is a life of starving among the swine. Our exile is not enforced: the young son chose to leave the house and waste his inheritance on things which did not last. We are the same while we continue to squander the things we have, all of which are gifts from God. Neither are we barred from returning: all the young son did was to come to his senses ("he came to himself") and realize that he didn't need to live this way. The son decided to return to his father, not as a son coming to reclaim

his inheritance, but as a hired slave willing to serve.

This is the heart of humble repentance: realizing the treasures of the "Father's house" and having the sense and will to rise up and turn back home. In doing so we forget our pride, admit all the things we have done wrong, and throw ourselves on our Father's mercy. The results of such an act are shown in the parable.

And in doing this we make sure we don't then become like the elder brother. Despite working diligently for his father and receiving the blessings of life there, the elder brother, upon seeing the wasteful son being accepted back, refused to enter the house in anger. By doing so, he put himself outside the father's house, representing salvation. The father calls him back – "you are always with me, and all that I have is yours" – but Jesus leaves the parable open as to whether the older son returns.

The Icon of the Parable of the Prodigal Son

The parable of the prodigal in iconography is usually found as frescoes on church walls, reminding the faithful of its lessons. Often, the main image shown is the embrace of father and son, cloaks billowing as the two fall upon the other's neck in love. This bulletin's first page provides a good example of such an image.

To the left is the prodigal son despondent among the swine, while to the right he has returned to the father, shown unmistakably as Jesus Christ.

Above them is an empty throne surrounded by angels; a heavenly throne. It is empty because Jesus Christ our God descended from heaven and became man so that while we, as repentant sinners, were “still a great way off”, He could rush out to meet us. Knowing those of us who have come to our senses and risen up, Jesus Christ runs the greater distance

to embrace us, clothe us, feed us, and bring us into the Father’s house.

When I foolishly spurned Your Fatherly glory, I squandered the riches You had given me on evil deeds. So now I cry out to You with the voice of the prodigal son: I have sinned against You, O merciful Father; accept my repentance and treat me as one of Your hired servants.

(Kontakion for the Sunday of the Prodigal)

From the Catechism “Christ our Pascha”

Repentance

Christ, the Good Shepherd, who came to find the “lost sheep,” calls all to repentance: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt 4:17). Without repentance, there can be neither salvation nor new life. In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Christ reveals the essence of repentance as a return to the Father and the acceptance of his gift of forgiveness. In repentance, we come to know God as a loving and merciful Father. He accepts repentant sinners and rejoices at their conversion, “for he is good and loves mankind.”

Repentance allows a Christian not only to experience God as a merciful Father, but to rediscover oneself in God’s embrace—to see oneself as the son who returned from the foreign land of sin to the Father’s home of righteousness. On the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, the Church sings: “As the Prodigal Son I come to you, merciful God. I have wasted my whole life in a foreign land; I have scattered the wealth which you gave me, O Father. Receive me in repentance, O God, and have mercy on me.”

FROM MERE CHRISTIANITY

by C. S. Lewis

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg - or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

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The Lord greatly loves the repenting sinner and mercifully presses him to His bosom: “Where were you, My child? I was waiting a long time for you.” The Lord calls all to Himself with the voice of the Gospel, and his voice is heard in all the world: “Come to me, my sheep. I created you, and I love you. My love for you brought Me to earth, and I suffered all things for the sake of your salvation, and I want you all to know my love, and to say, like the apostles on Tabor: Lord, it is good for us to be with You.”

(St. Silouan the Athonite, *Writings*, IX.27)

Whoever hates his sins will stop sinning; and whoever confesses them will receive remission. A man can not abandon the habit of sin if he does not first gain enmity toward sin, nor can he receive remission of sin without confession of sin. For the confession of sin is the cause of true humility.

(St. Isaac the Syrian, *Homilies*, 71)

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All those requesting the Holy Mysteries of Initiation or Crowning must be registered parishioners for at least six months, attend Liturgical Services on Sunday and days of Precept, and support the work and growth of the parish.

Mysteries of Initiation: Requires Pre-Baptismal instruction. The Mysteries of Initiation are celebrated on Saturdays or Sundays within the Divine Liturgy. At least one sponsor must be a Catholic and the other a practicing Christian. Both sponsors must present documentation that they are in good standing with their church.

Mystery of Crowning: Requires Pre-Marriage instruction. Consult Fr. James at least six months prior to making wedding plans. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.

Funerals: Contact Fr. James.

Liturgy, Panahida and Eternal Lamp Intentions: Schedule with Fr. James. It is “holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead” (2 Maccabees 12:46) especially on the 9th and 40th days, and on the anniversary of their falling asleep in the Lord.

Holy Mystery of Confession: Confession is available Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by appointment.

Sick calls / Holy Anointing / Hospital Visits: Requested by parishioner, friend, or family.

Call anytime in case of an emergency.

Please submit all Bulletin announcements to Fr. James for approval by Wednesday of each week.

Last Sunday’s bulletin is on our website and our Facebook page. There are several weeks of printed bulletins available in the narthex.

Office Hours: Fr. James is available for phone conversations Tuesday - Friday: 10AM - 5PM or call the office to schedule an in person meeting.

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Bless, O Lord, the worship and Stewardship of your faithful servants:

Adult tithes: \$1480.00; Improvement Fund: \$50.00; Loose Change: \$166.00;

Non-Parishioner: \$380.00; **Total: \$2076.00**

Vocation Icon: This week: Lucero Family
Next week: Deane Family

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