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Weekly Bulletin for Week of February 13-19, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: Brethren, 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. (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

GOSPEL: The Lord told this parable: "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

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

TODAY: PRODIGAL SON. Tone 1. St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch. St. Aleksey (Alexius), Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia. St. Meletius, Archbishop of Kharkov. Ven. Mary (who was called Marinus), and her father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria. St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople. St. Kristo the Gardener. The "IVERON" (IBERIAN) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Hours: Brooks

Greeters: Chong/Osburn

Epistle: Bitsko

Coffee: Bishop's Luncheon

Post-Communion: Wheeler

NO CHURCH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, February 15: Daily Vespers, 6:30 PM; ADULT FAITH FORUM

THURSDAY, February 16: Eritrean Service, 8:00 AM; Coffee Chat, 10:00 AM

SATURDAY, February 18: Baptism, 10:00 AM; Great Vespers, 5:00 PM; CONFESSIONS; CHOIR REHEARSAL

SUNDAY, February 19: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM, MEATFARE. Last Judgment. Tone 2. Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon, and Martyr Apphias. Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychnus and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis. Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at Antioch. Ven. Dositheus of Palestine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus. St. Rabulas of Samosata. Ven. Theodore of San-askáry.

Hours: Jarlson

Greeters: Stafford/Campbell

Epistle: W. Demko

Coffee: Wheeler

Post-Communion: Bitsko

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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.'" (Luke 15:11-32)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, ARCHBISHOP BENJAMIN

We are so happy to welcome His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, who is making his annual archpastoral visit to our parish. During the liturgy, Bill Demko will be ordained to the subdiaconate, and Fr. Stephen will receive the first clergy awards of skufia (hat) and nabadrennik (shield). His Eminence will also bless the icons installed in the sanctuary. Following the service, everyone is invited to the hall for a festive luncheon to celebrate this joyous occasion!

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Our next Feeding the Homeless project is scheduled for Saturday, February 25. We will construct the lunches and bag all of the items which we distribute at 10:30 AM. We then take them downtown and distribute them and are usually done by 1:00 PM. Please join us! If you can donate any of the items needed for the lunches (or funds to provide such), it would be appreciated.

FORGIVENESS VESPERS

Great Lent is rapidly approaching. We will serve Forgiveness Vespers following the liturgy on Sunday, February 26. Lent officially begins on Monday, February 27. All parishioners are asked to make every effort to be present for this most important liturgical and spiritual moment of the year.

COFFEE HOUR

While we appreciate the generosity of many people bringing items to coffee hour, it is getting unmanageable. **If you are not signed up for coffee hour on a given week, please refrain from bringing additional dishes.** Coffee hour is meant to be simple — not a weekly pot luck luncheon.

PROJECT MEXICO

You can help support this trip by doing your Amazon shop-

ping using our "smile" account:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/88-0242982>

Also, a gofundme page has been set up to allow direct donations. Please consider making a donation and sharing the link!

<https://www.gofundme.com/stpaulmexicotrip>

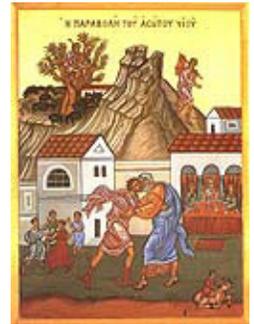
REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

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| Archpriest John (Bruchok) | Peter (Jolevski) |
| Matushka Mary (Perez) | Alla (Jascolt) |
| Christopher (Elliott) | Tamra (Christensen) |
| Michelle (Chong) | Robert (Kuhn) |
| Laura (Draskovic) | Stacy (Kim) |
| Madeline (DeSomov) | Kathryn (Kessler) |
| Anita (Maresca) | Gregory (Shesko) |
| Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch) | Ann (Prochko) |
| Marilyn (Bassell) | Child Ally (Hansen) |
| Marteen (Moore) | Child Caleb (Bisaccia) |
| Christine (Sechrist) | Infant Ambrose |
| David (Poe) | |

The newly-departed Matushka Juliana and Casey

PRODIGAL SON (OCA.ORG)

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.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Feb 13: 1 John 2:18-3:10 | Mark 11:1-11 |
| Feb 14: 1 John 3:11-20 | Mark 14:10-42 |
| Feb 15: 1 John 3:21-4:6 | Mark 14:43-15:1 |
| Feb 16: 1 John 4:20-5:21 | Mark 15:1-15 |
| Feb 17: 2 John 1:1-13 | Mark 15:22-25, 33-41 |
| Feb 18: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28 | Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36 |

STEWARDSHIP 2017

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| Stewardship 2/5: | \$ 6,046.00 |
| Total Income 2/5: | \$ 6,452.00 |
| Weekly income needed: | \$ 4,995.27 |
| 2017 INC GOAL (6 wks): | \$ 29,971.62 |
| 2017 INC ACTUAL: | \$ 39,802.38 |
| Percentage of Budgeted Income: | 132.8% |