

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Antiphon I. Mode 2.

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Antiphon II. Mode 2.

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to m God as long as I exist.

Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.

Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σώμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυναμεῖς τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε .

Small Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1

When the stone had been sealed by the jew and while soldiers were guarding your spotless Body, you rose, O Savior on the third day giving life to the world; and therefore the heavenly powers cried out to you,

O Giver of life. Glory to your Resurrection, O Christ, glory to your kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, only lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Feast

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

Hymn of the Church

O Blessed are you, O Christ Our God, who by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, made the fisherman wise and through them illumine the world and to You the universe was ever drawn all glory to You O Lord.

Kontakion

I revolted senselessly * out of Your fatherly glory; * I have squandered sinfully * all of the riches You gave me.* Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out,* I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father.* O receive me in repentance, * I pray, and treat me * as one of Your hired hands.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2 Psalm 27.9,1
O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God. The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a

Today's Readings

February 16, 2025

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee– Triodion Begins

prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly 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, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants

and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Propshora offered by Eleni Kountakis for the health of the family and friends.

TODAY

GOYA BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministry!

Next Week

**IOCC -Father Vasile will be deployed to Los Angeles with IOCC for the Wildfire Response.

Monday—Friday

Vesper and Orthodoxy 101 -Class Moved to Wednesday February 26, 2025

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Tuesday February 18, 2025

5:30pm Byzantine Chant

Saturday February 22, 2025

9am Divine Liturgy

**SATURDAY OF THE SOULS
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Sunday February 23, 2025

Meatfare Sunday-Community Luncheon

Coffee Hour– Birthday Cake

Strategic Planning-Follow Up



The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is the second Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. On the previous Sunday, the services of the Church began to include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. As with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the theme of this Sunday is repentance, and the focus on the parable of the Prodigal Son leads Orthodox

Christians to contemplate the necessity of repentance in our relationship with our Heavenly Father. The parable of the Prodigal Son forms an exact icon of repentance at its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. But repentance implies action: "I will rise up and go..." (v. 18). To repent is not just to feel dissatisfied, but to make a decision and to act upon it. In the words of our Lord, we also learn of three things through this parable: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The reading of this parable follows the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own sinful condition, we might come to our senses and return to God through repentance. For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us.

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**Parents, you are leaders, the primary role models for your children's spiritual development. What an awesome responsibility!**

"Preparing Your Family For Great Lent" highlights:

\*\*seeing Great Lent as opportunity, not as an imposition

\*\*the importance of simplifying and 'slowing down' during Great Lent

\*\*there's more to Great Lent than avoiding certain foods—there are opportunities for prayer and charitable works that round out the fast.

\*\*ways parents can make the Church come alive in the home during Great Lent

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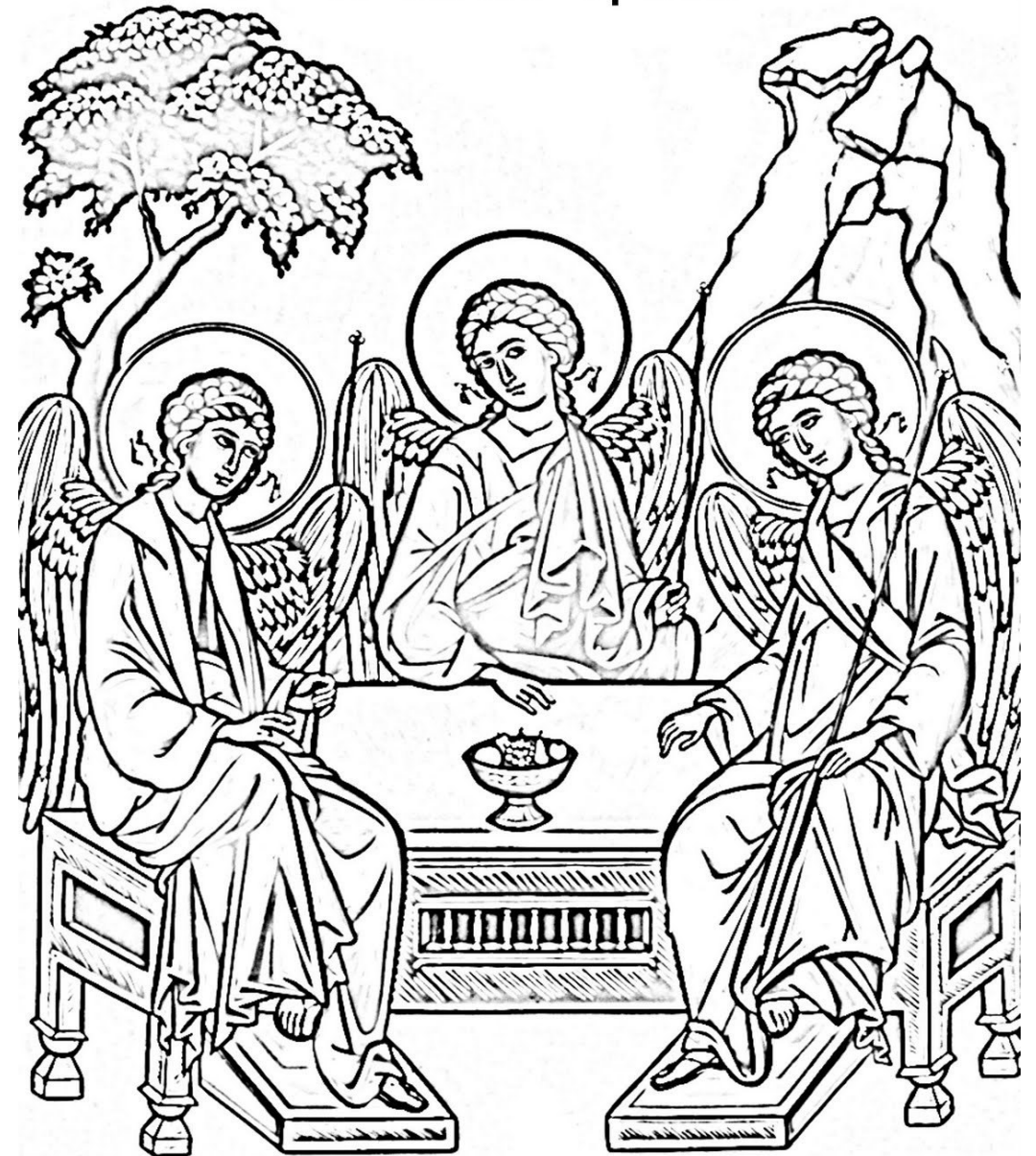
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**Sunday February 16, 2025**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
 Saint Pamphilus & Companions  
 Saint Flavianos, Patriarch of Constantinople**