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The Prodigal Son • After-Feast of the Presentation of our
Lord in the Temple



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Refrain of the Second Antiphon: O Son of God, who was carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia!

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 2): When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee!

Apolytikion for the Presentation (Tone 1): Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness! Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us resurrection.

Apolytikion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion for the Prodigal Son (Tone 3): When I disobeyed in ignorance Thy Fatherly glory, I wasted in iniquities the riches that Thou gavest me. Wherefore I cry to Thee with the voice of the prodigal son, saying: I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father! Receive me repentant, and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

Kontakion for the Presentation (Tone 1): Thou, O Christ God, who by Thy birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us: Preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

EPISTLE READING

For the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Prokeimenon – Psalm 32:22, 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in Thee. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the upright.

The reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul 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 brought under the power of anything. Foods are 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.

GOSPEL READING

For the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke 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 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.

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. He would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate, but no one gave him anything.

But then 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.

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, and 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!’ 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.’

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services, visit www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names L-P
- Church school for all ages; adult class led by Joseph Letendre
- Brief parish council meeting regarding the basement flooring

Tuesday, Feb. 10:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Parish council meeting (online), 7:30pm

Wednesday, Feb. 11:

- *No morning prayers at All Saints*
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm at St George Church
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, Feb. 12: Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, Feb. 13:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Suplicas a la Madre de Dios (Spanish Paraklesis to the Theotokos), 6:30pm at St. George Church

Saturday, Feb. 14: Sabbath of Souls

- Divine Liturgy with Memorial prayers, 10am. *This is a yearly memorial Liturgy for the departed. Please provide Fr. Andrew with a list of your departed family members and friends for inclusion in this service.*
- Vespers, 7pm

Sunday, Feb. 15: Sunday of the Last Judgment and Meat-Fare, the last day for meat until Pascha.

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names R-Z
- Church school for all ages; adult class led by Fr. Pat

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 22: Forgiveness Sunday and Cheese-Fare, the last day for eggs and dairy until Pascha. **Forgiveness Sunday Vespers** will take place on this day at 7pm, with the Rite of Forgiveness. This marks the formal beginning of Lent in our tradition. All of us should make every effort to be present!

Please see Fr. Andrew if you have any questions or concerns about keeping the fast. Not all of us are able to keep the fast at home in the same way, but coffee hours and communal church meals should reflect the rules.

Feb. 22-28: First week of Lent; services every evening at 7pm

Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 12: Pascha Sunday

THE ALL SAINTS ICON ACADEMY will again host classes this spring on select Saturdays, to complete an icon from start to finish. This year, our icon will be of St. John the Baptist. Please see Eva W. for more details or Fr Andrew if you'd like a blessing to participate. Also, consider sharing the information with someone else you think may be interested.

CHURCH FISCAL YEAR. Due to Archdiocese financial and reporting requirements, our parish council has decided to move our church's fiscal year from October-September to match the calendar year January-December. Our Archdiocese member and financial reports are due after the close of the calendar year, so this change will enable our council and treasurer to prepare the information once instead of twice. This also means our next all-church convocation will be towards the end of January 2027. Please see Fr. Andrew or any parish council member if you have any questions or concerns.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun 2/8 <i>Prodigal</i>	Sd Joseph	Domitille	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
Sat 2/14 <i>Soul Sat.</i>	Jim K	Dn Walid	Tobey L	n/a	n/a
Sun 2/15 <i>Meatfare</i>	Paul K	Cristina P	Domitille	<i>volunteer</i>	R-Z
Sun 2/22 <i>Forgiveness</i>	Steve K	Sandy A	John O	Zach C	A-F
Wed 2/25 <i>Presanctified</i>	N/A	Sarah C	JoAnne T	<i>volunteer</i>	Potluck
Sun 3/1 <i>Orthodoxy</i>	Joseph L	Sephora I	Azizeh	Lydia A	G-K
Wed 3/4 <i>Presanctified</i>	N/A	Sarah C	Richard B	<i>volunteer</i>	Potluck
Sun 3/8 <i>Palamas</i>	Rich C	Debbie K	Nancy L	<i>Domitille</i>	L-P

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour, but of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY 8-14, 2026

Old Testament readings continue through the Wisdom literature. During the four weeks leading up to Lent, the Church gives us daily readings from the later New Testament Epistles and the Passion narratives of St. Mark and St. Luke

Sunday, Feb. 8: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Mark 16:1-8 / 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 / Luke 15:11-32

Monday, Feb. 9: Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch

Wisdom of Solomon 14 / 1 John 2:18-3:10 / Mark 14:1-11

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Holy Martyr Haralambos

Wisdom of Solomon 15 / 1 John 3:10-24 / Mark 14:12-42

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Hiero-Martyr Blaise of Sebaste

Wisdom of Solomon 16 / 1 John 4:1-19 / Mark 14:43-15:1

Thursday, Feb. 12: Meletios, Bishop of Antioch

Wisdom of Solomon 17 / 1 John 4:20-5:21 / Mark 15:1-15

Friday, Feb. 13: Holy Apostles Aquila and Priscilla

Wisdom of Solomon 18 / 2 John / Mark 15:16-47

Saturday, Feb. 14: Sabbath of Souls

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 / Luke 21:5-38

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