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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 1st Mode

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN 1st Mode

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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER (IN CHAINS)

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, thou who doest preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains that thou didst bear. While honoring them in faith, we beseech thee that by thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.

THE EPISTLE - For Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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 enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but 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 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 are God's.

THE GOSPEL - For 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. 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 fed on 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.'"

***** *Announcements for the Week of January 31st* *****

- **Our fund-raising campaign continues.** Please make your pledge of giving and bring it with you for our Liturgy on February 28 for a dedication of these gifts to the Lord.
- **Next Sunday, Feb. 7th** the Parish CNCL will meet following Orthodox School.
- **Divine Services for the Great Feast of the Meeting (Tuesday, February 2nd):**
Vigil for the Feast on Monday, Feb. 1st at 6:00PM; Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, 6:00 AM.
- Remember, all Vespers at 5:30 PM; but Vigil at 6:00 PM!

- **City Of Hope** – The need of gift cards for needy families continues. See bulletin board for more information, or speak with Dr. Randi.
- **House Blessings.** The season for House Blessings concludes this week. Please contact Father Patrick directly (phone, text, or email) to schedule your house blessing.
- **The Sunday of Orthodoxy is Feb. 21st.** There will be a Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy and Proclamation of Orthodoxy at the Serbian Cathedral in Alhambra. Our bishop, JOSEPH, encourages the faithful to attend with him! Please see the bulletin board for details.
- **Lent begins on Monday, February 15th this year.** Please note that the Lenten service schedule begins on Sunday, February 14th with Forgiveness Vespers at 5:30pm.

Schedule of Divine Services--	
<i>Ordinary Schedule:</i>	<i>Special Schedule:</i>
<u>Daily Matins</u> at 6:00 AM, Wednesday and Friday <u>Saturday Matins</u> at 7:00 AM	<u>Daily Matins</u> at 6:00 AM, Monday -- Friday, except Thursday <u>Saturday Matins</u> at 7:00 AM
<u>Vespers</u> at 5:00 PM, Tuesday & Friday. [Every evening at certain times]	
For the Lord's Day (Sunday) Great Vespers at 5:00 PM, Saturday (preceded by the 9 th Hour, at 4:45 PM) Sunday Matins at 8:00 AM, Sunday Divine Liturgy immediately follows Matins; thus, at about 9:15 AM. <i>Special Services are scheduled; see Announcements</i>	