February 28th, 2021
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tone 5
Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8
Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Kontakion of the Prodigal Son – Tone 3
Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

SYNAXARION
On February 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Basil the Confessor, companion of Prokopios of Decapolis; Hieromartyr Proterios, archbishop of Alexandria; Righteous Kyra and Marana of Beroea in Syria; Apostles Nymphas and Euvoulos; and New-martyr Kyrania of Thessalonica.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstituted in the Triodion.

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God’s compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds. Through Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America, Primate
His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic
The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor
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The Inquirer’s Class – will meet virtually today, February 21st, at 12:45 pm. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.
Little Compline & Book Discussion - Wednesdays @ 6pm Join Dn. David Hyatt on Wednesday evenings to pray Little Compline. Following Little Compline, Dn. David will lead a discussion of Way of the Ascetics by Tito Colliander. Copies are available in the church bookstore or online. We will be reading and discussing one chapter each week. Little Compline will be livestreamed on the church Youtube channel. If you are interested in participating in the book discussion portion via Zoom, please contact Dn. David to make arrangements at jhyatt.duluth@gmail.com.

Pre-Lent Virtual Retreat: Becoming a Living Sacrifice – Beginning next Sunday at 1:00 pm, and continuing March 7 at 1:00 pm and March 14 at 1:30 pm, Dr. Justin Gohl will offer a three part study of Sacrifice in Holy Scripture and the Church Fathers. Dr. Gohl will demonstrate the continuity and “logic” of Sacrifice from the Old Covenant into the New and the differences between the Orthodox Christian understanding of Sacrifice and that found in certain Western Christian teaching. 
https://zoom.us/j/98507983847?pwd=Tzdiby9VL2V6b0VLMnFSQ05MczFxQT09

Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Last Week: 109  
Operating Fund Offering Received: $9,395.00  
Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: $5,770.00

Church Calendar
February 28  8:50 am Orthros.  10:00 am Divine Liturgy (live streamed). Virtual Lenten Retreat.  
March 2  NO Typika and Distribution of Holy Communion.  
March 3  6:00 pm Little Compline.  7:00 pm Book Discussion.  
March 6  6:00 pm Vespers (live streamed).  
March 7  8:50 am Orthros.  10:00 am Divine Liturgy (live streamed). Virtual Lenten Retreat.

Remember In Your Prayers  
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear” (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health and healing  
Metropolitan Joseph  
Bishop Thomas  
Olena Bassarab  
Jamey Miller  
Matthew Miller  
Officer Jamie Miller  
Joyce “Kassiane” Williams  
Kathryn Velen  
Wayne “Stephen” Coleson  
Michael Acierno  
Ray Jauncito  
Ian Snyder  
Nicolas El Atieh  
Marjorie “Marion” Barrett  
Jerry “David” Desautels  
Renee McChutans

The Departed – Memory Eternal!  
Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun  

Priest Boniface Black  
Leavitt “George” Keener  
Mary Jane Glagola  
Norm “Nourhan” Kailian  
Eva “Marie” Kailian  
Nicholas Raptapolus  
Walter and Mary Damm  
Donnell Gregory Beck  
Michael Bogosh  
Christos Tsakiris  
Grace Dorian  
Marianne Rupp  
Mary Bincarowsky  
Gene “Paul” Strayer  
Katherine Monsour  
George and Darla Feeser  
Cindi “Monica” Bennett  
Mary Kopey  
Martha Allen  
Mary Lou Grove  
Melinda “Magdalena” Stika
James Fetter
Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner
Cheryl “Alexandra” Bury
Thomas Lehman
Barry “John” Hart
Mary “Rebecca” Beck
Angela Pandelidis