

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**  
**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 6**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**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**

In my folly have I strayed from the glory O Father, all the wealth thou gavest to me I have in wickedness squandered, Wherefore, now, the pray'r of the prodigal, to thee do I cry, I have sinned against thee merciful Father, receive me, a penitent and make me as one of the lowliest servants.

**SYNAXARION**

On March 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea; and Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstated 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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**St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Metropolitan of New York and North America  
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 today, Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

**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 Sunday 188**

**Operating Fund Offering Received: \$12,652.00**

**Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$7,443.00**

**Church Calendar**

**March 3** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Inquirer's Class. AOW Workshop  
**March 4** 7:00 pm Book Study: Money and Salvation.  
**March 5** 9:00 am Third Hour and Play and Pray.  
**March 6** 6:00 pm Daily Vespers. Choir Practice following Vespers.  
**March 9** 8:00 am Orthros. 9:00 am Divine Liturgy. Saturday of Souls. 6:00 pm Great Vespers.  
**March 10** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Parish Council. AOW Seminarian Luncheon.

**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 & wellbeing**

Metropolitan SABA  
Bishop Thomas  
Denise Zakula  
Olena Bassarab  
Jayme Miller  
Matthew Miller  
Officer Jamie Miller  
Joyce "Kassiane" Williams  
Michael Acierno  
Jerry "David" Desautels  
Christopher Reese  
Beverly Kushner  
Michelle Prince  
Richard "Stephen" Vangel  
Joshua "John" Ranck  
Ronna "Sophia" Castle  
Kera McBurnett  
Arlene "Eirene" Maisch  
Christine Bogosh  
Sasha Florenz  
Andrew Kurtz

Leavitt "George" Keener  
Mary Jane Glagola  
Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian  
Nicholas Raptapolus  
Walter and Mary Damm  
Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck  
Michael Bogosh  
Christos Tsakiris  
Harry and Grace Dorion  
Marianne Rupp and 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

**The Departed – Memory Eternal!**

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun  
Priest Boniface Black  
Helen Diamond  
Angela Burke  
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson  
Georgette Habib Soliman  
Joseph Danyo

Steven Smith  
Edward Boner  
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury  
Thomas Lehman  
Barry "John" Hart  
Angela Pandelidis  
Kathryn Velen  
Karl and Nancy Usner