



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Week of February 15 - 21, 2009 ❖ Tone 2 ❖ Sunday of the Prodigal Son

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

BRETHHEREN: All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods 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.

Luke 15:11-32

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE:

"A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and

he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach 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, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

DAILY READINGS:

Feb 16th
1 John 2:18-3:10
Mark 11:1-11
Feb 17th
1 John 3:11-20
Mark 14:10-42
Feb 18th
1 John 3:21-4:6
Mark 14:43-15:1
Feb 19th
1 John 4:20-5:21
Mark 15:1-15
Feb 20th
2 John 1:1-13
Mark 15:22-25,33-41
Feb 21st
1 Cor. 10:23-28
Luke 21:8-9,25-27,33-36

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Feb 15th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Blessing of Officers -
Coffee Hour

Monday, Feb 16th
Parish Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb 18th
Daily Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Diocesan Council
Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb 21st
Panikhida: Matczyk's &
Stregotsky's 3:30 p.m.
Vespers 4:00 p.m. -
Confession

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Feb 15th	Sunday Feb 22nd
Greeter: P & D Steffick	Greeter: P & D Steffick
Cleaning: T. Bannon	Cleaning: T. Bannon
Coffee: Eva / Nick	Coffee: Meatfare Brunch

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2,007
YTD: \$ 11,510 [65.8%]
YTD Goal: \$17,505.00
(6 wk) [\$ 2917.50 /wk]



Join today!!
100 PLUS CLUB
Collected: \$ 400

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Pledge Forms:** PLEASE remember to fill out your 2009 Pledge Form and turn it in to Peter Steffick our Assistant Treasurer by Sunday, February 15th. THANK YOU!

◆**Blessing of Officers:** With the approval of Bishop NIKON all council members and officers, Men's Club and Sisterhood officers will be blessed at the end of Divine Liturgy today.

◆**Parish Council:** The first meeting of the new council will be Monday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m.

◆**Diocesan Council:** The Diocesan Council will be meeting at HTOC on Wednesday, February 18th. Daily Vespers will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting.

◆**Meatfare Brunch:** The Sisterhood will be hosting our annual Meatfare Sunday Brunch next Sunday, February 22nd.

◆**The February monthly charity** is for the **Stremsky family**. The Stremsky Family includes Archpriest Nikolai Stremsky, Matushka Galina and their 70+ adopted children who live in the

"For the sick and suffering"

Olga Skotnicki Kathryn Petriw
Tatiana Kowar and the infant
Natalia born of her 1/19/09

Archpriest Michael Mihalick (MS -
Johnstown, PA)

Archpriest William DuBovik (All Saints,
Hartford)

Archpriest Basil Zebrun (heart attack -
Classmate of Fr. David)

Protodeacon Simeon Kopcha (Father of
Mat. Melanie Koles)

Donat Martin (Father-in-law
of Nancy Martin)

child Timothy Armstrong Jr. (Great-
nephew of Ann Myszka)

Judy Flood (Sister-in-Law of
Rosemary Delaney)

Joan Anderson (Sister-in-Law of
Rosemary Delaney)

Justin Waleski (Friend of
Rosemary Delaney)

Andrew Eames (Friend of
Rosemary Delaney)

Dorothy Staschak (Godmother of
Fr. John Dresko)

John Anderson (Brother-in-law
of Paul Culton)

Stanley Bartos (Father of David Bartos)

..... and all those shut-in and in Nursing Homes!

NEWLY DEPARTED: Archpriest Pavel Soucek [Jan 15] (Old Forge, PA) **ВЪЧНОДА ПАМЯТЬ**
Mary Salina [Feb 1] (Paul Salina's mother)

city of Saraktash on the edge of the Urals, in central Russia. Fr. Nikolai is the Archpriest of the Holy Trinity Cloister of Mercy - a residence for those who have no one to care for them and who are too ill or too elderly to care for themselves. They also have established and continue to run a private school. To support themselves, and Mercy House, they operate a farm - both crops and animals. And annually, usually in the fall, twelve to eighteen children come to the U.S. on a fund-raising visit. The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing.

◆**Greeters, cleaners & coffee hour hosts:** Sign-up sheets for Greeters and Cleaners for the first half of 2009 are on the bulletin board. We need one of each to complete the first half of the year. Also, there are 7 open dates to host coffee hour in 2009. Please see Phyllis Bartos to sign up. Your steward-

Shirley Lucas (Daughter of Ruth Lucas)
Tasha Lucas (Daughter-in-law of
Ruth Lucas)

Lillian Falko (Cousin of the Bichun's)
child Justin Holmes (Infant friend of
the Bichun's)

Sawa Kokotiuk (Father of Raisa Shafran)
Tatiana Kokotiuk (Mother of
Raisa Shafran)

Laura Iles (Friend of Diane Polzun)
Louise Lefebvre (cancer - Friend of
Diane Polzun)

Marian Strange (Friend of Beth Bradanini)
Dennis Cosina (Friend of Dan Bradanini
& George Ludko)

Ronald Canciani (cancer - Friend of
Barbara Raymond)

Alla Wheeler (cancer - Friend of
Diane Dounouk)

Halina Kretowska (Mother of Eva Zagorska)
Justin Rocco (surgery - Friend of
Andrew Pulcini)

child Christopher Elliot (Son of Fr. George
& Kim Elliot, St. Paul, Las Vegas, NV)

Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril &
Methodius, Terryville)
in need of our prayers:

Peter Roshak (son of Fr. Michael Roshak,
Three Saints, Ansonia)

ship of time and effort is NEEDED and greatly appreciated!!!

◆**Men's Club Lotto -**

71 Diane Polzun

Support the Men's Club

Church Improvement Fund!!

Do you have a number ?

NEW 2009 numbers begin

February 1st !!

There are open numbers available!!

◆**Future Dates:**

March 1st: Forgiveness Sunday

March 2nd - 6th Clean Week: Canon of St. Andrew of Crete; Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. Presanctified Liturgy & Pot Luck supper; Wednesday. Panikhida; Friday.

April 12th: Palm Sun. (Western Easter)

April 17th: Great & Holy Friday

April 19th: PASCHA

April 26th: St. Thomas Sunday /
Cemetery Visitation