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FEBRUARY 16, 2025 – SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON – Tone 1

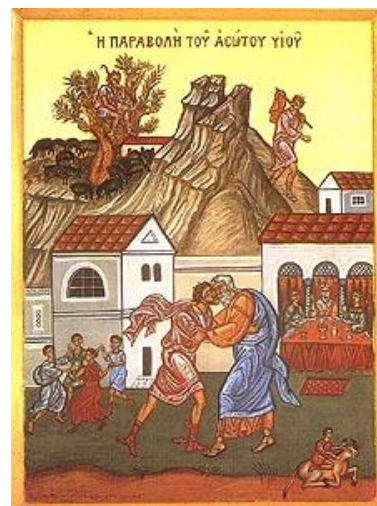
<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
<p>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 1 John 2:18-3:10 Mark 11:1-11</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 1 John 3:11-20 Mark 14:10-42</p>	<p>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 1 John 3:21-4:6 Mark 14:43-15:1</p>	<p>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, Sunday of the Prodigal Son St. Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Japan Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Panikhida in loving memory of Jean and David Kapisovsky from Marty Kapisovsky “<i>Second Sunday</i>” brunch (postponed from February 9th) Parish Council Meeting.....11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 <i>No Bible Study</i></p>
<p>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 2 John 1:1-13 Mark 15:22-25, 33-41</p> <p>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 1 Corinthians 10:23-28 Luke 28:8-9, 25-27, 33-36</p>	<p>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Divine Liturgy, Soul Saturday.....9:00 a.m. Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p>
<hr/> <p>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows: https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/</p> <p>Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, holyyghostbpt.org. The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church’s acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.</p>	<p>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – Sunday of Meatfare, Sunday of the Last Judgment Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. “Ask the Priest” during coffee fellowship</p>

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Commemorated on February 16

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the Lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.



Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

(Epistle)

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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.

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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.

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And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

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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!

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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."

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But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

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Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

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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?

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For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

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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.

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And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

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But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

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Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

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And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

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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!

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I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

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and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

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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.

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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.'

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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.

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And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

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for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

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Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

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So, he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

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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.'

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But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore, his father came out and pleaded with him.

Luke 15:11-32

(Gospel, Cont'd.)

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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.

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But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’

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And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

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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.’”

CANDLE DESK DUTY

February 16 – Dave Lapesko

February 23 – LoveAnn Curran

If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please switch with another member.

COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP ... This week’s cleanup crew is Group A through J. If this is your week to help, please see crew chief Bob Denhup for instructions. Thank you!

CANDLES / DONATIONS

- Two large crosses in loving memory of Jean and David Kapisovsky, from Marty Kapisovsky.
- Table of Oblation in loving memory of uncle, Nicholas Bychkowski, from Barbara Dulin & family.

MESSAGE FROM FR MARK ... Fr Mark will be out of town from **Feb. 17-21** on a retreat. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Richard Kendall who will connect you to a local priest.

SECOND SUNDAY POSTPONED TO TODAY ...

This is the last “Second Sunday” before Great Lent, so please bring something hearty to eat.

Thank you!



LENTEN SOUP FUND RAISER ... Please complete the order form for soup, located downstairs. Many thanks to the cooks who will make the soup! (*Lent begins on March 3rd.*)

FOCUS NA EXPLORATORY MEETING NEXT STEPS ... Thanks to everyone who attended the exploratory meeting to talk about potentially setting up a FOCUS center in Bridgeport! See the box below for the next steps, both for donations to the cause, and to join the exploratory committee to talk about what a center could look like in our area. Please talk to Fr Mark if you have any questions.



SOUL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd ... There will be Divine Liturgy on **Saturday, February 22nd at 9:00 a.m.** in memory of the departed. You will find a sheet at the candle desk for names of departed loved ones. Thank you for filling this form out in advance, which Fr Mark will read (*first names*) during the service.

ASK THE PRIEST



The “*Ask the Priest*” session is scheduled for **February 23rd**. Get your questions ready for Fr Mark!

LENTEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ... The Beth-El Homeless Shelter in Milford is looking for volunteers to help out from 3pm-7pm on **Friday, March 7** in preparing and serving dinner to clients.. If you're available and interested, please contact Dave Lepesko or Fr Mark. There is also a sign-up sheet downstairs. Thank you.

FUNDRAISER (Correction) ... Debbie Rapaport has made the scissor/pin cushion; Carole Kaputa made the festive kitchen towels. An envelope is provided for your \$5 donation. Thank you!



PARISH METRICS (FEBRUARY 16 THRU FEBRUARY 22)

BIRTHDAYS

Elaine Pollock Kusheba, February 16th; Thaddeus Holt, February 17th

God Grant them Many Years!

Многая лета!

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

FEBRUARY 16 – Catherine Sekersky, 1897 (20); Stephen Zagorulko, 1977 (88); Maria Romantschenko, 1986 (88)

FEBRUARY 17 – Andrew Dirga, 1913 (2); Justina (Anna) Bukoch, 1961 (64); Michael Zinovenko, 1970 (66); Nicholas Bychkowski, 1984 (66); Eugenia Dirga, 1998 (87); Helen Breyon, 2007

FEBRUARY 18 – Martin Babich, 1931 (51); Sandra Dolan, 1969 (33); John Kasper, 1981 (78); George Charak, Jr., 1993

FEBRUARY 19 – Andrew Janosh, 1922 (10 months); Maria Bondaruk, 1939 (39); Agafia Borodko Konan, 1968 (84); Matthew Darak, 1973 (65); Serafima Sorokoff, 1983 (88); Constantine Kostyk, 1986 (84); Walter N. Jankura, 1990 (58); Neddy Hubenko, 1999 (79)

FEBRUARY 20 – Stephen Dirga, 1943; Anton Bilida, 1968 (78); John Popadic, 1972 (77); Eugenia (“Jean”) Mary (Konen) Kapisovsky, 2015 (80)

FEBRUARY 21 – Stephen Popadic, 1988 (52); Vera Kuharsky, 1935 (32); Boris Yaroschak, 1944; Mary Lukienchuk, 1950 (55); Walter Plaskon, 1998 (70)

FEBRUARY 22 – Anastasia Turko Andrushkevich, 1968 (98); Matyshka Anna Lukas, 1976 (83); Albert Seine, 1986 (66)

Memory Eternal!

Вечная память!

