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February 12, 2012

### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON—Tone 2

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch; St. Alexius, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia; St. Meletius, Archbishop of Kharkov; Ven. Mary and her father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria; St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Kristo the Gardener; The *Iveron* Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

## \* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead \*

Tues, Feb 14	7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
Fri, Feb 17	7:00 p.m.	Matins for the Departed
Sat, Feb 18	<b>Memorial Saturday—Saturday of Meatfare</b>	
9:00 a.m.	St. Leo, Pope of Rome	
Divine Liturgy	Epistles: 1 Cor 10:23-28 1 Thess 4:13-17 (Departed)	Gospels: Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36 John 5:24-30 (Departed)
11:00 a.m.	Baptism of <b>Dean Justin Dashkiewicz</b> , newborn son of <b>Gregory &amp; Irene Dashkiewicz</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	
6:30 p.m.	<u>Panihida</u> : <b>Andre Tirenin</b> (1 yr) offered by <b>the family</b> <b>Nancy Zawadsky</b> (Annual) offered by <b>Nadya Silva</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession ( <i>This will be the LAST General Confession before Great Lent.</i> )	
Sun, Feb 19	<b>SUNDAY OF MEATFARE—Tone 3—SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon and Martyr Apphia	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2	Gospel: Matt 25:31-46

## \* What's Up in Our Parish \*

**Church School Classes** will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

The **St. Anne's Guild Annual Sweetheart Bake Sale** will take place in the church hall after the Liturgy **TODAY**. Buy some sweets for that special someone or just be good to yourself.

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held **TODAY** following Coffee Hour. Plan to stay for this gathering where we will review parish life and hear reports on relevant parish matters. **All parishioners** should attend, as this meeting is quite important in the day-to-day life of this community. Please remember that to have a voice and a vote, you must be a member in good standing, as defined by the *Statute of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA)*. This includes living a life in harmony with the Canons of the

Church; receiving the Sacraments of Holy Confession & Communion at least once a year; and regularly fulfilling all financial obligations, as may be established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies and this parish. (**NOTE:** For those of you who didn't get one last week, there are still extra copies of the **2011 Annual Report** available.)

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church on **Tuesday, February 14**, at 7 p.m.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, February 16**, at 7 p.m.

The **Altar Society** will hold its **Annual Blini Batter Sale** next **Sunday, February 19**, during the Coffee Hour. Price is \$5 per quart. Please place orders with Joan Pisuk (732-254-1519) or any Society member by **Wednesday, February 15**. (**NOTE TO MEMBERS:** Help is needed to pour the batter **this Saturday afternoon, February 18**, at 3:30 p.m.)

The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** on **Thursday, February 23**, to the **Showboat Hotel & Casino**. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue. The cost for the trip will be \$30, BUT each attendee will receive back \$30 in "slot" cash. Refreshments will be served on the bus. For reservations and further details, call Janice Meade at (732) 257-8671. Tickets go quick—don't wait too long!

Our **Annual Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale** is still underway. This yummy fundraiser will help raise money for this year's mission team. With Great Lent two weeks away, we know it's hard to think of Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail already; however, candy orders, with payment in full (no sales tax), must be in by **Sunday, February 26**, to get them processed on time. Brochures are available from Susan Witkowski. Delivery will be on **Sunday, March 18**, four weeks before Pascha. Put a smile on a loved one's or a friend's face with an Easter basket filled with tons of delicious chocolate and jellybeans! Thank you in advance for your support.

The weeks of hard work and preparation for our **Annual Easter Bazaar** have already begun. Last year, we had quite a number of participants and this year, we hope, will be no exception. The fundraiser is scheduled for **Saturday, March 31**. There will be Lenten and Paschal foods for sale, including pierogies, kielbasa, babkas and dessert rolls, as well as arts & crafts for the upcoming holiday. If you would like to help, please contact Patricia Larkin (732-605-1351) or Jay Pelleriti (732-257-4478).

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## \* News That Matters \*

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**STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **138**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next Sunday by **Robert Pisuk**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Deerson**.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** It is with hearts full of joy that we welcome our newest **registered** parishioners, **George & Christina Cassotis**, and their children, **William & Ava**. We are so glad to have them as part of our compassionate and nurturing "family." May they enjoy many blessed years where their spiritual, emotional and physical well-beings can be integrated to allow the holiness of life to come to full potential—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**JOY-FILLED BIRTHDAY WISHES** go out this week to **Archie Kananovich, Craig Mazzei** and **Kathryn Illenye**. May their lives continue to be filled with God's grace for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**FOOD CARDS** are on sale every Sunday in the hall for use in the following area supermarkets: *A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite* and *Stop & Shop*. Help your church by using them, instead of cash, to buy your weekly groceries. **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

**INTERESTED IN A MISSION TRIP?** Plans are now being made for a week-long sojourn in late May to *Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage* in Guatemala. Our Mission Coordinators, **John & Susan Witkowski**, are already receiving lots of inquiries from other parishes. If you would like to go, contact them by telephone (732-946-8468) or E-mail ([suewitkowski@gmail.com](mailto:suewitkowski@gmail.com)) before **next Sunday, February 19**. Prayerfully consider this opportunity—it may be your calling!

**BRING A FRIEND** along with you to church. Encourage your relatives to attend services faithfully. It our Christian duty to help others find Jesus. Apostle Andrew brought his brother Peter to God...let's follow his example!

**THANK YOU** to the following individuals for their recent donations to the parish:

Church/General Fund: **Alexander Gridino** (in memory of **Matushka Pauline Warnecke**) and **Jay Pelleriti** (in support of the *Prophora Baking* Ministry)

Perpetual Care Fund: **Mr. & Mrs. Louis Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Boshko, Ann Buckley, David Dureiko, Mary Fritz, Mr. & Mrs. John Holod, Paul Kissel, Stella Laptosh, Amanda Meyers, Charles Miller, Stella Misiewicz,**

**Betty Pfitzer, Stanley & Eleanor Pich, Pat Pish, Sonia Plutnick, Mary Roselli, Mr. & Mrs. J. Sowa, Stasia Sumski and Judith Znaiden** (all in memory of **Anna Durovich**)

Handicap Access Fund: **Janet & Ruth Hartman** (in memory of **Anna Durovich**)

We are most grateful for all these offerings.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE** for all the latest parish happenings, as well as excerpts from the weekly bulletin; the address is [www.saintpeterandpaul.org](http://www.saintpeterandpaul.org).

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** If you have not yet had your home blessed, get in touch with Father David within the next two weeks to arrange a mutually convenient date and time for him to visit.

**COFFEE HOUR REQUEST** There is an urgent need for volunteers for this ministry this month, **OTHER** than representatives of the **Parish Council**, the **Altar Society**, the **Men's Club**, the **Saint Anne's Guild** and the **Senior R Club**. Please see any member of Parish Council to find out what's required to host. Unfortunately, if no one comes forward, Coffee Hour will be **CANCELLED**.

**THE FLOWERS** adorning the icon of the Prodigal Son on the center tetrapod today were given by the **Machyowsky Family** in annual commemoration of the falling asleep of their dear husband and father, **Paul Sr.** The arrangement at the base of the Golgotha was offered by **Michael and Ellen Dargento** in remembrance of the birthday of **Raya Shaluha** of blessed memory. Both tributes beautifully expressed the donors' deep affection for their loved one. We thank them so much.

**MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS** As Orthodox Christians, it is as natural for us to intercede for the departed as it is for those who are still alive. Our Church teaches that the departed are no longer able to rectify their lives as they could on earth; hence, their only hope is for us to pray for them and to do good deeds in their name in order to cover any unrepentant sins that they might have brought into the next life. As an act of love and mercy, the Church has set aside five Saturdays this year, called *Memorial (Soul) Saturdays*, to publicly commemorate her departed children. The first of these is **this Saturday, February 18**. The Liturgy on each of this day will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form was included in the January 29 bulletin to list the names of loved ones who have departed this life in the hope of the resurrection unto life eternal. (*There are also extra copies available at the Candle Desk.*) Please write their Christian baptismal names (first names only). Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. Remember: do not consider your dearly departed as dead—they are very much alive, only in another place. If they repose in glory, your prayers for them will come back to you, as those of the saints. Our bright and joyous faith teaches that someday, you will again see them in a renewed form.

**A NOTE OF THANKS** We'd like to express our gratitude to the following parishioners for all their help in making prosphora (Holy Bread) last Saturday: **Michael Burak, Diane Dreyer, Ann Krynicky, Craig & Elaine Mazzei, Janice Meade, Gregory Messeka, Jay Pelleriti and Linda Wood**. Their willingness to participate in this blessed ministry is truly appreciated—God bless!

**CANDLES FOR SALE** Candles that were blessed on the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord two weeks ago are available for purchase. If interested, see anyone at the Candle Desk.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER** Please pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Matushka Barbara Pavelchak	Elaine Ashton	Ivan Shidlovsky
May Piorkowski	Irene Boule	Lisa Beard
Carl Coleman	Edward Romanofsky	Gregory Nosol
Adriana	Walentyna Posluszny	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Protopresbyter Joseph Kreta	Alan Zenkert	David T. Floyd
Protodeacon Michael Stulpin	Michael Dargento	Patrick Lohr
	Julia Glazer	Keith Sudder
	Joseph Casale	Priest Paul Rivers
	Donna Casale	Patrick Baldwin
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Timothy Stepan
	Dorothy Swenticky	Michael Gregus
	John Cameron	Peter Shaw
	Katherine Tarzewski	Jacqueline Martinez
	Martha Drobnak	Karen Bonet
	Dorothy Sopchak	David Gambert
	Margo Stewart	Fred Bush
	Barbara Wyluda	Travis Hartman
	Arlene Krell	Elizabeth Brent
	Beverly Vietti	Kyle Abbott

Adam Huba  
Thea Casale  
David Hebert

Robert Smith  
Thomas Roche  
Theresa Rogozenski  
Olga Romanofsky  
Alyssa Rosatelli  
John Bihuniak  
Larry Kimpert  
Patricia Cottrell  
Elaine Schwartz  
Athene Demitry  
Timothy Magee  
John Centrelo  
Nancy Filak  
Charles Csenica

Olga Kozlov  
Bishop NIKON (Liolin)  
Archpriest Alexander  
Atty  
Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt  
Melissa  
Anna Janiszewski  
Archpriest Paul White  
Myrna Woznica  
Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti  
Daniel Parker  
Jean Catherine Brooks  
Samuel Garretson  
Jami Porzi  
Richard Baylor  
Joseph Posluszny  
Betty Carson  
Gilson Costa  
Pearl Blower

Priest Sean Levine  
Gary Amatrudo Jr.  
Steven Moore

If you have a friend or loved one for whom you would like us to pray, please contact Father David or Starosta.

**THE DEADLINE** to submit all info for next Sunday's bulletin is **Thursday evening**. Get in touch with Fr. David at the rectory or contact our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)).

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Forever!*