

*Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Venerable Isidore of Pelusium*

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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Marty, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Marty and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

This booklet contains the variable hymns and readings specific to today. Please feel free to take it with you. There are coil-bound booklets available with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Again, welcome!

Regular services:

Great Vespers, *Saturday at 6:30pm*

Confession, *immediately following Great Vespers, other times by appointment.*

Third and Sixth Hour Prayers, *Sunday at 9:40am*

Divine Liturgy, *immediately following the hours.*

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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Festal Troparion – Tone 2

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Kontakion from the Triodion – Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave me.
And now I cry to You as the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before You, O merciful Father;
receive me a penitent,
and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Festal Kontakion – Tone 1

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin’s womb
and blessed Simeon’s hands, ^O Christ God.
Now You have come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,
O only Lover of Man!

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength
and my song; He has become my salvation.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my
salvation, my salvation.

Reader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me
over to death.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my
salvation, my salvation.

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song ...

Choir: ... He has become my salvation, my salvation.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, You say: “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be brought under the power of anything. “Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food,” but God will bring to nothing both of these. However, the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord is made for the body. Now God raised up the Lord, and he 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 prostitute? May it never be! Or do you not know that whoever is joined to a prostitute is one body? For God says, “The two will become one flesh.” But whoever who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee sexual immorality! “Every sin that a person can do is outside the body,” but whoever commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit which dwells in you, and which you have from God? You are not your own! You were bought with a price! Therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which belong to God.

Priest: † Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 2

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 2nd Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (79) – Luke 15:11-32

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Luke**.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: The Lord said this parable, “A certain man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that will come to me.’ So the father divided his livelihood between them. A few days later, the younger son gathered all that he had and traveled to a far country. There, he squandered his property, living immorally. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place in that country, and he began to be in need. He went and hired himself to one of the citizens of that country who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He wanted to feed himself with the husks that the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough to spare, and I am dying with hunger! I will get up, go to my

father, and tell him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son! Make me as one of your hired servants.”

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still at a distance, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. He ran, and embraced his son, and kissed him. Then the son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you! I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

But the father said to his slaves, ‘Bring out the first robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet! Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this, my son, was dead, and he is alive again! He was lost and now he is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field. As he came near to the house, he heard music and dancing. Calling one of the servants, he asked what was going on. The servant replied, ‘Your brother has returned! Your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and healthy.’

However, the elder son became angry and he would not go in. Therefore, his father came out and begged him. But he answered his father, ‘Look, for so many years I have served you, and I have never disobeyed a commandment of yours. Yet, you never gave me a goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this, your son, arrived, he who has devoured your living with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.’

The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours! But it was fitting to celebrate and to rejoice, for this, your brother, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost and is found!’”

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,
protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the law and the scriptures:
every male child that opens the womb is holy to God.

Therefore we also magnify the first begotten Son of the unoriginate Father //
the firstborn Son of an unwedded Mother.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive
the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Please join us in our fellowship hour immediately following the dismissal!

Calendars: 2018 Liturgical Calendars are available in the narthex –
please feel free to take one home!

No Vespers next Saturday! Fr. Marty will be traveling all week, and as
such there will not be vespers next Saturday evening. Please pray for
safe and productive travels!