

*Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Venerable Basil the Confessor*

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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 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.

Music Rehearsals, Saturday at 6:00pm

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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.

You took hell captive,//
not being tempted by it.

You came to the Virgin, granting life.//

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and unto ages of ages, amen*

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!”

Epistle: (135) – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Your people, and
bless Your inheritance!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: O Lord, save Your people, ...

Choir: ... and bless Your inheritance!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: Brethren, 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.

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 6th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (95) – 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: Let us Attend!

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.

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

Preliminary Lenten Schedule:

Sunday, March 13

4:00pm *Forgiveness Vespers*

Wednesdays, March 16 through April 27:

6:30pm *Presanctified Divine Liturgy*

Fridays, March 18 through April 22 (excluding March 25):

6:30pm *Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos*

Sunday, March 20

6:00pm *Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy*
St. Demetrius Serbian Orthodox Church, 4655 3rd Street, Des Moines – Lenten snacks and drinks to follow.

Thursday, March 24

6:30pm *Great Vespers for the Annunciation. – (Due to the birth of Fr. Marty’s and Mat. Candy’s first grandchild, due March 22, this may be a reader’s service – stay tuned)*

April 24 – Palm Sunday

April 28 – Great and Holy Thursday

9:30am *Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil*
7:00pm *Matins of Holy Friday and Passion Gospels*

April 29 – Great and Holy Friday

3:30pm *Vespers of Holy Saturday*
7:00pm *Matins of Holy Saturday, procession*

April 30 – Great and Holy Saturday

9:30am *Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil*
11:00pm *The Hours of Pascha, continuing to the Divine Liturgy*

May 1 – Great and Holy Pascha

Midnight *Paschal Divine Liturgy (Ending approx. 1:30am)*
Blessing of the Baskets, Fellowship meal to follow
5:00pm *Agape Vespers of Pascha, cookout/fellowship to follow*