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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Reading
1Corinthians 6:12-20

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Gospel Reading
Luke 15:11-32

Kontakion for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. Therefore, I cry to You like the Prodigal: "I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants."

House Blessings during the Theophany Season

Fr. John reminds us he is available to visit us for our Home Blessings in the next two weeks before Lent begins on March 11. Talk with him about it today.

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Sunday, March 3	Meatfare Sunday (last day of meat)
Sunday, March 10	Cheesefare Sunday, Forgiveness Vespers (last day of dairy)
Monday, March 11	Great Lent begins
Sunday, March 17	Sunday of Orthodoxy 5PM Vespers at SS Peter & Paul Church in Potomac, MD
Sunday, April 21	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 28	Holy Pascha (Easter)

Notice: St. Luke Annual Assembly & Lenten Soup Social is Sunday, March 31

Parishioners are urged to attend the annual meeting in March to learn about the administrative and spiritual health of our community. See Ron Kecman for info.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for Coffee Hour. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

St. Luke Gift Shop – New Spring Arrivals Now Available

Our Gift Shop manager, Louise, has filled the kiosk with wonderful new items. Visit today to see the semiprecious stone wrist prayer ropes from an Orthodox Women's Monastery and some Czech glass beaded birds. She is very excited to have available Pysanky Easter Eggs, handmade by Matushka Julia Romanchak, a master painter, who has donated them to St. Luke from her collection, \$30/each.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 27, 7:00-8:30PM

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening at 7PM. A group discussion follows on a teaching by Met. Jonah: "Do not react. Do not resent. Keep an inner stillness."

Pan-Orthodox Singles – Mardi Gras Party – Saturday, March 2

- The Singles group will gather here at St. Luke for their first Mardi Gras from 7PM to midnight on March 2. Appetizers and dinner will be New Orleans cuisine. A DJ will entertain for dancing plus Greek dance lessons. RSVP dianahav@earthlink.net.
- Vespers will be served at 6PM before the event. Everyone is welcome to come.

First Sunday of the Month – March 3

- Potluck Coffee Hour:** Bring a favorite main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share at Coffee Hour next week.
- Food for the Needy:** Please donate boxed and canned nutritious foods for the families assisted by our charity partner, SERVE. Please help.

God Grant You Many Years!

- We extend warm greetings to Matushka Anne Gariano on her birthday and to Miles Fancovic who had his second birthday on the 21st. Mnogaja Ljeta!
- We honor Fr. John and Popadija Kitty on the tenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood! AXIOS! We are grateful for the faithful celebration of Liturgies, Vespers and Lenten services, for the homilies and teaching, for the pastoral care, ministry leadership and friendship of both.

May the Lord bless and grant them peaceful life, health, strength, salvation and furtherance in all Godly things and preserve and protect them for Many Years!