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THE MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Readings
Hebrews 7:7-17
1Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Readings
Luke 2:22-40
Luke 15:11-32

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

Troparion for the Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

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.

Kontakion for the Feast By Your nativity, You did sanctify the Virgin's womb, and did bless 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!

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

Fr. John is available the next few weeks for Home Blessings. See him today to schedule an appointment.

Welcome to Our Guests

If you are joining us for the first time, we offer you our warm welcome. Please sign the guestbook at the entrance and pick up a Welcome folder. Join us after Liturgy for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

Guest Clergy – Fr. David Alexander

We welcome Fr. David Alexander (Chaplain, CDR, USN) who is concelebrating the Divine Liturgy with Fr. John. He is in the Antiochian Archdiocese, a seminary classmate of Fr. John's, and Godfather to John Minahan.

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Sunday, February 23	Meatfare Sunday (last day of meat)
Sunday, March 1	Forgiveness and Cheesefare Sunday (last day of dairy)
Monday, March 2	Great Lent begins
Sunday, March 8	Sunday of Orthodoxy 5:30PM Vespers St. Sophia Cathedral
Sunday, April 12	Palm Sunday
Friday, April 17	Great and Holy Friday
Sunday, April 19	Holy Pascha (Easter)

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 19 - 7-8:30PM

Everyone is invited for Vespers at 7PM. Afterwards Fr. John will lead a study on Clement of Alexandria from the book, "The Holy Fire" by Robert Payne.

Addiction and Substance Abuse Support Group

The Fellowship of Saint Ephraim of Nea Makri invites interested Orthodox Christians to meet with them on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in Chelpon Hall at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd. Falls Church, VA 22041. For information, contact FrNikolas@schgocdc.org.

Pan-Orthodox Singles' Mardi Gras – Saturday, February 22

Orthodox Singles are invited here to St. Luke for Vespers at 6PM followed by plenty of party food, beverages and dancing from 7PM to 12AM. A \$20 donation is suggested. RSVP by Tuesday, February 18 to dianahav@earthlink.net.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless John Minahan on the anniversary of his Baptism and Chrismation. God bless Fatouma (Lulu) Hassan on her birthday. God grant them many years!