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FEBRUARY 20, 2022
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Reading
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Reading
Luke 15:11-32

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)
When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Troparion (Meeting of the Lord in the Temple)
Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; Thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.

Kontakion (Prodigal Son)
I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. Therefore, I cry to Thee like the Prodigal: "I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants."

Kontakion (Meeting of the Lord in the Temple)
By Thy nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

Ordination of Stefan Glomazic to the Holy Diaconate - Saturday, March 12 – 9:30AM
Metropolitan Tikhon will ordain Stefan at a Hierarchical Liturgy on March 12 at 9:30AM here at St. Luke's. All are invited to come to this most blessed moment in the life of Stefan and his family, our parish and the Church. Please let Fr. John know if you plan to attend.

I, a wretched man, hide my face in shame: I have squandered the riches my Father gave to me; I will arise, I will return to my compassionate Father; He will accept my tears, as I kneel before Him, crying: "In Your tender love for all men, receive me as one of Your servants and save me!" ~From the Aposticha. Lenten Triodion



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and any parishioner. Come again for worship and fellowship.

Thank You! St. Luke Faith in Action: Food for the Needy
Thank you everyone for all the donations for last week's SOUPer Bowl Sunday campaign. The delivery of a full shopping cart of food plus \$245 was made to the United Community Food Bank in Alexandria for needy families. The online donations are also appreciated.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 23 at 7PM on Zoom
Join this week's discussion on *The Gospel of St. Luke – Good News for the Poor* by Fr. Lawrence Farley. Fr. John will email his notes on the chapter highlights and the Zoom link.

Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC – First Rehearsal – Saturday, February 26
The new Archdiocesan Choir is now accepting singers. The first rehearsal will be on Saturday from 10AM to 1PM here at St. Luke. See <https://www.archdiocesanchoir.org/join-us>.

This Week and Pre-Lenten Sundays
This Week Fasting on Wednesday and Friday
Sunday, Feb. 27 Meatfare Sunday (last day of meat)
Sunday, March 6 Forgiveness and Cheesefare Sunday (last day of dairy)

Clothing Drive for Prison Ministry - Sunday, March 13
We will continue our parish prison ministry with OAR (Offender Aid and Restoration) with a clothing drive on March 13. Please donate business attire and work wear, new or used in good condition, for men and women being released from prison and looking for work. Louise Romanchak tells us, "Many of them desperately need this type of clothing."

Notice: St. Luke 2022 Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 27 - Agenda to be announced

Responding to Racism: The Orthodox Witness in America – Episode 3 (5 min.)
Hear about Archbishop Iakovos and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the 1965 March on Selma, March 15, 1965: [GreekOrthodoxChurch YouTube channel](https://www.greekorthodoxchurch.org/youtube-channel).

God Grant You Many Years!
We extend warm birthday greetings to Genet (Lulu) Hassan and to Miles Fancovic on his fifth birthday. Mnogaja Ljeta!