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FEBRUARY 16, 2025

***MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON***

Epistle Readings

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

Gospel Readings

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!"

Troparion (Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Son 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 (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exhorts, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Kontakion (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."

Kontakion (Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord)

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!

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person with us today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Memory Eternal + Večnaja Pamjat +

We pray for souls of the departed on the anniversaries of their falling asleep in the Lord: Alexander (Rada Carmichael's brother) and Mileva Tatalovich (Helene Watts' mother). Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants.

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Triodion Week 2	Return to normal fasting on Wednesday and Friday for this week.
Sunday Feb. 23	Meatfare Sunday – Sunday of the Last Judgment
Sunday, March 2	Cheesefare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday
Monday, March 3	Great Lent begins
Sunday, March 9	Sunday of Orthodoxy 5PM Vespers at St. Katherine's in Falls Church
Sunday, April 20	Holy Pascha (Easter)

Lenten Prayer Partners

Once again this year we will have the blessing of selecting Prayer Partners for Lent. Adults and children who wish to participate may drop their names in the Prayer Partner basket either today or next Sunday. We will draw a name of the person to pray for on March 2. We then pray for them daily during Lent while keeping the name secret until Pascha.

Orthodoxy 201 - Wednesday, February 19 at 7PM on Zoom

Fr. John will email the Zoom link and notes on Psalms 14(15) - 16(17) for our study of "Christ in the Psalms". Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Re-Learning Christianity from a Jewish Convert" - February 23 at 5PM

St. Mary's (7223 Roosevelt Ave., Falls Church, VA) will host a lecture on the "Insights of Fr. Nicolae Steinhardt" given by Fr. Bogdan Bucur from St Vladimir's Seminary with a personal account by Fr. Stefan Iloaie from Romania. Info: Fr. David Subu - 703-280-0770

"The Great Commission and Christ's Call to Action for Women" – Wed. Feb. 26

An OCMC dinner and program for women will be held on February 26 at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Norwood Rd, Silver Spring, MD, 20905 at 7PM with Fr. Chris Rowe as speaker. Register at <https://ocmc.org/silver-spring-dinner>.

Appalachia Service Project - June 22 - 28, 2025

Local Orthodox adults and teens are invited to participate in a service project to repair homes in the poorest areas of the Appalachia regions of VA, WV, TN, NC and KY. The cost is \$345 plus travel. Contact athena59kaiser@gmail.com for more information.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

God bless Lulu Hassan on her birthday this week and Miles Fancovic on his 8th birthday.