

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Archpriest Dimitrie	John
Priest James	Vivian
Priest John	Jung Sook
Reader Aleksei	Thomas
Reader Sergei	Cheyenne
Monk Philaret	Nancy
Matushka Mary	Randall
Matushka Mary Sara	Rose
Matushka Priscilla	Don
Marie • Kyra	Norma
John • Euphrosynos	James
Virginia • Thomas	
John • Luke • Katherine	
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

Bishop Mark (January 8)
Mihail (January 1)
John (January 10)

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

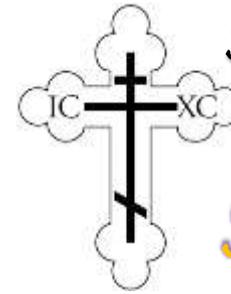
This Saturday, February 10 -- 4:00 PM Choir Practice

This Saturday, February 10 -- 5:30 PM Great Vespers & Confession

Next Sunday, February 11 – Parish Council

GREAT LENT BEGINS AT FORGIVENESS VESPERS ON SUNDAY, FEB. 18

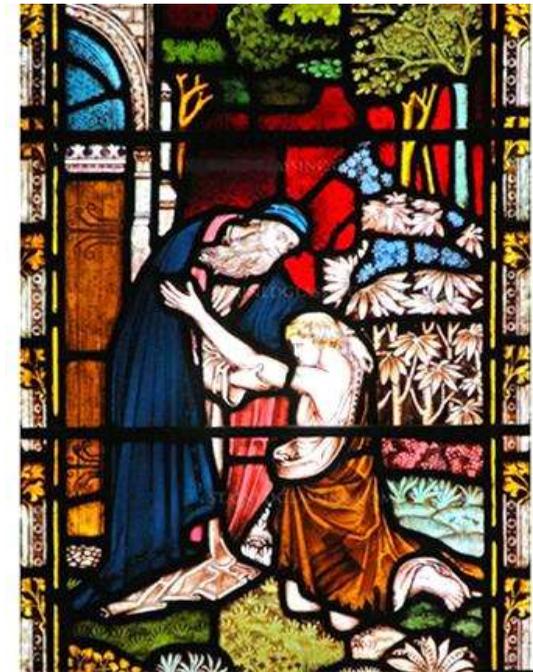
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ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Sunday of the Prodigal Son



Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
NO Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day this Wednesday
Other services as announced

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to come to ourselves, as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

Venerable Isidore of Pelusium

Isidore was an Egyptian by birth and the son of a prominent family and kinsman of the Alexandrian Patriarchs Theophilus and Cyril. Having studied all the secular disciplines, he renounced worldly riches and glories and devoted himself completely to the spiritual life for the love of Christ. He was a great and ardent defender and interpreter of the Orthodox Faith. According to the statements of Nicephorus the historian, St. Isidore wrote more than ten thousand letters to various individuals in which he reproached some, counseled some, and comforted and instructed others. In one letter St. Isidore writes: "It is more important to teach by a life of doing good than to preach in eloquent terms." In another, he says: "If one desires that his virtues appear great, let him consider them small and they will surely manifest themselves as great." The first and basic rule for St. Isidore was this: "First do, then teach according to the example of our Lord Jesus." At the time of the persecution of St. John Chrysostom when the entire population was divided into two camps; one for and one against, St. Isidore, this great pillar of Orthodoxy, sided with St. John Chrysostom. He wrote to Patriarch Theophilus saying what a great light of the Church Chrysostom was and begged him to avoid hatefulness toward him. Isidore lived long and accomplished much, glorifying Christ the God with his life and his writings. Isidore took up habitation in the kingdom of Christ about the year 436 A.D.

Also this week: Repose of St Theodosius of Chernigov (February 5); Photius the Great, Pat. of Constantinople (February 6); New Hieromartyr Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and Galich (February 7); Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates ("The General") (February 8); Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch (February 9); Hieromartyr Haralambos (February 10).

** "regular" fasting this week **

Epistle: I Corinthians 6:12-20 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, /
Thou didst slay hades 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 – Tone 1 (Feast)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! /
From thee hast 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 – Tone 3 (Triodion)

Foolishly have I run away from Thy glory, O Father, /
Wasting in sin the wealth that Thou gavest me. /
Therefore with the words of the Prodigal I cry unto Thee: /
I have sinned before Thee, compassionate Father. ///
Accept me in repentance and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

Kontakion – Tone 1 (Feast)

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 mankind!