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## February 20, 2011

### Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- 9:10am – Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
  - Epistle: 1 Cor. 6:12-20*
  - Gospel: Lk. 15:11-32*
- Panikhida - in memory of:
  - Anne Verona, on the Anniversary of her Birth – offered by John Korello.
  - Julia Wasilewski (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death), Valentina Travis (16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death), Fr. Michael Chanda (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) – offered by Wasilewski Family.
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs for a Coffee Hour provided by Christ Bygonaise – in memory of deceased members of the Wasilewski Family.

### Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:00pm - Vespers & Panikhida

SATURDAY, FEB. 26 - Memorial Saturday

Altar Servers Retreat – NO VESPERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - Sunday of Meatfare

9:10am – Hours;

9:30am - Divine Liturgy

## Preparing for Our Lenten Journey

Use of the *Triodion* begins with the **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee** – the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Holy Pascha and the 22<sup>nd</sup> day before the beginning of Great Lent, which in 2011 starts on Monday, March 7, and ends on Great and Holy Saturday, April 23. It is in the *Triodion* that the texts for the services of the pre-Lenten season, the days of Great Lent proper, Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, and Great and Holy Week are found.

On the **second pre-Lenten Sunday**, the Parable of the Prodigal Son is read. In it, Our Lord reveals that our heavenly Father offers to us unconditional forgiveness and mercy if, like the prodigal son, we “come to our senses,” see ourselves for who we *really* are, and turn away from the “hunger” of “riotous living” in a “far country.” The prodigal son discerned his need to return to his true home, his father’s house, and acted decisively: “When he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him,” exclaiming “for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” In

the same way, our heavenly Father unconditionally forgives and receives us, His prodigal children – but it is we who, laying aside our pride, must “come to our senses,” acknowledge that we “have sinned,” and return to our “true home.”



## Intercessory Prayer

### THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

### THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko

### THE DEPARTED:

Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara, Julia Brelinsky, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

## Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.

- ❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours: Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – by Alena Burkova and Alex Nechushkin.
- ❖ **A&P and ShopRite Shopping Cards** available at the candle stand. Do your shopping as you always do it, and help our church raise funds at NO COST to you.
- ❖ Available at the candle desk are **memorial candles, Altar bread and wine** to be sponsored in prayerful intentions of your loved-ones.



## Today's Memorial Offering

- **Sanctuary Lamp** – in memory of Julia Wasilewski, on her 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Repose – by Husband Victor Wasilewski.
- **St Nicholas' Cross** – in memory of Julia Wasilewski, on her 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Repose – by children Stephen & Lisa Marie Wasilewski.
- **Church Wine** – in memory of Julia Wasilewski, on her 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Repose – by the Wasilewski Family.



## Announcements

- ❖ Please note, that due to Altar Servers Retreat, there will be **NO VESPERS** this coming **Saturday, February 26.**
- ❖ On **Sunday, February 27**, from 3pm – 7pm there will be Annual pre-Lenten celebration “Maslenitsa” at the **Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church (35 Orange Ave, Clifton, NJ).** This event will feature: Music & Dancing, Ethnic Buffet, Desserts, Beer & Soda, Raffles, Games, Face Painting & Activities for the Kids. Donation: Adults - \$25.00, children under 15 - free. For more information & tickets contact Donna Betza @ 973.365.1473
- ❖ The last preparation for our Lenten journey will be on **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.** After the Divine Liturgy we will have **Maslenitsa Luncheon** with the DVD lecture by Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) “*Our Lenten Journey. Spiritual preparation for the Great Fast*”. Come and enjoy a meal with friends and family, and receive spiritual nourishment from one of the best Orthodox lecturers. Forgiveness Vespers will follow at 1:00pm. Make your reservation today at the candle desk. \$10 per person; kids 12 and under – free.