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MARCH 3, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Reading

1Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-32

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took hell captive, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Troparion (Apostles of the 70)

With your whole heart you followed the way of holiness and became a companion of the Apostles, O Archippus. By your word you preached the Faith, and by your life you uprooted evil. Having proved steadfast in contest you were granted the crown of righteousness.

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 (Apostles of the 70)

The Church has gained you as a great star, O Archippus, and enlightened by the rays of your wonders it cries out to you: "Save us, who with faith honor your memory."

Memory Eternal +

Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose, O Lord, to the soul of Thy departed servant Robert Trbovich on the fifth anniversary of his repose. Večnaja Pamjat +

God Bless Popadija Kitty

Popadija Kitty is scheduled for orthopedic surgery on Thursday, March 7. Please pray for her and her surgical team that she will have a successful procedure and recovery.

Welcome to all guests via livestream and in person today. We invite you to stay 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 or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Triodion Week 2 Return to normal fasting on Wednesday and Friday for this week.
Monday, March 18 Great Lent begins
Sunday, May 5 Holy Pascha (Easter)

"First Sunday of the Month" – Potluck & Food for the Needy - Today

The hospitality of everyone who brought food to share at Coffee Hour is most appreciated. Thanks also for the food donations for the C-CAP Food Pantry in Winchester, VA that serves the homeless and working-poor families.

Lenten Prayer Partners

We resume a Lenten practice from the past in 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 17, Cheesefare Sunday. We then keep the name secret until Pascha on May 5.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, March 6 at 7PM on Zoom

Join this week's discussion of the Gospel of John chapters 20-21, Christ's Resurrection.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10 ~ Set clocks *forward* one hour.

Retreat: "How to be a Sinner: Understanding Myself as a Sinner" – March 16

On Saturday, March 16, All Saints of America Orthodox Church in Alexandria will host a retreat led by Dr. Peter Bouteneff from St. Vladimir's Seminary. He will explore topics: understanding myself as a sinner, the uses and abuses of guilt and shame, other people's sins, the gifts of the "sinner identity", and God's mercy and mine. There is no cost to attend: 3130 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310; 2-5PM, Vespers at 5PM followed by Q/A. For questions, please contact fatheralessandro@gmail.com.

Ancient Faith's Lampstand Institute – July 18-21

The Lampstand Institute is an introductory media training forum for Orthodox Christians aged 18-23 who are interested in learning skills in digital media and applying them to the service of the Church. The plan is for a group of ten students to learn the essentials of podcasting and video production and the "why" and "how" of Orthodox media ministry. It is tuition-free and a travel stipend is offered to come to AF Headquarters in Chesterton, IN. Go to <https://www.ancientfaith.com/>. The application is due by March 31.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

Birthday greetings and blessings to George Minahan on his 7th birthday, to Diana Kinker, Jeremy Klein, Nathan Peña, Rob Pyott and Irena Whitestone on their birthdays.