

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

Happy Birthday

- Yvonne Liid March 4
- Nouran Maayeh March 4

Welcome Guests

Guests are always welcome to worship with us! We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about Holy Orthodoxy or our parish.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, and are prepared through prayer, fasting, and recent confession, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

February 28, 2021



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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

- Venerable Basil the Confessor, Companion of Prokopios of Decapolis
- Hieromartyr Proterios, Archbishop of Alexandria
- Righteous Kyra and Marana of Beroea in Syria
- Apostles Nymphas and Euvoulos
- New-Martyr Kyranna of Thessalonica

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. TIMOTHY IN TONE FOUR

O holy apostle Timothy, master of unction measured in all thy deeds, clothed with an upright conscience as befits a priest, thou has drawn ineffable truths from Paul the vessel of election; thou hast kept the faith and completed a course equal to his, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

THE READINGS

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the

house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

SERVICES THIS WEEK

- Wednesday - 6pm, Vespers
- Friday - 6pm, Paraklesis Hymn to the Mother of God
- Saturday - 8am, Divine Liturgy Saturday of Souls
- Saturday - 6pm, Great Vespers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sweets for Seminarians: Each Sunday in the Parish Hall we will feature different individually wrapped desserts. In exchange for a sweet treat we are kindly asking for a donation, of your choosing, to the Seminarian program.
- The next Sisterhood of St. Timothy Book Club meeting is Thursday March 4th @ 6:30pm and all women are welcome! We're studying the Psalms using as a companion book "Christ in the Psalms" by Patrick Henry Reardon. (Alex has copies in the bookstore.) Talk to Kh Barbara with any questions.
- SAVE THE DATE: Eastern Diocese Virtual Spring Retreat is March 4-7. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH and led by His Grace Bishop THOMAS, all are invited to join us for the 2021 Spring Retreat of the combined Eastern Dioceses of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. The theme this year is "Exploring Servant Leadership" and all Zoom sessions are free and open to the public.
- Did you know Ancient Faith Ministries has resources to help you prepare for the upcoming Great Lent season? There are literally hundreds of hours of teaching on Great Lent and Pascha available from Ancient Faith Radio . You can browse by typing "Lent" or "Pascha" or "fasting" or other related terms into the search function. Here are just a few examples of what you will find.