



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | FEBRUARY 12, 2023

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST · Tone 2
LENTEN TRIODION: SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Today's Schedule

9am — Matins

10am — Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

11:45am–1pm — Church School

This Week at St. Mary's

Hours (Online) | weekday mornings @ 7:15am–7:45am

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Choir Rehearsal | 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Vespers | 7pm-7:40pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Philokalia Book Group | 12pm-1pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Adult Catechism | 3pm-4:30pm

Great Vespers with Bp. Andrei | 5pm-6pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Sunday of the Last Judgment

9am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy

Project Mexico Fundraiser Dinner | *at coffee hour*

Church School | 11:45am

Men's Fellowship | 6pm-8pm

UPCOMING

Lenten Calendar Crafting | Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 9am-11am

Great Lent Begins | Monday, Feb. 27

Great Canon | Monday-Thursday, Feb. 27-Mar. 2

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers | Sunday, March 5, 5pm-6:30pm @ Ss. Constantine & Helen in Silver Spring

St. Mary's Nats Game Outing | Sunday, May 21

Visit stmaryorthodox.org/calendar to stay updated on parish events and service times.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 2. Troparion of the Resurrection

WHEN Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, * Thou didst slay hell 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!”

Tone 4. Troparion of the Parish

TODAY the faithful celebrate the feast with joy * illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God. * Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you: * Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection. * Deliver us from every form of evil, * by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, // that He may save our souls!

Glory. *Tone 3. Kontakion from the Lenten Triodion*

I HAVE recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; *

and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave me. * And now I cry to You as the Prodigal: * “I have sinned before You, O merciful Father; * receive me as a penitent, // and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

Both now. *Tone 3. Kontakion of the Parish*

THE Virgin is present today in the Church * And with the fellowship of saints she prays to God on our behalf. * The angels and the bishops worship! * The apostles and the prophets make glad! // For the Theotokos makes supplications for us to the everlasting God!

PROKEIMENON

In the second tone: The Lord is my strength and my song, / He is become my salvation.

∿ *The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.*

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Food is meant for the belly and the belly for food, but God shall destroy them both, 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 by His own power. Do you not know that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the 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,” says He, “shall be one flesh.” But he that unites himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is committed outside the body, but he that commits fornication sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in you, which ye have of God, and you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your bodies and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Alleluia in the second tone:

∿ *May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!*

∿ *Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to thee!*

GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with 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, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Parish News & Announcements



Birthdays Caroline C., Alethea C., Brian H., Eugene H., Valentina H., Dmitri L., Maria R.

(\$22) REGISTER BY TOMORROW: Craft a Lent Calendar! (Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 9am-11am) Emilia J. will be leading a workshop to assemble a beautiful handmade calendar from Draw Near Designs to keep you on track through Lent. Offered through YAM, open to all in the parish, parents with young children especially encouraged to join! In anticipation of Cheesefare Sunday, cheesecake will be served! **Register for the event on Realm asap — tomorrow is the last day to register.** If you miss the deadline but still want to join, please contact Emilia on Realm.

SUBMIT BY TUESDAY: Volunteer to help the Capital Renovation Project and shape our parish future — We need your skills and abilities to push forward renovations on the parish! Volunteer signup sheets are available at the Connections Center. Please submit your signup sheet online **by this Tuesday, 2/14** or in person **today**. A meeting will be held on Friday for volunteers.

Support Project Mexico at next week's coffee hour (Sunday, Feb. 19) — Help the Project Mexico group raise funds for their trip to Northern Mexico to build a home for an impoverished family! You'll be able to donate through Realm with a special Project Mexico "memo" category.

Men's Fellowship meets next Sunday (Feb. 19) — In a continuation and expansion of our previous meeting, we will discuss the Orthodox man (already Orthodox or on the path) and family, friends, workplace, society — especially when in dialogue with Christians of other churches, members of other religions, non-believers, or those simply uncertain about their beliefs. We'll meet at the Faber residence in Springfield.

Connect with the parish at the Connections Corner — Stop by the Connections Corner in the fellowship hall during coffee hour to check out our ministries, newsletter, or meet a couple friendly faces. Great for visitors, inquirers, or if you just want to get more involved at church.



Next week's coffee hour (Feb. 19): **Project Mexico Fundraising Dinner**



Are you visiting? Welcome to St. Mary's!

We're delighted that you've joined us! Please feel free to watch, participate, or ask the person next to you if you have any questions. Here are a few things you can do to get acquainted with us:

- sign the **visitor's log** at the entrance of the church (called the "narthex")
- check out the **Connections Corner** in the fellowship hall to learn more about us, Orthodoxy, pick up a copy of our **newsletter** and **ministry brochure**, and meet a few friendly faces

We try to avoid entering or exiting the nave during readings, processions, or the sermon. Please note that to receive Holy Communion in our church, one must be baptized Orthodox, recently-confessed, and at peace with one's fellows. At the end of the service, everyone is welcome to come up to kiss the Cross, greet the priest, and receive blessed bread.

Please join us for coffee hour downstairs in the fellowship hall after liturgy. We'd love to meet you!