

**FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> of 2023**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32**

**Kontakion – Tone 3**

**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.”**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie and JoAnne. Amen!!!

**\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\***

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**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON** - The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the 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). After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel. Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death, Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

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## Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5 pm Saturdays

**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays

**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

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## Dates to Remember

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Great Vespers at 6 pm**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of February – Memorial Saturday**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of February – Meatfare Sunday**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Rectory Open House after Divine Liturgy**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm via ZOOM**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Thank you

HSOC Parish Council Members and Father Michael Pejovic would like to thank everyone who participated at the Annual Parish Council Meeting which took place on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> of 2023. You can find a copy of the Agenda and the 2023 Budget in the narthex.

### Our sincere gratitude

To all those who take the time to be present at His Eminence Archbishop Michael's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination. If you would like to see pictures from this event, please follow the link: [https://www.nynjoca.org/news\\_230207\\_1.html](https://www.nynjoca.org/news_230207_1.html)

### Letter of Archpriest Joseph Chupek to the HSOC

*"I acknowledge the support that you have provided to me these past months. You have uplifted my spirit many times. I thank you not only for your support but also for your sensitivity to my needs and the outpouring of your love. May God bless you all! With love in Christ, Father Joseph."*

### Memorial Saturday

Please plan to worship with us on Soul Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Divine Liturgy will be at 9 am and following will be the Memorial Service. This is a day set aside for the commemoration of the dead within the liturgical year of the Orthodox Church. This is a special time to remember our family and loved ones. If you have more names for the commemoration (aside from those that you already submitted for the proscamedia) please submit them to me, via email: [pejovicveljko@gmail.com](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com).

### Rectory Open House!

Matushka Mihaela and I would very much like to invite and welcome you to join us for a Potluck Lunch in the rectory on Meatfare Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> following Divine Liturgy. This will be a great opportunity to spend some good time together on the last meat day. Feel free to invite a family member or a friend to join us. Please speak with Matushka Mihaela or me to let us know that you'll be there and free to bring your favorite dish to share.

### Lenten retreat in Wappingers Falls

Saint Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church in Wappinger Falls will host Lenten For more information, please follow the link: [Home | St. Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church \(stgregoryny.org\)](http://Home | St. Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church (stgregoryny.org)).

### Soup for Sussex

Join us in supporting those in need this Super Bowl Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring cans of soup to church to donate to the Sussex Center, our chosen charity, for those less fortunate. Together, we can make difference!

### Have an item for the bulletin?

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