

# SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

5 FEBRUARY, 2012



Welcome to our Visitors: We are happy and honored to have you come to worship with us. You may find the worship of the Ancient Church very different. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. Please participate to whatever degree you feel comfortable. We invite you to join us for Coffee hour, held in the fellowship hall, immediately after the Divine Liturgy and ask that you make yourself known to our pastor, who would be happy to answer your questions. Since we understand Communion to be an act of the unity of our Faith and, while we work towards it, this unity regrettably does not now exist. Therefore only baptized Catholic Christians, in the State of Grace, are permitted to participate in the Holy Communion.

## Liturgy Schedule

5 February—12 February, 2012

### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Sat. 02/04 5:00 pm + Jane St. Pierre (Therese Landry)  
 Sun. 02/05 10:00 am Living and Deceased of Parish and Mission

Mon. 02/06 6:00 pm BS. BUCOLUS +  
 Tue. 02/07 BS. PARTHENIUS  
 Wed. 02/08 6:00 pm GREAT MARTYR THEODORE  
 Thur. 02/09 MARTYR NICEPHORUS  
 Friday 02/10 MARTYR CHARALAMPUS

### SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

Sat. 02/11 11:00 am 1st All Souls Liturgy and Panachida  
 5:00 pm Living and Deceased of Parish and Mission  
 Sun. 02/12 10:00 am + Esther Schwiesow (Mother of Letha Flint)

### WEEKLONG CANDLE INTENTIONS

ETERNAL LIGHT: Birthday Blessings on Aimee Francis (Heller Family)

THEOTOKOS: Spiritual Blessings for Kyra Koeff (Korine Leyden)

CZESTOCHOWA: Feb. Birthday Blessing on Parishioners of St. Nicholas & Bl. Theodore

*O Lord, Bless the Sacrificial Worship & Stewardship of Your Servants for St. Nicholas for:*

*Att.: 01/28-21 souls, 01/29-47 souls*



**BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am for an inspiring look at Sacred Scriptures. Dean Mandrell is our facilitator. Dean asks that you read I Cor. 8:8-9:2 & Mt. 25:31-46 for Sunday, February 12th.

### WEEK OF JAN. 29TH

TITHES	\$ 1,214.63
YOUTH	1.00
CANDLES	64.25
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,279.88</b>
AND	
BUILDING FUND	\$50.00

HEAL AND GRANT PEACE AND SALVATION TO ALL THE INFIRMED, O DIVINE PHYSICIAN: Fr. James Lane, Joe & Betty Bich; Evelyn Bodnar, Franklin M. Morri (grandfather of Wil Hostman), Aimee Francis Heller; Carol Hugar, Francine Armandariz, Ray Barrand, Wanda Griffin, (Marie Trueblood's mother), Rosemary Dunn (friend of parish), Kyra Koeff (daughter of Korine Leyden), Holy Rosary Academy & Lumen Christi, and all our Service Men and Women.

### Saturday of all Souls



begins this Saturday (Feb. 11th), and continues with three Saturdays during the Great Fast and concludes with the Saturday before Pentecost. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for deceased loved ones of our parish family and their names will be read during the Panachida Service after the Ambon Prayer. Please pick up an envelope at the entrance if you would like to have your family commemorated. Members of each family are encouraged to attend these Liturgies on the All Souls Saturdays. By your presence, prayers and reception of Holy Communion, you will strengthen the bond of Love with the deceased and keep their memory everlasting.

From the Philokalia: *"A man should strive to practice the life of virtue in a genuine way; for when this is achieved it is easy to acquire knowledge about God. When a man reveres God with all his heart and with faith, he receives through God's providence the power to control anger and desire; for it is desire and anger which is the cause of all anger,"*

THE GREAT FAST BEGINS MONDAY, Feb.20th Forgiveness Sunday (Feb. 19th), as a proper gateway into the period when we seek reconciliation with the Lord God, we will be given an opportunity to be reconciled to one another by mutually asking forgiveness from them. In ancient times in Eastern monasteries a beautiful custom existed in which the rite of mutual forgiveness on Cheesefare Sunday was performed. This rite of forgiveness was carried out in the evening, following a modest repast. All the monks in the presence of the faithful asked pardon of one another for past offences, then embraced, and gave each other the kiss of peace. The faithful did the same among themselves. In some places, while this rite of forgiveness was being carried out, the stichera of the Pasch (Resurrection) was sung: "Today the sacred Pasch has been shown forth to us ... " The last stichera ends with an appeal for mutual forgiveness: "and let us embrace one another and say: 'Brethren' even to those who hate us, and let us forgive all things..." The singing of the sticheras of the Pasch was to signify that just as during the season of the Easter, so now at the threshold of the Great Fast we should mutually ask pardon for offences for the sake of Christ who fasted, suffered and rose for our sake. So plan on joining us next weekend after the Divine Liturgies for the morning Vespers Service.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **SNOW DAYS:** We will follow the lead of the Anchorage school district to determine if the roads are unsafe for travel for weekday events (Liturgies, meetings, etc.); i.e., if school is cancelled events at Church are cancelled. However, you must use your best judgment whether it is safe to be on the roads to come to Church.
- **THEOPHANY HOME BLESSINGS:** If you would like Father James to come to bless your home with Jordan Water this holy season please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in parish hall. Please indicate a preference for a day of the week and whether evenings or afternoons work best for you.
- **Cantors for February 11th & 12th:** Sat.—Tim Main; and Sun. Rachel Bich

• **FIRST ALL SOULS LITURGY SATURDAY FEB. 11TH**