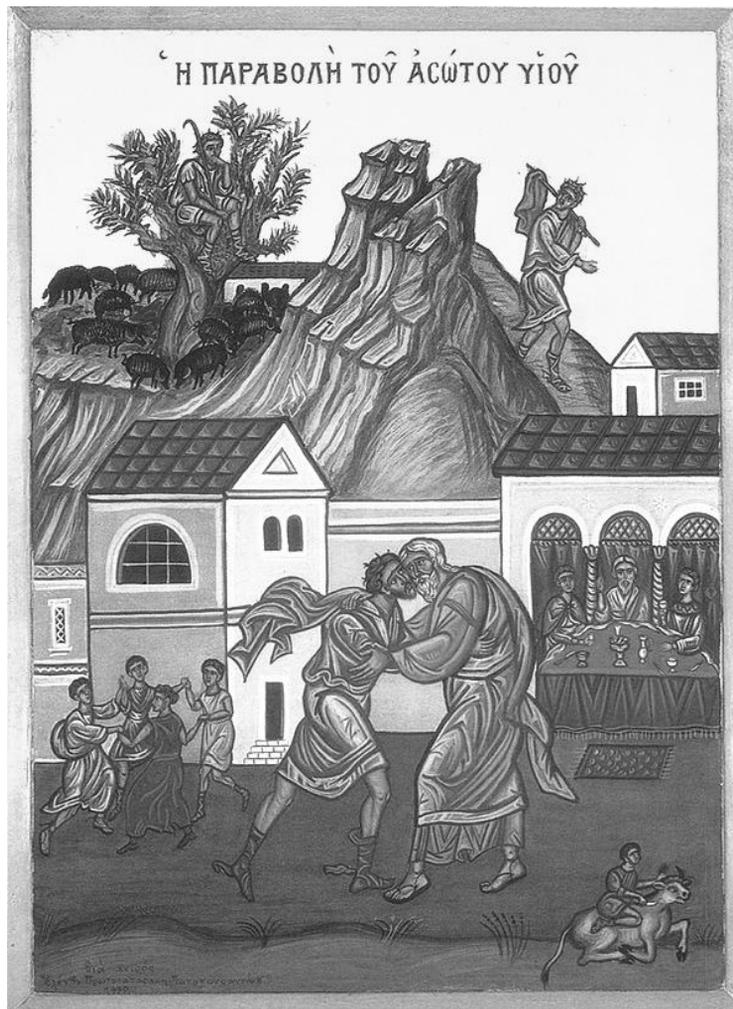


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 16, 2020**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Tone 2  
Second Preparatory Sunday for Great Lent**

#### PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2020

So far, for 2020, 18 pledge forms have been turned in – in just two Sundays of collecting pledges! – and approximately \$49,000 has been pledged. That's 67 percent of the stewardship income we will need to meet our 2020 budget.

We're making big progress, even since last week!

Please turn in your 2020 pledge form in the purple box in the back of the church. *Thank you* for your stewardship!

#### MANY YEARS TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND AUDITORS!

At the Jan. 26, 2020 Annual Parish Meeting, two new Parish Council members were elected: Carol Haluszczak (Secretary) and Alex Charlanow (Trustee). The Oath of Office will be administered today.

Two Auditors were also elected: Subdeacon Shawn Michael Karney and Samuel Payzant.

*Thank you* to our Parish Council members and Auditors!

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Today – The Prodigal Son (Second Preparatory Sunday Before Lent)

8:40 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Installation of New Parish Council Members and Parish Auditors; Fellowship Hour and Choir Rehearsal Afterward

### Tuesday, February 18

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

### Saturday, February 22 – Memorial Saturday

8:40 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hour

9:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy followed by Work Downstairs (see below)

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

### Sunday, February 23 – The Last Judgment (Third Preparatory Sunday Before Lent)

8:40 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Fellowship Hour and Choir Rehearsal Afterward

### COMING UP IN THE PARISH, THE DIOCESE, AND ELSEWHERE ...

- **Home Blessings Continue!** Please contact Fr. David to schedule your home blessing, or be ready to set a date when Father contacts you.
- **Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 PM: Parish Council Meeting**, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.
- **Saturday, February 22: Church Basement Clean-Up Day.** After the Memorial Divine Liturgy, for anyone able to help, please stay and let's straighten up the large storage room at the back of the fellowship area downstairs. Thank you!
- Friday-Saturday, April 3-5: Diocesan Lenten Teen Retreat, at Greenkill YMCA Retreat Center, 160 Big Pond Road, Huguenot, NY. [www.nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events](http://www.nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events)
- **Saturday, May 2 & Saturday, May 9: Social Hall Floor Re-Finishing Work Days.** Come help!
- **Friday – Sunday, May 15-17, Diocesan Altar Server Retreat**, at St. Basil Academy in Garrison NY. It'll be here before you know it, so families, please mark your calendars!
- **Saturday, May 30, Archbishop Michael's Archpastoral Visit to Our Parish.** Plan to be here!

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: MEMORIAL SATURDAYS STARTING FEB. 22

If you have names of departed loved ones to pray for that you have not already turned in in previous years, please give them to Subdeacon Shawn Karney. If you've given him names in previous years, then we already have them and will include them in our prayers at each of the Memorial Saturdays prior to and during Great Lent, starting next Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9:00 AM.

### Choir Members:

Next Rehearsals are Sun 2/16 after Liturgy; and Sun 2/23 after Liturgy. *Thank you!*

### BABY BOTTLES DUE BACK NEXT SUNDAY

Remember the baby bottle you received in church a few weeks ago and have been filling with cash ever since? Please bring it to church next week so that we can turn in our donations to the Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you!



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**TODAY'S EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Brethren: All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Food is for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality 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 power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 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 with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL** Luke 15:11-32 The Lord told 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.'" "