

First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the 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. Foods 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.

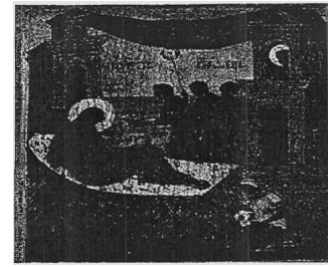
Alleluia

He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust!

Luke 15:11-32

Gospel

The Lord spoke 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 had 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.’”



Schedule

Saturday, March 9, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

3:30 P.M. Inquirer’s Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Last Judgment

Begin DST

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 16, 2024

3:30 P.M. Inquirer’s Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Forgiveness Sunday

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Monday - Thursday, March 18 -

21, 2024

7:00 P.M. Great Compline &

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 22, 2024

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 23, 2024

3:30 P.M. Inquirer’s Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Orthodoxy Sunday

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 25, 2024

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 3, 2024

39th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Martyr Eutropius of Amasea, and with him the Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus

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“Avail yourself of My gifts, not separately as self-lovers, but as My children, who should have everything in common; not grudging, but freely offering unto others the fruits of the work of my hands, remembering that I give them freely to you in accordance with My fatherly goodness and man-loving bountifulness. So it is in a family. When a father, mother, or brother brings presents, he bestows them upon all his children, or a brother upon his brothers; and if the children, the brothers and sisters, live in mutual love, then they do not feel happy or satisfied if their father or brother passes over one of them, or has not given one of them the same as he has given to others. And why is this? Because through their mutual love they feel as one body, because they are all like one - like a single person. So should each one of you behave. And I know how to reward you for the love which is so pleasing to Me. If I am bountiful even to those who do not fulfil My commandments - “The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully (St. Luke 12:16)” - then shall I not be bountiful to my true children, for whom I have duly predestined all of My bounties? Truly, I will! “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion (Romans 4:15; Exodus 33:19).” “If you fall, rise””

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Avrian	Catechumen Rebecca	Michael
Adrian	Marie	April
Raluca	Michael	Joseph
Bianca	Catechumen Mary	Michael
Lacri	Alexandra	Barb
Teo	Cyndi	Barbara
Tomas	Emily	Mark
Archbishop NATHANIEL	Samuel	Angela
Maryann	Benjamin	Elijah
Daniel	Sarah	Sophia
Matushka Magdalena	Avery	Matushka Tanya
Dorothy	Alan	Mary
Elijah	Jerry	Archpriest John
Subdeacon Andrew	Mary	Matushka Margaret
Theresa	Diana	Matthew
Lori Ann	Barbara	Priest Josef
Reader Stephen	Elaine	Archpriest Michael
Shawn	Victor	Reader Peter
Gabriella	Wilma	Patricia
		Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

Ervin	George	Archimandrite Innocent
Terry	<u>Priest Stephen</u>	Olga
Veronica	Matushka Olga	Francis
Brenda	Archpriest Thomas	Jean
Evelyn	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Edward
John	Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy
Archpriest Moses	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene

"and you shall be saved." You are a sinner, you continually fall, learn also how to rise; be careful to acquire this wisdom. This is what the wisdom consists in; learning by heart psalm, "Have mercy upon me, O God after Thy great goodness (Psalm 50)," inspired by the Holy Ghost to the king and prophet David, and say it with sincere faith and trust, with a contrite and humble heart. After your sincere repentance, expressed in the words of King David, the forgiveness of your sins shall immediately shine upon you from the Lord, and your spiritual powers will be at peace. The most important thing in life is to be zealous for mutual love, and not to judge anyone. Everybody shall answer for himself to God, and you must look to yourself. Beware of malice." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Thy Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

Thy Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Kontakia

Prodigal Son

TONE 3

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou hast given me. Therefore, I cry to Thee like the Prodigal: "I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

By thy Nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

Prokeimenon

TONE 6: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!
Vs. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!