

Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission

Worshiping at the Chapel of Church of the Resurrection –
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If there is ever an emergency, or illness, please call Fr. Maximus anytime!

Divine Liturgy – Sundays at 1:00 pm
Confession – Before Divine Liturgy, or by appointment

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Announcements: We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please join us following Divine Liturgy for an afternoon snack and to get to know one another. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Maximus, or any of the other Church members. We hope – and pray – that you will come back to our Church again soon and that your experience with us was spiritually rewarding. God Bless!



***Christ is Among Us! He is and He
Always Shall Be!***

Today's Epistle Reading: *Paul's First Letter to the 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 enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own

body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Today's Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:11-32*

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on 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, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Today's Saints and Feasts: Sunday of Prodigal Son; Cyrus and John the Unmercenary; Holy Women Martyrs Theodote, Theoktiste and Eudoxia; Our Righteous Father Arsenius of Parus

Parish Prayer List

For Health and God's Provision:

Metropolitan NICHOLAS

Mr. Michael-Marios

Fr. Dcn. Michael

For the Repose of the Soul:

Fr. Michael Conrad (+23 Sep 09)

Ms. Terry Steal (+31 Dec 09)

Patriarch Pavel of Serbia (+15 Nov 09)

Mr. Liam Murray (+01 Jan 10)

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare by Prayer, Fasting, and Confession. However, non-Orthodox visitors are WELCOME to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service. God Bless!

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians 9:7

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