

February 9, 2020 Tone 2  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son / 1 Corinthians 6 : 12 – 20 / Luke 15 : 11-32

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!  
¡Gloria a Cristo ! / ¡Gloria a Él para siempre!

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**Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):**  
9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies, or by  
appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**  
Must be arranged three months in advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning:**  
Must be arranged six months in advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Sick and Shut-ins:** It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm  
Thursday OFF

**THEOSIS:** 2nd & 4th Thursday  
Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 pm  
Bible Study 6:45 pm

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:** All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

**Advisory Board**

Fr. Chris Zuger, Dan Riley, Rafael Plut,  
Jeff Brewer, Michael Grega, Alicia Wells

**Finance Council**

Matthew Blain, Maria Alden

**OLPH Prayer Warriors**

Sunday 9:30 am in the  
conference room. Send  
your prayer requests to  
Patricia at [pcb@unm.edu](mailto:pcb@unm.edu)

Feb. 16 Body as Temple  
Feb. 23 Desert Wilderness  
March 1, Apple(s)

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur/  
Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!


**Today**                    **8:30 am Rosary**  
                                 **9:00 am Matins & Confessions**  
                                 **10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends**  
**ECF Classes**           **Blessing of Candles**  
                                 **Fr. Chris: +Joe Donlin, George Saade, John Schuler, Demetrius Yackanich**  
                                 **by Knights of Columbus**

**February 10**            ***Charalampus Martyr / 1 John 2:18-3:10; Mark 11:1-11***  
**Monday**  
  
9:00 am God's Blessing on Holly Watson by Jileks  
6:00 pm Pysanky Workshop in the Hall

**February 11**            ***Blasé Bishop-Martyr / 1 John 3:10-20; Mark 14:10-42***  
**Tuesday**  
  
9:00 am +Robert Grimm by Mia Salazar & Family  
6:30 pm CAFE meeting at UNM / Dating Project

**February 12**            ***Meletius Archbishop / 1 John 3:21-4:6; Mark 14:43-15:1***  
**Wednesday**  
  
10—11:30 am in the Hall *The Bible & the Virgin Mary* video series  
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
6:00 pm Health and salvation of Kate Patrick by Svenssons  
Fr. Chris: +Fr. Francis Vivona

**February 13**            ***Martinian Venerable / 1 John 4:20-5:21; Mark 15:1-15***  
**Thursday**  
  
6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner  
6:45 pm THEOSIS Bible Study

**February 14**            ***Death of Cyril Apostle to the Slave / Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16***  
**Friday**  
 9:00 am Prayer and witness in front of Abortion Clinic on San Mateo  
6:00 pm +Msgr. Francis Xavier Eggert by Mary Alice Cooper  
Fr. Chris: Intention of Donor

**February 15**            ***1st All Souls Saturday / 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Luke 21:8-9.25-27.33-36***  
**Saturday**  
  
9:00 am 1st All Souls Liturgy followed by Panachida

**February 16**            ***Sunday of Meat Fare / 1 Corinthians 8:8-92; Matthew 25:31-46***  
**Sunday**  
  
4:00 pm Great Vespers  
5:00 pm +Donald Riley by Rileys

**ECF Classes**           **8:30 am Rosary**  
                                 **9:00 am Matins & Confessions**  
                                 **10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends**  
                                 **Fr. Chris: Intention of Perez-Santiago Family**

## Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers:

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine.

Sharif Rabadi	Fr. Julian Gnall	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Abraham	Ruth Sousa
Priscilla Hughes	Haddad	Linda Granci
Steve Jakymiw	Phillip Fall	Kris Nelson
Marilyn Fore	Olga Bodnar	Vicki Frank
Sven & Barbara	Marianne	Christopher
Svensson	Gerace	Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Paula Amrein	Tracy McTernan
Brent Dodson-	Lori Medina	Scott Fafrak
Sands	Michael Baron	Jordan Smith
Fr. Stephen	Dorothy Curl	
Casmus		



Vocation Icon

Today: Blain Family

Next Sunday: Riley Family

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group.

### Intentions of the Rosary

- 1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul



### Holy Father's Intentions for February Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**Dear Parish Family:** Due to a lack of participation by adults and parents to maintain a reliable schedule of **supervision for the patio/courtyard**, the Advisory Board hereby issues a formal rescission of the prior patio/courtyard policy. Parents are and always have been responsible for supervising their own children or arranging for supervision while on the patio/courtyard or parish property. The Advisory Board takes this opportunity to remind parents that your decision to allow your children to play on the patio/courtyard or anywhere on parish property with or without your direct supervision is taken at your own risk and based on your own judgement. Finally, this is your parish and we hope to maintain it for future generations, therefore, we encourage all parishioners to teach their children to be respectful of the parish buildings and landscape. Thank you for your cooperation!

May the Lord Bless your kindness and generosity to His House!

**February 16, 2020**

Cantor	Evie Jilek
Reader	Sven Svensson
Trojca	Lucy Wells
Greeter	Eva Schuler Miles Gloetzner
Usher	Dan Riley Jeff Brewer
Counter	Michael Wells Miles Gloetzner
Host	Garcia Family
Church Cleaners	Tom Plut Michael Paul Mary Blain
Altar Servers:	Michael Grega Daniel Fogg Jerry Jilek Elijah Jilek Cyrus Dodson-Sands Caden Dodson-Sands

**All Women** - mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Ladies Brunch and Lenten Video Retreat to take place on Saturday, March 7th from 11 am - 1:30 pm at the Loescher's. Contact Cindy for more information.

**Pysanky Workshops:** OLPH will host a series of instructional workshops for those interested in learning how to make pysanky (decorated Easter eggs). The workshops will be held twice a month from January-March and are open to all (children do need a supervising adult). Supplies are needed for all participants, so please RSVP with Andrea Riley: 505-220-9137 or [andrea.riley@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.riley@gmail.com). Monday evening workshops will be held on 2/10, & 3/9 at 6pm. Saturday morning workshops will be on 2/29, & 3/28 at 9am

**Barbara's Hall Report**

Thanks to Mary Blain for making her world famous Frito Pie. Thanks Mary. Everyone always looks forward to it when they see your name on the host schedule. It was delicious, as usual!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

<b>Monday Feb 17</b>	6:00 pm Advisory Board meeting
<b>Monday Feb 24</b>	<b>Start of the Great Fast</b> 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing
<b>Sunday March 1</b>	<b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Procession with Icons / Blessing of Icons
<b>Thursday March 12</b>	Nutroll baking
<b>Saturday March 21</b>	Holubki making
<b>Wednesday March 25</b>	<b>Annunciation of the Theotokos/Solemn</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
<b>Thursday March 26</b>	<b>7:00 pm Great Canon of St. Andrew</b>
<b>Saturday May 2</b>	<b>10:00 am—4:00 pm Annual Byzantine Bazaar</b>

### Cantor Corner

**Propers for 2/16/20 -  
Meatfare Sunday  
Tone 3**

**Troparion (Tone 3) - DL  
135**

*v. Glory...*

**Kontakion(Meatfare) -  
DL 217**

*v. Now & Ever ...*

**Theotokoion- DL 406**

**Prokeimenon & Alleluia - DL 217 & 218**

**Our Father- DL 68**

**Communion Hymn - DL  
78 & 213 [A]**

### Movie nights on Fridays of Great Fast!

Every Friday during the Great Fast we will be having a meatless potluck AND projector movie night in the hall after Presanctified Liturgy. If you're building up Lenten muscles like me, adding Fridays will be a great practice that will strengthen you and our parish. Below is our tentative movie list for the 6 Fridays of Lent, all of which are family friendly except for 2 nights when 2 movies will be playing. Contact Miles if you have questions.

1) Clare and Francis (3 hours 18 minutes—first half)

2) Clare and Francis (next half)

3) What is Man for a Woman and Woman for a Man (13ish+) & The Messengers: The Birth of the Early Church (The Witness Trilogy for children)

4) Mother Teresa Life

5) Mother Teresa Legacy

6) The Island (13ish+) & War of the Vendee (children)

### **OLPH Bazaar ~ Save the dates!!!**

Our annual OLPB Bazaar will be **May 2, 2020!**

Calling all who are interested to participate in making Holubki (Stuffed Cabbage rolls) on Saturday, March 21.

And come learn the art of Nutroll Baking **Thursday, March 12th**. Please contact Rafael or Alicia for more details.

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

The **first hidden message** lies in the staging of the two protagonists: the repentant son, and the all-loving father. The **second message** is that of what the son is wearing: he is shown in plain brown clothing, **colors of emptiness, of the desert wastes**. Next, notice that **he inclines his head forward**, as is proper for the lesser to greet the greater.

The father's image is especially fascinating. First, he is shown in action: his robes are **literally flying behind him because he has rushed to greet** this son who wasted everything but has returned. Second, the father is shown as a venerable man, white-haired and bearded. This emphasizes the pain he suffered in waiting, and in having been rejected by the young man: **how could a young man have so insulted an elderly father like that?** See how the two faces blend together, in absolute tenderness. The full positioning of the faces tells us that the sinful son has been redeemed.

But **the real message** is in my last observation: **the iconographer depicted the father wearing the divine colors of red and blue**. He stands for God the Father, the Source of all life, the One Who Is for all time, with the white hair and beard of the Ancient of Days seen by St Daniel the Prophet in his vision. The iconographer does not want us to have any misconceptions at all – **the sinner who can bring nothing to this scene except his besmirched soul and his sorrow, is being acknowledged, embraced, and forgiven, by a God Who rushes to love us. A God Who rushes** to us when we make that first repentant step toward Him again. **What other faith offers anything like this?**

*What is in the Parable:*

The **“prodigal son”** does not mean the repentant son. **“Prodigal”** is a medieval word for someone who spends recklessly, without necessity, or is lavish in all purchases. Thus, the prodigal son has gone through his entire inheritance, has no money left, and has ended up caring for pigs which are impure to all Jews. In his decision to return home, he will lose “face” among everyone for having wasted the money, and putting himself as the **least servant would be the most appropriate position for him**. The least servant was responsible for garbage and for cleaning the feet of visitors after they walked through filthy streets.

**It is the amazing decision of the father which reverses all of his plans**. First, the father has been **watching for him**, a sign of his feeling of loss. Second, the **father runs to him**, in an extravagant gesture of love, and embarrassing himself among the people for doing so, especially to a sinful son! Finally, **the father redeems this wastrel son with three gestures:**

First, the **fine robe** - the son is restored to the family.

Second, **the ring** – the son is restored to his role as son and heir even though he has squandered his share.

Third, **the sandals** – the son had resigned himself to cleaning filthy feet, but now he is given footgear which only the rich could afford to wear daily.

In the father's compassion, **the son is not only redeemed, he is embraced with extravagant love**, as the killing of the fatted calf and banquet show. He is welcomed back far beyond his expectations as a sinner – and the same extravagant love awaits us from God the Father when we repent and turn back to Him. (Description of the Icon by Fr Chris Zugger)

Finally, this parable offers us insight into the world in which we live. It is a world where the activities of people are disconnected and not ordered toward the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for life. It is a world of incoherent pursuits, of illusory strivings, of craving for foods and drinks that do not satisfy, a world where nothing ultimately makes sense, and a world engulfed in untruth, deceit and sin. It is the exact opposite of the world as created by God and potentially recreated by his Son and Spirit. There is no cure for the evils of our age unless we return to God. The world in which we live is not a normal world, but a wasteland. This is why in the Slavic tradition the reading of Psalm 137 is added to the Matins service for this and the following two Sundays. This nostalgic lament of the Hebrew exiles states: "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept as we remembered Zion. On the willows we hung our harps, for how could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land" (Psalm 137).

Here we can see the challenge of life in this world and the alienation from God that can happen when sin reigns in our lives. As a result of sin in our lives, we lose the joy of communion with God, we defile and lose our spiritual beauty, and we find ourselves far away from our real home, our real life. In true repentance, we realize this, and we express a deep desire to return, to recover what has been lost. On this day the Church reminds us of what we have abandoned and lost, and beckons us to find the desire and power to return. Our Heavenly Father is waiting and ready to receive us with His loving forgiveness and His saving embrace.

(Source: <http://lent.goarch.org/prodigalson/learn>)

# Pysanky Workshops 2020

