

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For eternal memory of:**

Maria Markevich (Sept. 7 1921 – Feb. 21 2013) offered by Tatsiana Markevich-DaGrosa

For health of:

Joyce DaGrosa, offered by her grandson Mark DaGrosa.

Readings:

- **1 Corinthians 6:12-20** (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)
- **Luke 15:11-32** (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

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.

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.'"

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:****Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****(Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)****(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month.)****(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)****Church School – 9:30 AM**

No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **The services of Great Lent for 2013** have been announced and posted on our website and on the bulletin boards of our church. The **Canon of St. Andrew of Crete will be served on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 PM.** We will celebrate the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** on **Wednesdays** this year at **6:30 PM.**
- **The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will be sponsoring two upcoming pre-Lenten Luncheons:**
 1. **March 10th – Meatfare Luncheon. (Next Sunday)**
The last day Orthodox Christians can eat meat before the Lenten Fast. Delicious Slavic specialties will be served. The cost is \$5.00 payable at the door.
 2. **March 17th – Cheesefare Luncheon.**
The last day Orthodox Christians can eat dairy products before the Lenten Fast. Non-meat delicacies featuring blini, pierogi, and other dairy delights will be served. The cost is \$5.00 payable at the door.
- **Choir practice for Pascha services** will be held every Sunday at 9:30 beginning **March 17th.**

Special Announcements:

- **Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2013, Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200.** Partial payments are gladly accepted.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org

Pre lent:

Sunday of the Prodigal Son:

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to *come to ourselves*, as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being *"in a far country"* far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only *"arise and go,"* confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that *"home"* where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**



**Glory
Forever**

Sunday Of The Prodigal Son

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

Kontakion

Today the Church remembers:

Sunday Of The Prodigal Son • Martyr Eutropius of Amasea, and with him Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus (ca. 308) • St. Piama, Virgin (337) • Ss. Zeno and Zoilus.

March 3, 2013

**Tone 6 of the Octoechos
Triodion week 2**

**3rd Sunday before Lent
39th Sunday after Pentecost**