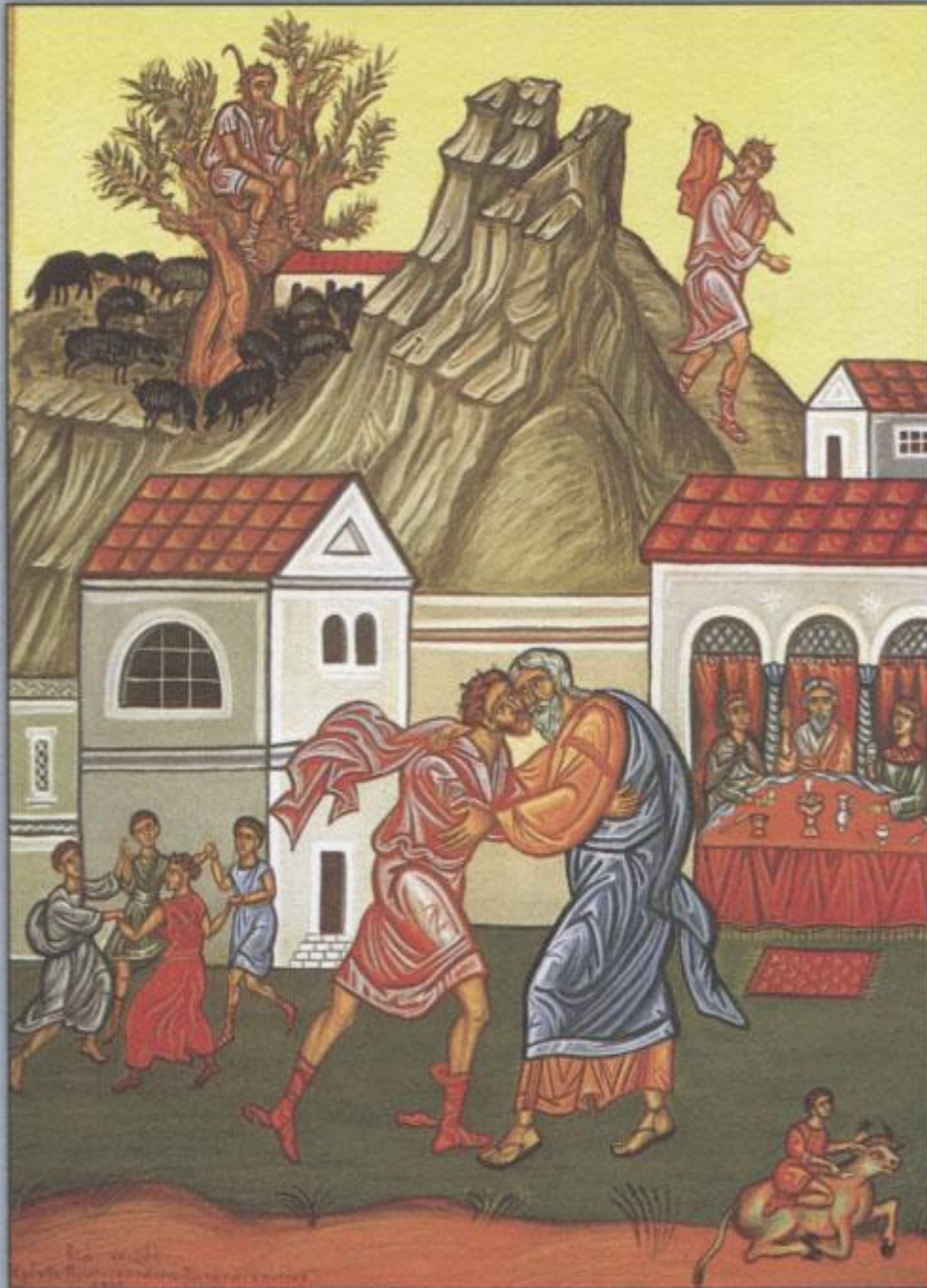



SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

SUNDAY Feb 9 Tone 2	SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON 1 Cor 6:12-20 Lk15:11-32	9:40 AM: 3 rd Hour** 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM) Refreshments after Liturgy (Team 3) <i>**Please join in the chanting</i> PARISH MEETING IN THE HALL FOLLOWING LITURGY
Monday Feb 10	Charalampus Martyr 1 Jn 2:18-3:10 Mk 11:1-11	
Tuesday Feb 11	Blasé Bishop - Martyr 1 Jn 3:10-20 Mk 14:10-42	7:00 PM GA Meeting in the Hall
Wednesday Feb 12	Meletius Archbishop 1 Jn 3:21-4:6 Mk 14:43-15:1	9:00 – 9:45 AM: Confessions 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM)
Thursday Feb 13	Martinian Venerable 1 Jn 4:20-5:21 Mk 15:1-15	
Friday Feb 14	Death of Cyril Apostle to the Slavs Heb 7:26-8:2 Jn 10:9-16	 <i>Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance.</i>
Saturday Feb 15	1st All Souls Saturday 1 Cor 10:23-28 Lk 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36	8:00 AM-12 PM: Eritrean Orthodox Divine Liturgy 2:00 PM Panachida 3:00-3:45 PM: Confessions 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy (SN)
SUNDAY Feb 16 Tone 3	SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE 1 Cor 8:8-9:2 Mt 25:31-46	9:40 AM: 3 rd Hour** 10:00 AM: Liturgy (SSCM) Refreshments after Liturgy: POTLUCK (Team 4 Set up/Clean up) <i>**Please join in the chanting</i>

Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak to Father Mark.

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

February 9, 2020

WELCOME!

If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy to have you share with us in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

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Byzantine Catholic Greetings

Glory to Jesus Christ!	Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!	Slava na viki! (<i>Slavonic</i>)
Doxa si o Kyrios!	Panda doxa! (<i>Greek</i>)
Laudetur Jesus Christus!	Semper Laudetur! (<i>Latin</i>)
¡Gloria a Jesucristo!	¡Gloria por siempre! (<i>Spanish</i>)
Gloire à Jésus Christ!	Gloire pour toujours! (<i>French</i>)
Sia lodato Gesù Cristo!	Sempre sia lodato! (<i>Italian</i>)

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Please remember in your prayers:

Sophia and John Patrick Rose, Fr. Mark and family

Please pray for the repose +of the souls of our faithful departed:

+Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey

*In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of
Your Departed Servants and May their Memory be Eternal.*

LOST AND FOUND

A plastic bin has been set up in the hall and marked "Lost and Found." Items found in the Church, in the hall or on the grounds will be placed in this bin. If you are missing a hat, gloves, plates, etc. check here. Items will be kept for a month or so before being donated.

NEWS FOR THE BYZANTEENS

ByzanTEENS is an official ministry of the Catholic Metropolitan Church of the USA. The ministry is a function of the Intereparchial Youth Commission, whose members serve in each of the four eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church and is guided by an episcopal moderator. Under the leadership of Rachel Blair, the calendar of activities is listed below. The teens meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Times may be adjusted during the Great Fast.

March 4, 2020	Our Father: More than just the words we say
April 1, 2020	How to not be the Fool: Exploring the Psalms
April 25, 2020	Fundraiser TBD
May 15-17, 2020	Spring Retreat to Mountains and White Water Rafting
June 3, 2020	Year Wrap Up Party/Byzanteen Rally Prep
June 25-28, 2020	Byzanteen Rally in San Diego, CA HAS BEEN POSTPONED

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6*

Fun with Faith - Children's Activities

In an effort to provide more "fun with the Faith" for our children, we will provide activities and treats for Saint Valentine's Day this Sunday after Liturgy.

We also have Meat Fare and Cheese Fare coming up to provide fun and a learning opportunity about our Faith for our youth. If you are interested in helping plan these activities, please contact Laura (ledriscoll14@aol.com) or Nancy Driscoll (etss3@aol.com). Thanks!

SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE

The **Eritrean Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month (February 15 and February 29).

The **Coptic Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (February 8 and February 22).

VOLUNTEER GREETERS

Feb 9: Deaton **Mar 1:** McKenny
Feb 16: Sapsara **Mar 8:** Taylor, Marie
Feb 23: Morgan **Mar 15:** Taylor, Michael

READERS SCHEDULE

Feb 9: Patti K **Mar 1:** Travis K
Feb 16: Paul T **Mar 8:** Mary Rose P
Feb 23: Angela T **Mar 15:** Justin M

SOCIAL HOUR REFRESHMENTS

Please make our parish welcoming to everyone by remembering to bring refreshments, set up, and clean up on the Sunday assigned to your household.

Team 3: Feb 9, 2020 Driscoll, Kovach, Carpenter	Team 6: Mar 1, 2020 Tsakanikas, Lamb, Kibbe
Team 4: Feb 16, 2020 - Meat Fare Rubush, Deaton, Tooley	Team 1: Mar 8, 2020 Kingery, Morgan, McKenny
Team 5: Feb 23, 2020 - Cheese Fare Gigliotti, Zordich, McCarty	Team 2: Mar 15, 2020 Taylor, Blair, Uργο

Fr. Mark has requested that children must have assistance filling their plates. "If they cannot reach the top of the counter, an adult needs to help them get their food."

Sunday Feb 16th is Meat Fare Sunday, also known as the Sunday of the Last Judgment. Our church continues to prepare us by easing us into the Great Fast. Meat Fare Sunday is the last day meat can be eaten before Pascha! Dairy products are allowed on each day of this week, even Wednesday and Friday. In celebration of Meat Fare Sunday, we ask that each family bring a meaty dish to share for the meal after Liturgy on Sunday Feb 16th. The team assigned for this Sunday will be responsible for set up and clean up.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you would like to help, please contact Joe Deaton or Michelle Rubush. We need to have enough volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Thank you to our current volunteers!

Feb 9-14	Rose	Mar 1-6	Taylor, M
Feb 16-21	Lorraine	Mar 8-13	Tsakanikas, E
Feb 23-28	Deaton and Cwik	Mar 15-20	Tsakanikas, G

RETURN FROM EXILE

Repentance is often simply identified as a cool and "objective" enumeration of sins and transgressions, as the act of "pleading guilty" to a legal indictment. Confession and absolution are seen as being of a juridical nature. But something very essential is overlooked--without which neither confession nor absolution have any real meaning or power. This "something" is precisely the feeling of alienation from God, from the joy of communion with Him, from the real life as created and given by God. It is easy indeed to confess that I have not fasted on prescribed days, or missed my prayers, or become angry. It is quite a different thing, however, to realize suddenly that I have defiled and lost my spiritual beauty, that I am far away from my real home, my real life, and that something precious and pure and beautiful has been hopelessly broken in the very texture of my existence. Yet this, and only this, is repentance, and therefore it is also a deep desire to return, to go back, to recover that lost home.

I received from God wonderful riches: first of all life and the possibility to enjoy it, to fill it with meaning, love and knowledge; then -- in Baptism -- the new life of Christ Himself, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the peace and the joy of the eternal Kingdom. I received the knowledge of God, and in Him the knowledge of everything else and the power to be a son of God. And all this I have lost, all this I am losing all the time, not only in particular "sins and transgressions," but in the sin of all sins: the deviation of my love from God, preferring the "far country" to the beautiful home of the Father. But the Church is here to remind me of what I have abandoned and lost.

+Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Ignited by Truth

Thanks to Lisa Rose for volunteering to be the liaison for our parish and Ignited by Truth. The Ignited by Truth Conference is dedicated to bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith." More information is available on their website: ignitedbytruth.org

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Luke 6:38

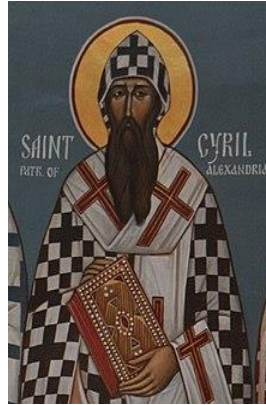
If you prefer, you may tithe directly to the church by US mail or by using PayPal.

February 2, 2020

Offertory	\$1450.26
TOTAL	\$1450.26

ICON OF SAINT CYRIL, TEACHER OF THE SLAVS

February 14th



Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, the two Greek brothers, Saints Cyril and Methodius, ultimately became missionaries, teachers and patrons of the Slavic peoples. After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk) refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. He withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post.

A decisive change in their lives occurred when the Duke of Moravia (present-day Czech Republic) asked the Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy (having their own clergy and liturgy). Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task. Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern Liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet (for example, modern Ukrainian and Russian) from Greek capital letters.

Together they translated the Gospels, the Psalms, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic Liturgy. That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new Liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. St. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.

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4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas Mission)

Sunday

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

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THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

"He arose and went to his father." He arose from the wreckage of his conscience and body alike. He arose from the depths of hell and touched the heights of heaven. Before the heavenly Father, a child rises higher because of pardon than he fell low because of guilt.

"He arose and went to his father." He went not by the motion of his feet but by the progress of his thought. Being afar off he had no need of an earthly journey, because he had found short cuts along the way of salvation. He who seeks the divine Father by faith soon finds Him present to himself, and has no need to seek Him by traversing roads.

"He arose and went to his father. But when he was yet a long way off." How is he who is coming a long way off? Because he has not yet arrived. He who is coming is coming to do penance, but he has not yet arrived at grace. He is coming to his Father's house but he has not yet reached the glory of his former condition, appearance, and honor.

"But when he was yet a long way off, his father saw him." That Father saw, he "who dwells on high; and looks down on the low things," "and the high he knows afar off." "His father saw him." The father saw him, in such a way that the son could also behold his father. The father's countenance illumined the face of the approaching son in such a way that all the dark aspect was dispelled which his guilt had previously cast about it.

St. Peter Chrysologus

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