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THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32
Tone: Six

St. John the Baptist

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

BRETHREN, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered by the Mandalakis and Allen Families for the health and welfare of those living members and for those departed this life in Christ.

The Coffee Reception this morning is offered by the Franz and Galla Families. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just

"Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Due to the weather and other circumstances, the **next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019** at 7:30 PM. This meeting will be inclusive of the February and March meetings. Again, for the months of February and March, the Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, **March 6th. PLEASE BE ON TIME!**
2. Save the Date - **Saturday March 2nd Mardi Gras 2019 - Beefsteak by Nightingales** - DJ Dancing - Alternate choices available for non beef eaters - Tickets go on Sale February 10 at Coffee Hour.
3. **SAVE THE DATE, MARCH 8, 2019 6:30 PM. St. Anthony's Tricky Tray.** Please bring your family donations in now for our upcoming fundraiser on Friday, March 8, 2019. Even a small donated item(s) become something BIG when packaged up into our over 200 Theme Baskets needed for this event to be a huge success. Thank you for supporting the St. Anthony Tricky Tray. See Leslie Carter or Betty Gakos for information. In addition, "See Pam Scarpa or Carol Giffen for tickets today. This will be the last social event sponsored by our parish before Great Lent begins on Pure Monday, March 11th."
4. As we move closer to Great Lent 2019, the special services have been scheduled for Wednesdays and Fridays. Thus, the "Sunday of Forgiveness" (Cheese-Fare Sunday falls on Sunday, March 10th, followed by the **First Presanctified Liturgy (6:45 PM)** on Wednesday, March 13th and the **First Akathist Hymn** on Friday, March 15th (7:30 PM). Other special services will be announced in the Bulletin during Lent. Some days to keep in mind:
 - March 17th, Orthodoxy Sunday
 - March 30th, Saturday of the Souls
 - March 31st, Adoration of the Cross
 - April 21st, Palm Sunday
 - April 28th, Holy PASCHAPlease follow the Lenten schedule sent to our homes.
5. **THINKING OF SPRING? THEN THINK ANNUAL YARD SALE:** Items are needed for the annual Yard Sale - **May 16, 17, & 18**. Are there items sitting in your attic, basement or garage that you haven't used in a few years? Do the kids no longer play with that toy or game? Are you tired of wearing that tie or necklace? If so, kindly put them aside to donate in May to this major fundraiser, which is entirely, **profit** for our church. Please contact Valerie Joseph for additional information.
6. There will be a **Lenten Retreat** at the **Holy Protection Monastery** in PA on Saturday, April 6th. For more info please see Father Michael or Alison Deeb.
7. **We will also have special education programs**, the complete list which will be published in the Lenten Schedule and mailed to our homes. These will be held basically on Fridays of Lent: March 29, April 5, April 12 and April 19. You will not want to miss these!