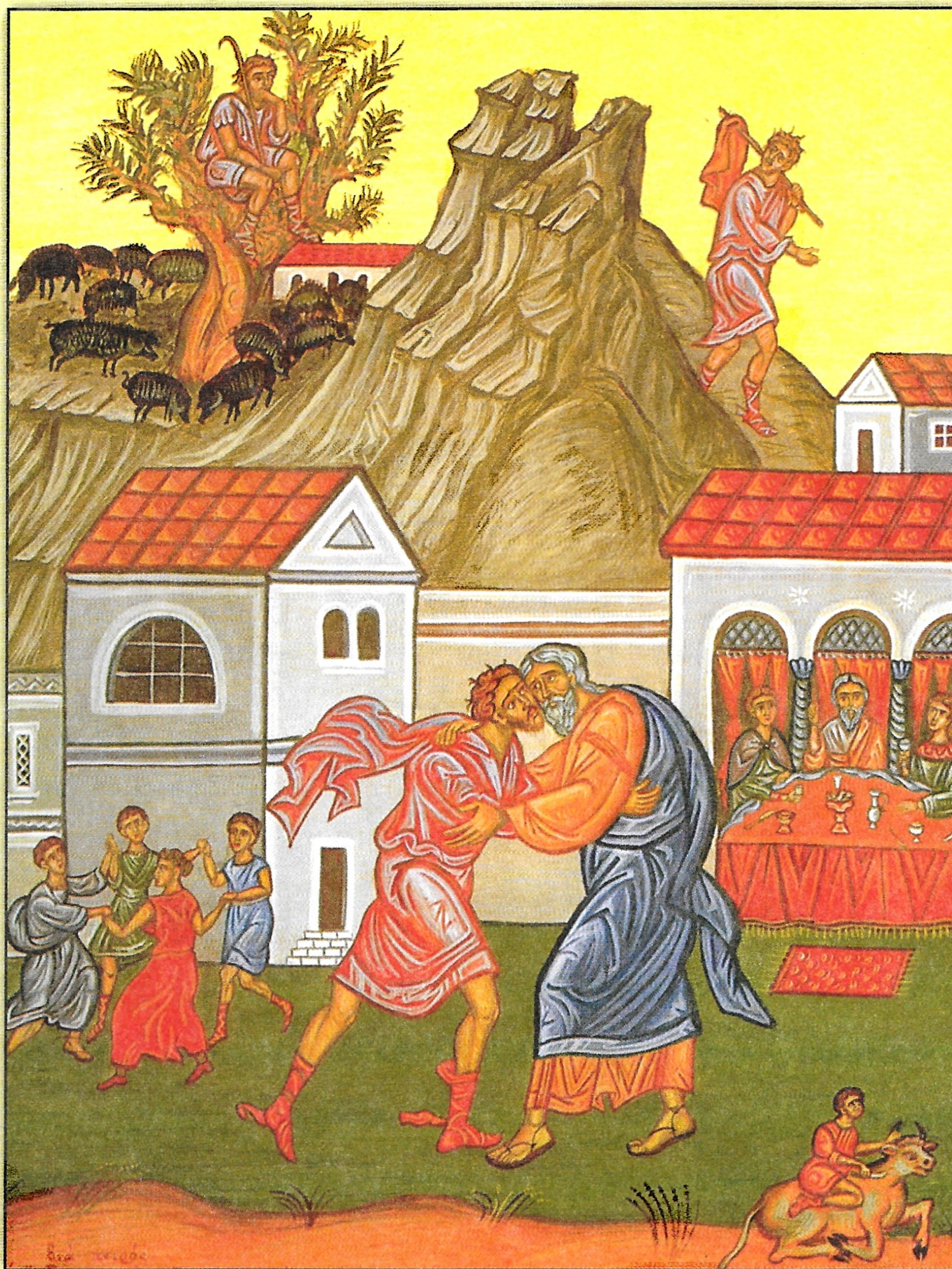


SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

Despite His Sin, the Spirit Was Still with the Son

It was the same with the younger son who squandered his property and wasted his father's property living among prostitutes. Despite all this, he did not lose his honorable title of son. In the land of captivity, having rejected his father, he rather remembered, "How many hired servants are at this moment in my father's house who have more than enough bread, but here am I perishing from hunger."

He was still a sinner. He had sinned to such an extent that he had thrown to the winds with his misdeeds the entire inheritance he had received from his father. He still called God his father. This indicates that the grace of the Spirit, which authorizes him to call God Father, did not depart from him.

We are unable to employ this term of address and call God Father, except through the authority of the Holy Spirit who is within us. It is well known that those who have not yet become God's children by the holy rebirth of baptism are not authorized to use this term. They are not permitted to say, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." The apparent reason for this is that the Holy Spirit is not yet within them to give them this authorization. It is well known to all that, when they approach the holy mysteries, the newly baptized all repeat this prayer with confidence in accordance with the tradition handed down by our Lord, and then they proceed to the holy mysteries.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ"
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Jan. 30-31, 2021
The Prodigal Son

THIS WEEKEND we will livestream the Holy Liturgy on Saturday, at 6 pm for all our parish elderly and ailing folks, as well as for our live-stream audience from New England to Florida, the Carolinas to California. We thank all our dear faithful for being with us in song and in prayer this Saturday evening.

NEXT WEEKEND we are scheduled to livestream the Holy Liturgy on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 9 am. Be sure to inform all your friends and relatives from near and far about this great opportunity to be with us to sing our English and Ukrainian hymns in honor to the Lord Jesus.

WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL to all our Parishioners for their generous gifts to our Church during these troubled times. We thank those who bring their donations to Church, as well as all the folks who mian their gifts to the parish office. It is surely obvious that our vibrant parish remains open and alive only because of your goodness and love of God.

LATER THIS COMING WEEK WE HAVE TENTATIVE PLANS TO SING THE BURIAL PRAYERS for +Howard Lyboldt, 79, N. Palm Beach, Florida. Dr. Howard was a long-serving dentist in the Palm Beach area and was married to Joanne Klus of King of Prussia, PA. Our Parish prays today that the Good Lord Jesus will now take +Dr. Howard home to Heaven to sing with the Angels above.

OUR PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL is doing quite well with some 65 students and a staff of dedicated professionals with ten teachers and Principal Dr. George Maxim. We have students in every grade from PreSchool through Highschool, including First communion. Parents can now enroll their children by beaming up the Parish website and filling out the school registration form, tehn submit this form. We will contact you and invite your osns/daughters onto the appropriate classroom.

Beautiful 2021 CHURCH CALENDARS are AVAILABLE TODAY FOR ALL OUR FOLKS. We have these calendars in both English and Ukrainian for your convenience. Be sure to take a calendar home for your relatives and neighbor today. Also we sure to check out the 2021 church donation boxes in the church basement and take home these items for yourself and all your family. The Lord will surely bless you for your good deed.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 30, 6 pm

+Jane Walsh (Dan Francis Family)

Sunday, Jan. 31, 9 am

+Wasył and Anastasia (Maruszczak F.)

Saturday, Feb. 6, 6 pm

+Zenny Martyniuk Sr. (Zenny and Dorrie)

~~Sunday, Feb. 7, 9 am~~

+Ann, Mike Santangelo (Son Jimmy)

Sunday, Feb. 7, 9 am

+George, Mary Halas (Cindy, Elaine)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

You did rise again from the grave, You did raise the dead, so today Adam and Eve rejoice in Your Resurrection, along with all the ends of the world, O Merciful Jesus.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

I have foolishly estranged myself from Your Fatherly Glory and wasted the riches You gave me. Today I offer You the prayer of the Prodigal Son: "O Bountiful Father. I have sinned before You. Take me back as I repent and make me a servant."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

O Lord Jesus, I have sinned by abandoning You. Take me back into Your Holy House once again.

Fr. Ronald