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DIVINE LITURGY—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022, TONE 2/EOTHINON 2
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

LEO, BISHOP OF CATANIA IN SICILY; VENERABLE VISSARION THE GREAT OF EGYPT;
AGATHON, POPE OF ROME



THE FIRST ANTIPHON (Psalm 91)

+ *It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name, O Most High.*

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

+ *To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night. (Refrain)*

+ *Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
(Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Psalm 92)

+ *The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and hath girt Himself.*

Refrain: O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

+ *For He established the world which shall not be shaken. (Refrain)*

+ *Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days. (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

HYMN OF ST. JUSTINIAN

Only Begotten Son and Word of God, who art immortal, Thou didst take on Thee for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and without change was made man, and was crucified also, O Christ our God, and by Thy death hast death subdued. Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O save, O save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON: RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO (Psalm 94:1)

+ *Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.*

Refrain: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; Save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANNA, Righteous Ancestor of God, Mother of the Theotokos:

O Godly-minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever blessed one.

KONTAKION FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE

In my folly have I strayed from the glory, O Father, all the wealth thou gavest to me I have in wickedness squandered. Wherefore, now, the prayer of the prodigal, to thee do I cry, I have sinned against thee merciful Father, receive me, a penitent and make me as one of the lowliest servants.

TRISAGION HYMN

People: (*sung*) Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*Three times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Priest: *With Strength!*

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

~THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGS~

THE EPISTLE (For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Priest: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. (Psalm 32:22,1)

Priest: *Wisdom.*

Reader: **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)**

Priest: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members

of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

ALLELUIA FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON, TONE ONE (Psalm 17:48,51)

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *O God who givest avengement unto me and hast subdued peoples under me.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *It is He that magnifieth the salvation of His king and worketh mercy for His anointed, for David, and his seed unto eternity.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Priest: *Wisdom. Stand upright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.*

People: And to thy spirit.

Priest: *The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)*

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

Priest: *Let us attend.*

The Lord spoke 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 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.'"

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

CHERUBIC HYMN

We who mystically represent the cherubim, and who sing to the life-giving Trinity the thrice holy hymn, let us now lay aside all earthly cares, that we may receive the King on all who comes invisibly up borne by the angelic host. *Alleluia.*

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets; And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead. And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

MEGALYNARION IT IS TRULY MEET

It is truly meet, it is truly meet, to call thee Blessed, Lady Theotokos. Lady ever-greatly blessed, and most perfect in innocence, and Mother of our God. Lady more precious than the cherubim and more glorious beyond all measure than the seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word and art truly Theotokos, we magnify Thee, we magnify Thee.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYER – A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

THE COMMUNION HYMN - KOINONIKON – Psalm 148:1-4

Refrain: Praise ye the Lord from the heavens, praise ye Him in the highest.

1). *Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts. (Refrain)*

2). *Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light. (Refrain)*

3). *Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens. (Refrain) Alleluia.*

Priest: *With the fear of God and faith and love, draw near.*

People: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us.

THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNION HYMN

Receive me today, O Son of God, as partaker of Thy mystical supper; for I will not speak, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee. Remember me, O Lord, remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

We have seen the true light; we have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true faith worshipping the undivided Trinity, who hath saved us.

LET OUR MOUTHS BE FILLED

Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord that we may sing of Thy glory. For Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal, and life creating mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ST. ANNA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Visitors – We're glad you're here! Please join us after the morning services for Coffee Hour so we can meet you and know you better.

Receiving Holy Communion unites us with Our Lord Jesus Christ, His unoriginated Father, the Holy Spirit, our Bishop, and the Church, both in heaven and on earth. To commune signifies a commitment to Holy Orthodox Christianity and that all communicants share this common Apostolic Faith. As such, only those who are members in good standing of the Holy Orthodox Christian Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and regular confession may receive the Eucharist. All those present today, including non-Orthodox, are invited to receive the Blessed Bread from the acolytes or clergy as a sign of our friendship.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday, February 20: Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) - *Prodigal Son Sunday*

Saturday, February 26: Great Vespers (5pm)

Sunday, February 27: Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) – *Meatfare Sunday*

Saturday, March 5: Great Vespers (5pm)

Sunday, March 6: Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) – *Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday*

Sunday, March 6: Forgiveness Vespers (12Noon)

Monday, March 7: Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (6:30pm)

Tuesday, March 8: Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (6:30pm)

Wednesday, March 9: Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy (6:00pm)

Thursday, March 10: Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (6:30pm)

Friday, March 11: Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn (6:30pm)

Saturday, March 12: Great Vespers (5pm)

Sunday, March 13: Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) – *Orthodoxy Sunday*

Sunday, March 13: Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers (5pm?) – *Location - TBA*

Wednesday, March 16: Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy (6:00pm)

Thursday, March 18: Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn (6:30pm)

Saturday, March 19: Great Vespers (5pm)

Sunday, March 20: Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) – *St. Gregory Palamas*

Wednesday, March 23: Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy (6:00pm)

Friday, March 25: Annunciation Vespersal Divine Liturgy (6:00pm)

Saturday, March 26: Great Vespers (5pm)

Sunday, March 27: Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) – *Sunday of the Cross*

Wednesday, March 30: Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy (6:00pm)

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>PROSPHORA</u>	<u>EPISTLE READER</u>	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>
Sun, Feb. 20	St. Herman	Julie Dumond (B)	Grant Kelley	Webster, Rose
Sun, Feb. 27	St. Raphael	Julie Dumond (F)	Steve Cox	Stephens, Beach

Acolyte Teams: **St. Raphael Team**
Leader – Steve Cox
 Andrew Webster
 Adrian Hill
 Jesse Cox
 Theodore Thomas

St. Herman Team
Leader – Brian Weaver
 Kellen Stephens
 Kanen Stephens
 Ben Weaver
 Jaden Kent



Special Days THIS WEEK – May God Grant You Many Years!

Birthdays: Cathy Troyer February 25
 Grace Lemon February 26
 Mike Beach February 26
Saint's Day: Alicia Meese February 26 – St. Photini at the well



PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:

- 1.) **Meatfare Sunday** – Sunday, February 27
- 2.) **Annual Choir Appreciation Luncheon** – Sunday, February 27 – 12 Noon (*Choir Members - See Greg W.*)
- 3.) **Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday** – Sunday, March 6
- 4.) **Great Lent Begins** – Monday, March 7

Church School – 8:45 am (Ages 3-12) – Sunday Morning **Church School has been paused** until Kh. Belinda's health is restored, and she can return to St. Anna. Please continue to pray for her speedy and complete recovery.

JANUARY 2022 - ST. ANNA ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Monthly Budgeted</u>	<u>Monthly Actual</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	
Donations -	\$ 10,096.00	\$ 6,519.00	\$ 6,519.00	<i>Year-to-date Shortage:</i>
Expenses -	\$ 9,926.37	\$ 10,084.74	\$ 10,084.74	\$3,565.74

ST. ANNA PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please send updates to this Prayer List to: FrAndrewShort@gmail.com)

- Planning for our church - Please pray for all of those involved with the short-term and long-term plans.
- Rita Trimble
- Jordan (Basil Derryberry's nephew)
- McCaffrey family (friends of Webster's)
- Ben & Family (Kevin Hathaway's son)
- Anna (Basil Derryberry's sister)
- Robbie (Basil Derryberry's brother)
- Melody (Anna Rose's friend)
- Mark (Julie Dumond's husband)
- TJ (Kevin Hathaway's friend)
- Kevin & Laura Hathaway
- Bonnie (Rachel Meese's grandmother – 101 yrs)
- Lisa Trimble
- Cynthia (Nancy Webster's friend)
- Sister Aemilia (The Short's daughter in Greece)
- Robert & Suzanne (Basil Derryberry's parents)
- Joe & Margaret (Basil Derryberry's friends)
- Madeleine (Andrew Webster's friend)
- Angela (Lisa Trimble's friend)
- Lindsay (Andrew Webster's friend)
- Sarah & family (Rachel Meese's friend)
- Donna (Lindsay Weaver's stepmother)
- Jeff (Lindsay Weaver's father)
- Don (Fr. Andrew's friend)
- Isaac (Fr. Andrew's friend)
- Arlin Troyer
- Greg (Rita Trimble's godson)
- Jake & family (Rachel Meese's brother)
- Linda (Lisa Trimble's cousin)
- Jan (Lisa Trimble's friend)
- John & Jackie (Kevin Hathaway's son & wife)
- Dn. Stephen and Sh. Mary Heffelfinger
- Kh. Belinda

FROM THE SYNAXARION

On February 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Leo, bishop of Catania in Sicily; Venerable Vissarion the Great of Egypt; and Agathon, pope of Rome.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstated in the Triodion.

Verses: *O thou who art like me, a prodigal, come forward with confidence and tranquility;
For unto all has been opened the door of Divine Mercy.*

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds.

Through Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

OUR PATRON SAINT – ST. ANNA

St. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, who was of the tribe of Levi, whose family came from Bethlehem. St. Anna lived with her husband, Joachim, at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and grieved over this. They had to endure derision and scorn, since at that time childlessness was considered a disgrace. They never complained, but fervently prayed to God, humbly trusting in Him. During a great feast, the gifts that Joachim took to the Temple as an offering to God were not accepted by the priest, who considered that a childless man was not worthy to offer sacrifice to God. This pained Joachim, and he decided to settle in solitude in a desolate place. When St. Anna learned what humiliation her husband had endured, she sorrowfully entreated God with prayer and fasting to grant her a child. In his solitude, the righteous Joachim also asked God for a child. The prayer of the saintly couple was heard. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, Who would be blessed above all other women. The angel also told them that She would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Ss. Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them, and they named her Mary. Mary, (the Theotokos – “the Mother of God”) became the Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ the Son of God, and consequently, St. Anna is the Grandmother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80 after Mary went to live in the Temple. St. Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband. Ss. Joachim and Anna are often invoked by couples trying to have children. The falling asleep (Dormition) of St. Anna is commemorated every year on July 25.

☩ THE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ANCESTOR OF GOD, ANNA, PRAY FOR US. ☩

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