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Sunday, February 16th – Prodigal Son – Tn. 1

(Remembering the Righteous Elder Simeon and Anna The Prophet)

Today's Epistle Reading: Today's Gospel Reading
EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 6: 12-20 MATINS: Mt. 28: 16-20/LITURGY: Lk. 15: 11-32

PRIEST: Resurrection Troparion – Tone 1:

"When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most-Pure Body; Thou did rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world! The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: 'Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to The Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who loves mankind!"

PRIEST: Kontakion of Prodigal Son Sunday – Tone 3:

"I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gave to me; and now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: 'I have sinned before Thee, O Merciful Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"

Today's Special Announcements and Events In Our Parish:

- (1) Welcome home Fr Stevo and Protinica JoAnn – looking forward to hearing all the highlights!
 - (2) Please pray for the health & well-being of our loved ones:
HRH Princess Katherine Fr. Christopher Rocknage Nancy Belich
Melva Dandrea Dawn Hamm Pat Gould Michael Stepanovich
Donald & Milena Vojnovich-NH Xenia Vranesevich Melva
Lugares Helen Trkula-NH Helen Mochan Jenifer & Nadia Belo
AP Chris Bender AP Jonathan Proctor AP Joseph Abud
Demetrius Yandrich Jerry Repasky
 - (3) Also pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:
+Alex Barna +Eli Yaich (Fr. Stevo's Cousin) +Petar Vukelic
+Milan Drobac +Betsy Cannon +Stevan "Rick" Zivic
+Stella Medich +Melva Buzzelli+Gary Trbovich +Eva Orr
+Katherine Radoicich +Leslie King +Wayne Malovitz +Myra Zdrale
+AP Angelo Artemas +AP Paul Lazor +Arc. Polycarp Ramaeus
+AP Vladimir Demshuk + AP Adam Yonitch +Eugene Gould
+Amelia Opacic +Marsha Cugalj +Vlade Baskot +Joseph Stercula
 - (4) LENT is just a few weeks away: we will host Forgiveness Sunday vespers here on Sunday, March 2nd at 5 PM in the evening – JOIN US!
 - (5) DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: Thursday – Saturday, February 27-28, in Lackawaana, NY – No vespers that Saturday!
- * Announce: Orthodox Study Group @ Di's - 2/22!

OUR MEANS OF RECONCILING WITH GOD

From the time Adam and Eve exercised their free will to choose to disobey God, man has had the need for forgiveness. We all have fallen short of the high expectations that the Lord has for all of His children, allowing sin to overcome us again and again. Sin separates us from our Heavenly Father, but fortunately, He has provided us with a means of reconciling with Him through the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Since Confession is such an important part of the Lenten season, let us take a closer look at this Mystery of the Church.

Confession entails much more than merely listing and expressing some degree of sorrow for our sins. Before coming to Confession, it is necessary for us to examine our conscience - we must sincerely search our souls and determine where we have strayed from the path God has

charted for us. Our confession must be an honest attempt to admit the many ways we have transgressed God's Laws. Certainly, our All-Knowing God cannot be fooled! For the Grace of God to truly enter us through the Sacrament of Confession, however, we must experience a real feeling of REPENTANCE. Repentance literally means "to change." Confession must bring about a change in our lifestyle. Confessing our sinful ways is one thing . . . casting aside and walking away from our sinful deeds is another matter entirely!

During the Great Fast, may we all avail ourselves to the wonderful opportunity the Church gives us to "make things right" with the Lord, through the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Seek out the spiritual help this Sacrament provides.

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