



On Sunday, February 24, 2019 we commemorate:  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son



First & Second Finding of the Venerable Head of John the Baptist  
Romanos, Prince of Uglich  
Boswell, Abbot of Melrose Abbey

### Απολυτίκιον Αναστάσιμον

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμά σου, καὶ οἱ  
φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία  
ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα.  
Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ'  
αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος  
τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα  
σοι.

### Τοῦ Προδρόμου

Ἐκ γῆς ἀνατείλασα ἡ τοῦ Προδρόμου κεφαλὴ,  
ἀκτῖνας ἀφίησι τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, πιστοῖς τῶν  
ιάσεων, ἄνωθεν συναθροίζει, τὴν πληθὺν τῶν  
Ἀγγέλων, κάτωθεν συγκαλεῖται, τῶν ἀνθρώπων  
τὸ γένος, ὁμόφωνον ἀναπέμψαι, δόξαν Χριστῷ  
τῷ Θεῷ.

### Troparion of St. George

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ελευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν  
πτωχῶν υπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων  
ιατρός, βασιλέων υπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε  
μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ  
τῷ Θεῷ θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### Κοντάκιον

Τῆς πατρῴας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας  
ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὃν μοι  
παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοὶ τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου,  
φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου  
Πάτερ οἰκίτημον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ  
ποίησόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave,  
the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead.  
And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was  
seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated  
Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the  
virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from  
the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

### For the Forerunner

The Forerunner's head has risen once again from  
the earth; \* it sends forth the brilliant rays of  
incorruption and cures to the faithful all. \* Above it  
has assembled the arrays of the Angels; \* below it  
calls the human race to gather together. \* In  
unison we offer up glory to Christ our God.

### Troparion of St. George

Liberator of captives, defender of the  
Poor, physician of the sick, and champion  
Of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George,  
intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

### Kontakion

I revolted senselessly \* out of Your fatherly glory; \*  
I have squandered sinfully \* all of the riches You  
gave me.\* Hence to You, using the Prodigal's  
words, I cry out,\* I have sinned before You,  
merciful loving Father.\* O receive me in  
repentance, \* I pray, and treat me \* as one of Your  
hired hands.

## The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15



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 believe, 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 Gospel according to Luke 15:11-32



The Lord said 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 the 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 filled his belly with 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.'"

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**Orthros: 9:00 AM                      Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM**

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM  
Parish Office closed on Friday**

### **Church Usher Assignment**

**Sunday, February 24, 2019    Team A    Charlie Koinos, Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen**

**Sunday, March 3, 2019        Team B    Alexandra Casey, Brian Goodale, Scott Morlock**

## **February Events**

Sunday, February 24, 2019

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**40 Day Memorial for Anna Markopoulos**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

**10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Prep**

**12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve – Sponsored by Jan Gallas  
in Memory of Robert O'Donnell**

**6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting**

## **March Events**

Sunday, March 3, 2019

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

**6:00 PM Movie: “The Saints” – St. Nicholas, St. Haralambos, &  
St. Anthony**

Sunday, March 10, 2019

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**Athena Louckas Memorial**

**Monday, March 11, 2019**

**Lent Begins**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

**10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Prep**

**12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve – sponsored by Olga Delorey  
in Memory of Theresa Yavornicky**

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

**11:30 AM Senior Fellowship Meeting**

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**Monday, March 18, 2019**

**6:00 PM Movie: “The Saints” – St. John Chrysostom, St. Dionysios,  
& St. Paul**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

**6:30 PM Philoptochos Meeting**