

Fr. James Chuta (Serving)
Mark Howanetz, Choir Director
35th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Prodigal Son.



Epistle:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Troparion Tone 2

(Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Gospel:

Luke 15:11-32

Kontakion Tone 3

(from the Lenten Triodion)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee
Let us learn humility from the Publican's
tears! I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory,
O Father; and among sinners I have
scattered the riches which Thou gavest me.
And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before Thee, O merciful
Father; receive me as a penitent, //
and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

Services

February 19th Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare): Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

February 26th Sunday of Cheesefare: Divine Liturgy & Forgiveness Vespers 9:30 AM

February 27th Monday Canon of St. Andrew of Crete: 5:00 PM

February 28th Tuesday (At **All Saints**) Canon of St. St. Andrew: 6:00 PM

March 1st Wednesday Canon of St. Andrew of Crete: 5:00 PM

March 3rd Friday Molieben of St. Theodore the Recruit and

Blessing of Koliva: 5:00 PM (All Saints parish will be joining us)

Announcements.

Our Annual Parish Meeting today after Divine Liturgy. This is very important for the future of our parish. Please attend as we need your support!

Please remember to pray for the souls of Joan Derbin and John Evanina. May Their Memory be Eternal! (40th day Joan Derbin today and John Evanina February 19th)

Announcements (Continued from Pg. 1)

Peroghi Project has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in the near future.

Gardners Easter Candy Sale order form at candle desk. Orders to Anne Thomashefsky by March 19th. Online orders: <gardnerscandies.com> Group# 10-1554 by April 6th.

Pre-Lenten meal (Maslanitza) February 26th 2023 with [All Saints](#) in our Church Hall. If you would like to donate a covered dish please see Mat. Kyra.

Mission Sunday February 26th 2023 1. Sending Missionaries 2. Supporting Mission Priests 3. Training Clergy and Laypersons 4. Funding for various mission projects. Please contribute to this project at the candle desk.

Please submit a list of your **departed loved one's names** to Fr. John by March 1st. Their names will be read at Panihidas during Great Lent and throughout the year!

Coffee Hour Following Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hall. **February !8 is the next education session.**

"Pilgrimage To Pascha" by Archpriest Steven Belonick is available on Amazon and for kindle. This is an excellent book for guiding us through Great Lent.

Prayers for the Sick and shut-ins

Archpriest Vladimir Fetcho

Julie Cesari

Thom LaTournous

Joan Lengel

Vera Price

Helen Thomashefsky

Barbara Evanina

Marie Evanina

*For all who are sick or suffering with affections,
known and unknown in our parish and
throughout the world!*



(If you know of any parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or at home because of health Issues please let Fr. John know. If any parishioners would like a pastoral visit, special service request or have any questions you can reach him at (570) 489-3891)

By St. Theophan the Recluse

The week of the prodigal speaks so much to us!
It speaks about our peace and satisfaction in the
house of the heavenly Father.

About our mad departure from the Father's
guardianship to unbridled freedom.

About the richness of the heritage given us despite our
disobedience. About its reckless waste on all sorts of
indecencies, and about our utter impoverishment as a
result. But then it talks also about how one recovers
his senses, and, coming to himself, decides to return
to his greatly merciful Father. It talks about how he
returns, how he is received lovingly, and
is restored to his first state.



Who will not find this lesson profitable?

If you abide in your father's house, do not strive for freedom.

You see how a similar experience ended!

If you have run away and are squandering all, end this quickly.

If you have already squandered everything and are living in poverty, decide quickly to
return — and then, return.

There every indulgence, and all the former love and satisfaction, await you.

This last step is the most necessary one.

But there is no point in enlarging upon this. All has been said concisely and clearly.

Come to your senses, decide to return, arise and hurry to the Father.

His embrace is open and ready to receive you..

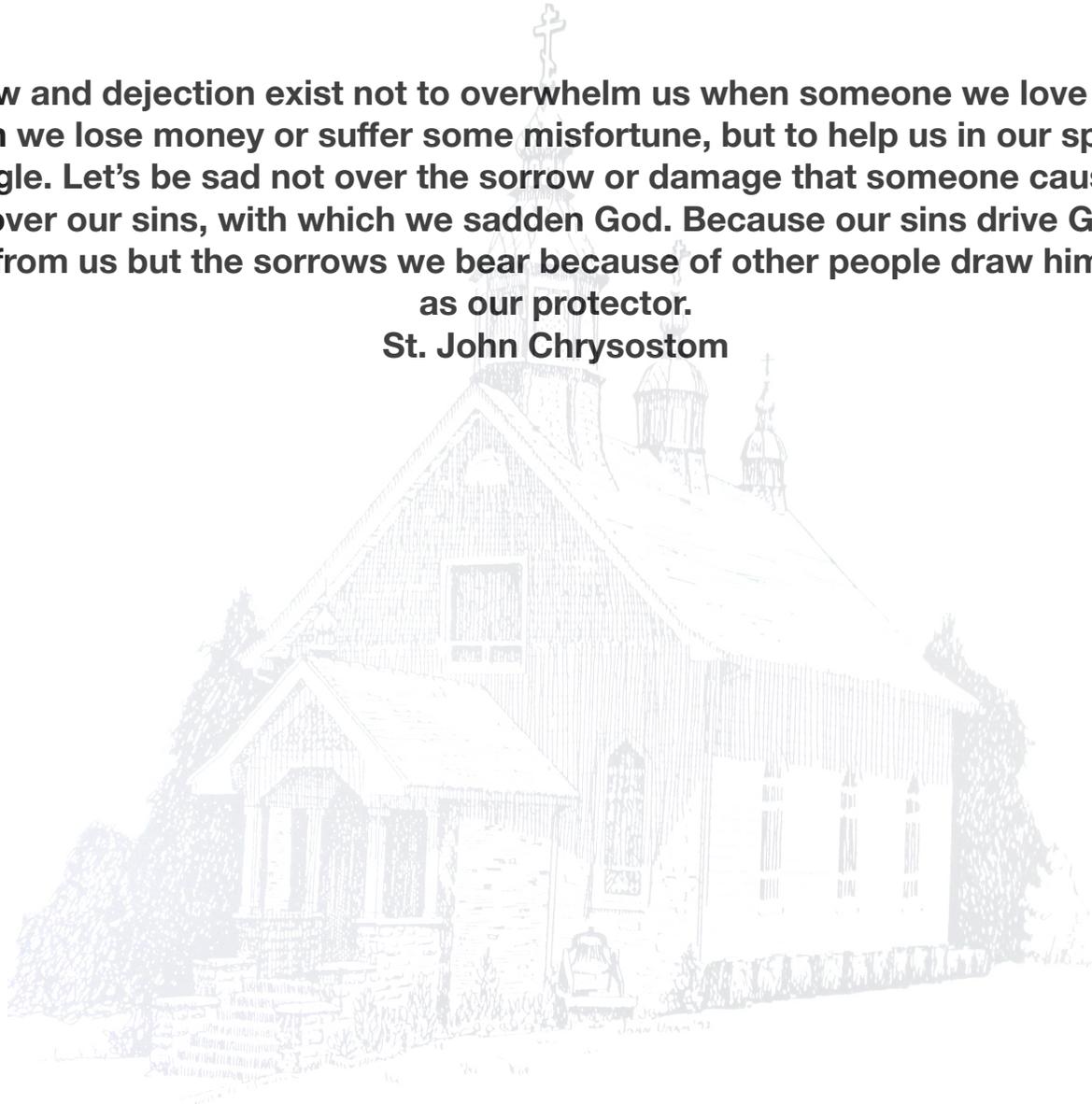
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February 12th 2023

Sorrow and dejection exist not to overwhelm us when someone we love dies or when we lose money or suffer some misfortune, but to help us in our spiritual struggle. Let's be sad not over the sorrow or damage that someone causes us, but over our sins, with which we sadden God. Because our sins drive God far way from us but the sorrows we bear because of other people draw him to us as our protector.

St. John Chrysostom



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