

# ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

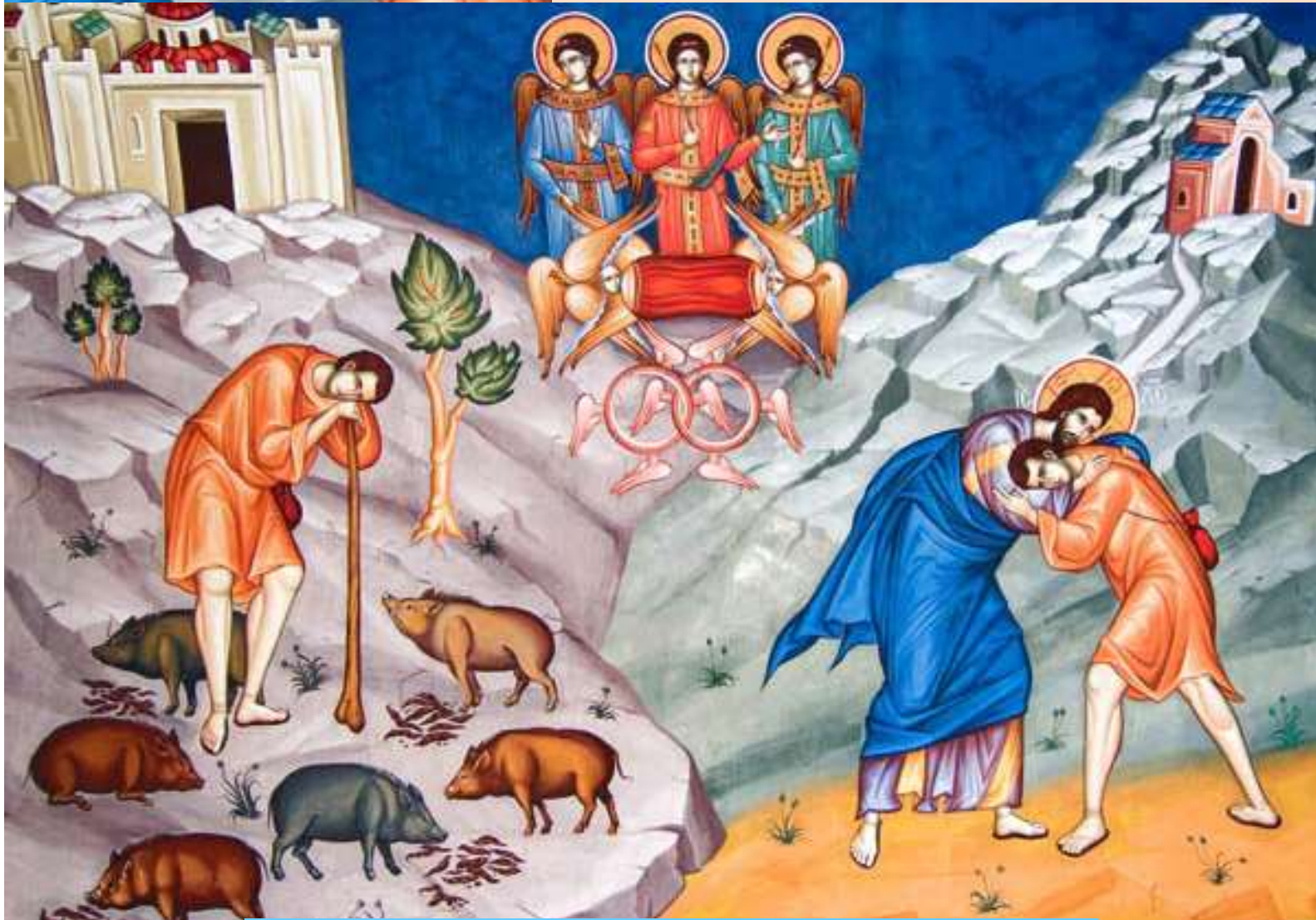
Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate

Bulletin for Sunday, February 20, 2022



## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

*On this Sunday, the third Sunday before Lent, the Church teaches us God's compassion and forgiveness.*



# PREPARE FOR GREAT LENT



This year, Great Lent begins on Monday, March 7, 2022. We prepare for our Lenten journey on the five preceding Sundays:

- Sunday, February 6: Zacchaeus Sunday
- Sunday, February 13: Publican & Pharisee
- **Sunday, February 20: Prodigal Son**
- Sunday, February 27: Meatfare Sunday
- Sunday, March 6: Cheesefare/  
Forgiveness Sunday

Each Sunday has a special commemoration named for the Gospel reading assigned to that day. This Sunday, the Gospel reading is the parable about the Prodigal Son.



*This familiar parable tells the story of a rich farmer who had two sons, whom he intended to make his heirs. One day the younger son asked for his inheritance in advance, and his father gave it to him.*

*The young man took his money, left his home and lived extravagantly, spending all he had. Poor and hungry, he returned home to ask forgiveness of his father.*

*And his father did just that, welcoming him home with great joy and a feast in his honor.*

*The elder, dutiful, hard-working son, however, was angry. His father explained, "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found."*

# Bishop Luke's Sermon – Sunday, February 13, 2022

Luke 18:10-14

Today is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee and as we heard in the Scripture reading, two men -- the Pharisee and the Publican tax-collector -- went to the temple to pray. Two men and two lessons emerge from what happened next. First, we immediately see that the Pharisee is self-righteous, even though he is repenting. He says: I fast....I give to the church....I am good....I am not like other men. And then the Pharisee did not mind his own business! Not only did he think of himself as the best, he criticized the tax collector. I am better than the tax collector, he said. The Pharisee thought he knew what was in the mind and heart of the Publican. The lesson: Do not compare yourself to others. Do not compare notes. Do not compare who is worse, whose sins are greater than yours. Be like the Publican: truly repentant and humble, recognizing your own faults and then working to correct them. Remember the final sentence of today's Scripture reading: for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. AMEN.



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# Schedule of Services

Saturday, February 19	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 20 – Prodigal Son	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by procession around Cathedral with the “ <b>SACRED VIRGIN ICON</b> ” as we pray for peace in Ukraine
Saturday, February 26	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 27 – Meatfare Sunday	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, March 5	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 6 – Cheesefare Sunday	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Forgiveness Vespers
Monday, March 7 – GREAT LENT BEGINS	
Friday, March 11	6:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 12	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 13 – Orthodoxy Sunday	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Friday, March 18	6:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 19 – SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers and Panikhida
Sunday, March 20	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, March 26 – SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers and Panikhida
Sunday, March 27 – Veneration of the Cross	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Semi-Annual Meeting of Parishioners



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 27, 2022 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Agenda will include a performance review of the Endowment Fund and election of new Endowment Fund Committee members.

If you are interested in being nominated for the open member positions and serving a 5-year term, please email Endowment

Fund Committee Chairman:  
Tom Hanney, teetomhanney@yahoo.com

Email [sneoc100@gmail.com](mailto:sneoc100@gmail.com) to contribute information to this Bulletin. Info must be received by noon on WEDNESDAY to be published in the Sunday Bulletin.  
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## **ABOUT THE “SACRED VIRGIN” ICON**

***This page is reprinted from the Bulletin of November 18, 2018***



### **Metropolitan John Presents A Unique Icon To St. Nicholas Church**

Originally created for ATO soldiers (anti-terrorist operations) in Kyiv, this unique, original icon was hand-carried by Metropolitan John from Kyiv to Philadelphia and St. Nicholas Church, now the icon's permanent home – in appreciation for the ongoing generous support of the Ukrainian chaplains. Chaplains hold a special place in St. Nicholas Church as both Father John Bohush and Father Bohdan serve as Chaplains.

The icon “Sacred Virgin” is the patron saint and the spiritual strength of the Ukrainian Chaplains and has been reproduced on prayer cards for the soldiers. Sacred Virgin was painted by the Ukrainian icon painter Yuri Nikitin. The artist portrayed the Mother of God holding an omophorion in her hands, covering and protecting soldiers of different eras amidst a field of poppies. The poppy is a universal symbol of remembrance for all those who fought and died in wars. That we received the Sacred Virgin icon at the time of Veterans Day is especially poignant.



# Bless THIS HOME

Please contact Bishop Luke directly if you would like your house blessed during the Epiphany season.

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## How to Prepare for the Blessing of Your Home?

A lighted candle, an icon or cross, and a bowl for Holy Water should be placed on a table covered with a clean tablecloth, preferably white. Turn OFF the radio, television and computer. All who are present in the house should come together and stand by the table where the service takes place. Finally, print the first names of the immediate family members on a sheet of paper for commemoration.

# CONFESSIONS



Several of you have asked whether Bishop Luke will still hear confession and if so, exactly when on a Sunday morning?

The answer is YES, Bishop Luke will hear your confession. He will do so every Sunday morning between the start of Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM and the Entrance Hymn "O Come Let Us Worship." If you want confession, you can approach Bishop Luke during this time, and he will walk from the Bishop's Chair in the center of the Sanctuary to the confessional area at the far left of the altar.

Confessions are also heard every Saturday at 5:00 PM at Vespers.

Bishop Luke with Phil Hanavin,  
Stephen Mandell, Olya Kovalova and  
Marcia O'Connor



Please let us know  
if you, too, have a  
birthday in  
February!



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- Olya Kovalova: 2/5
- Gregory Zhoba: 2/7
- Stephen Mandell: 2/10
- Marcia O'Connor: 2/11
- Oksana Khanas: 2/13
- Phil Hanavin: 2/13
- Michael Kuchmiak: 2/13
- Tamara Fedec: 2/20
- Gail Osborn: 2/28
- Tom Hanney: 2/28



# ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION

On Sunday, February 13, 2022,  
the Youth Organization hosted a  
**Valentine's Day Fellowship Lunch**  
Thank you, Cassandra Latsios and Olya Kovalova,  
for organizing this fund-raising fellowship event.  
Parishioners enjoyed exchanging Valentine Grams,  
a delicious lunch, games and 80's music, too!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OLYA!**  
Bishop Luke announced that Patriarch Philaret  
decreed Olya the new Director of the YO.  
Olya will soon appoint a YO team, including a  
Treasurer and Social Media Manager.





# *Valentine's Day Designer Shoe Sale to benefit the Vicariate*



*250 pairs of designer ladies' shoes and boots were recently donated to the Vicariate, and Bishop Luke immediately turned the generous donation into a Vicariate fund-raiser on Sunday, February 13. The shoe sale was a great success! Some of the ladies pictured here are holding or wearing their stylish new purchases!*

*(Did you miss the sale? No worries. This fund-raiser may become a quarterly event.)*



**Announcing  
Vicar Bishop Luke's**



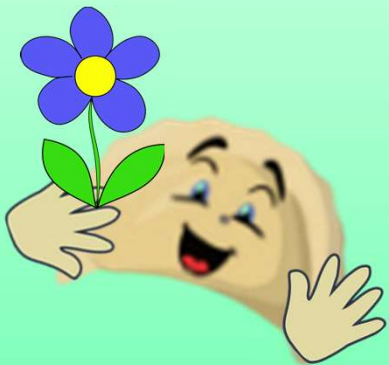
**SPRING**  
**Pierogi**  
**Fest**



**Saturday**

**May 14, 2022**

**12 noon-9 pm**



**Proceeds from the sale of pierogies made by volunteers at  
St. Nicholas Patriarchal Orthodox Cathedral will help support the  
Vicariate of the UOC-KP in the USA & Canada.**

**Prep dates will be Saturday, March 5, Saturday, March 19, and  
Saturday, March 26, from 7 am-2 pm. Please mark your calendars!**

**Questions?**

**Please contact Bishop Luke or Judy Hanney, Festival Director,  
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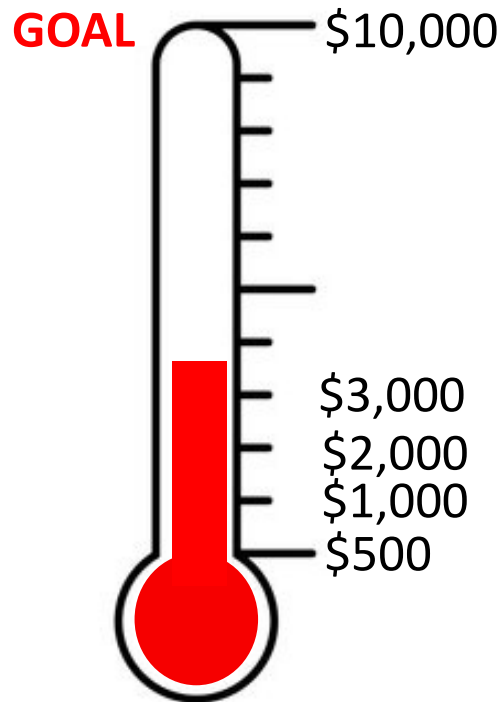


# EXTERIOR PAINTING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

**Your donation will be matched by an anonymous Private Trust.**

The interior iconography in the Sanctuary is flaking. The interior walls of our stairwells are crumbling. We need to correct this problem immediately. Painting the exterior walls of the building with special elastomeric paint will stop the water seepage. This is the last step in our efforts to WATERPROOF our beautiful Cathedral building. Contractors estimate this job will cost \$20,000.

**The Private Trust will match every dollar you give! Help us reach our goal!**



**! Double  
YOUR Dollar\$**

The concrete walls of the north stairwell continue to deteriorate from water seepage.  
Photo taken 1/2/2022.



# SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY



For the health of my niece, Nicole Niehoff, on her birthday, offered with love by Aunt Gail

In loving memory of our mother/mom-mom, Lillian Fox, on her heavenly birthday, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt

In loving memory of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, on her heavenly birthday, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt

In loving memory of our nephew, infant Peter Niehoff, on his heavenly birthday, Love, Aunt Renee, Uncle Frank, Alex and Matt



Bishop Luke on the  
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee  
February 13, 2022



# ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

<b>Sunday Vigil:</b>	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Analoi Candles:</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Altar Candles:</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Annual Vigil:</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Bulletin Sponsor:</b>	<b>\$25</b>

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/23
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/22
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz; John and Mary Dzwonczyk; Paul and Anna Guz, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/22
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/26
5. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/22
6. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
7. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/22
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/22
9. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/22
10. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/22
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/22
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/22
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/22
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/22
17. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/30
18. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana-Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/22
19. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Olga, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Bogdan, Iryna-Olesia. +In memory of Anna, Sophia, Petro, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, Vasyl, Maria, Stepan, Anna, Volodymyr, Stepania, Maryna, Vasyl, offered by Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/22
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/22
21. +The Repose of the souls of Mary and Gregory Buckley. Memory Eternal. Offered by the children and grandchildren of the Buckley, Janoczkin and Wojnarowicz Families. exp. 12/20/22
22. For the health of Vasyl, Paraska, Roman, Oksana, Andriy, Volodymyr, Orusya, Maria, Vitaliy, Taras, Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Ivan. +In memory of Paraska, Vasyl, Ivan, Vasyl, Evdokia, Maria, Paraska, Oksana. Offered by the Khanas and Petriv Families. exp. 3/1/22
23. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/22

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



**PRIEST:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

**CHOIR:** The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

**READER:** The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death. The Lord is my strength and my song.

**CHOIR:** He has become my salvation.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from Corinthians.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 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 with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. **(1 Corinthians 6:12-20)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**READER:** The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!  
Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

**CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

**CHOIR:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

**CHOIR:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach 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, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants. ' And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' " **(Luke 15:11-32)**

**CHOIR:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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