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**WEEKLY BULLETIN  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026  
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**



METROPOLIS  
OF DETROIT

# St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

**Prokeimenon. Mode 2**  
**Psalm 117.14,18**

**The Lord is my strength and my song.**

**Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.**

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

# Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 6:12-20

Προκείμενον. Ἡχος β'  
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 117.14,18

Ίσχύς μου καὶ ὕμνησίς μου ὁ Κύριος.

Στίχ. Παιδεύων ἐπαίδευσέ με ὁ Κύριος.

Ἄδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἔξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἡγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἔξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἔστιν; Ἄρας οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῇ πόρνῃ ἐν σῶμά ἔστιν; Ἐσονται γάρ, φησίν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ο δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνεῦμα ἔστιν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἀμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἔστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἀμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἀγίου πνεύματός ἔστιν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἔστε ἑαυτῶν, ἡγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἄτινά ἔστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

# 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.'"

# Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 15:11-32

## Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἄπαντα ὁ νεώτερος νιὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακράν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἵσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἥρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσαι τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἥσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἥμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι νιός σου· ποίησόν με ὡς ἔνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἥλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμὼν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ νιός· πάτερ, ἥμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι νιός σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑπόδηματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ νιός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη. καὶ ἥρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἡν δὲ ὁ νιὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἥγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἥκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἔνα τῶν παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἥκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὡργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἥθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· ίδού τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρῆλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ νιός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγών σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἥλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σά ἔστιν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη.

# HYMNS OF THE DAY

## Resurrection Apolytikion in the Second Tone

When You descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all-radiant divinity. And when You from internal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory!

Ὅτε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

## Apolytikion of the Presentation

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

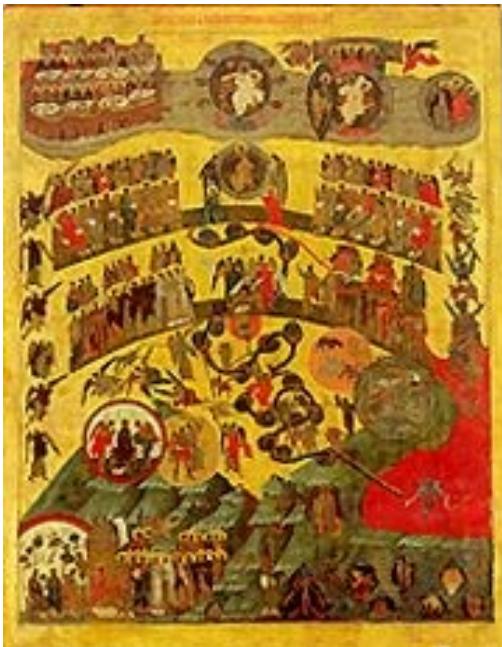
Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἡλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

## Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Tone

Like a most fruitful olive tree you did blossom forth in the folds of the Lord, Sophia, martyr most pious! And to Christ you did bring sweetest fruit: the tender sprouts of your womb through divine martyrdom, Agape, along with Hope and Faith, the God-minded with whom do you pray to God for all of us.

## Kontakion for the Presentation

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.



## **SATURDAYS OF SOULS**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

## **9:00 AM ORTHROS**

## **10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

**9:00 AM ORTHROS**

## **10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY**

# FEBRUARY 28, 2026

## 9:00 AM ORTHROS

## **10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE FATHER DAVID TO REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED FAMILY MEMBERS DURING THIS SERVICE, PLEASE FILL OUT A LIST AND GIVE THAT LIST TO FATHER DAVID OR TO KATINA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. FORMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE CANDLE STAND.**

# SATURDAYS OF SOULS

February 14, 21 & 28, 2026

## Μνημόνευσις Ονομάτων ~

## Name Commemoration

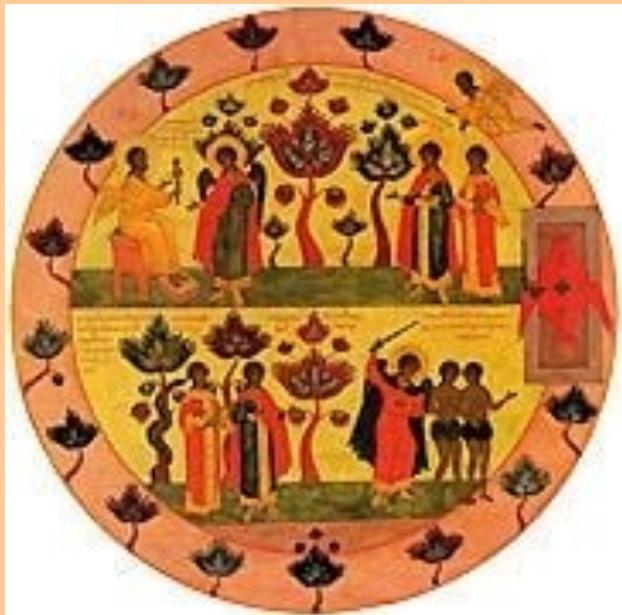
## Τεθνεωτες ~ Deceased



**JUDGMENT SUNDAY**  
*(Meatfare)*  
**February 15, 2026**

**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY**  
*(Cheesefare)*  
**February 22, 2026**

**LENT BEGINS**  
**February 23, 2026**



## *Church Services & Events for Today & the Upcoming Week*

### *Today ~ Sunday of The Prodigal Son*

*8:45 am Orthros  
9:30 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy*

### *Tuesday ~ February 10, 2026*

*10:00 am Bible Study*

### *Wednesday ~ February 11, 2026*

*5:00 pm Paraklesis  
6:00 pm Orthodoxy 101*

### *Thursday ~ February 12, 2026*

*6:00 pm Choir Practice  
6:00 pm SU OCF*

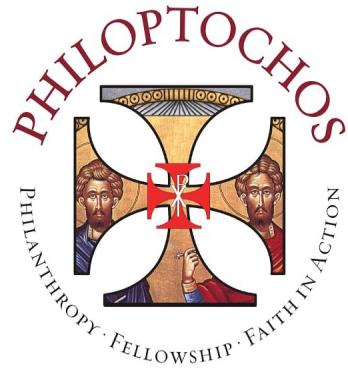
### *Saturday ~ February 14, 2026*

*9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
Saturday of Souls*



*5:00 pm Great Vespers*

***HAPPY VALENTINES DAY***



## ***JOIN US TODAY FOR COFFEE HOUR***



*A special thank you to the following members  
of our community who have volunteered  
to donate their time today to serve coffee:*

***Vasiliki Elovannis and Roda Giaprakis***



# CALLING ALL DANCERS



There will be a **mandatory** meeting on Sunday, February 22 at 12 in the upstairs choir room.

Please plan on attending so instructors can discuss the up-coming dance season.

If you **can not** attend we will offer an opportunity to meet before the first scheduled practices on 2/25 @ 6pm for Elementary, Middle and High School students.

Dancers in Training will begin on Sunday, March 1st at 12:00pm. If you're unable to attend the meeting on 2/22, plan to meet the instructor a few minutes before practice.

It is **mandatory** that a parent and dancer attend a meeting.

Thank you in advance-

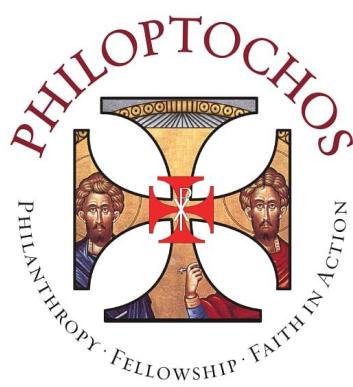
Clemente Vigliotti (315) 558-7965- HS group 9th-12th

Tina Carkey (315) 569-2405- MS group 5th-8th

Stavros Vigliotti (315) 558-8258- Elem group 2nd-4th

Andriana Cannon (315) 459-3660- DIT Prek-1st





## ***PHILOPTOCHOS CHEESEFARE SUNDAY LUNCHEON***

***Sunday—February 22, 2026  
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM***

***\$10.00 per PERSON  
Cash or check payable to: Philoptochos***

***Sponsored by Gardenview Diner***

***Reservations are required – to help us plan  
accordingly***

***Eat-in or Take-Out Available  
Walk-ins welcome based on availability***

***Menu items include:***

***Tiropita or Spanakopita (pick one at time of reservation),  
Macaroni and Cheese, Gigantes (Lima Beans Greek Style),  
Salad & Dessert***