



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
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(St. Mary's)**

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**Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.**

**Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 31, 2021**

**Sunday, January 31, 2021 Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
(HTUCC, Silver Spring, MD)

**Sunday, February 07, 2021 Sunday of Meat Fare**

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular  
For special intention of Fr. Juan Puigbo from Martha & John Stine

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## **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**



The parable of the Prodigal Son [Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 15: 11-32] – as with the previous Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee – continues to expand on the theme of repentance. In

fact, this parable sets before us a complete picture of what exactly “metanoia” is. To be in a state of sin is to have distanced and exiled ourselves from our loving and merciful God, for we have – in our sin – betrayed God and chosen to be slaves to our passions and the negative influences of others and the material world around us. In our alienation from God we are called to return from exile to our true home which is with our

Father. Repentance however implies not a mere acknowledgement of our sins (the feeling or human sense that we have grievously strayed) but decisive action as well as we see with the Prodigal Son in the parable.

In a practical sense, most believers are willing to acknowledge they are sinners and carry within them the burden of their sins, even acknowledging that to be unrepentant places their salvation unto life everlasting in jeopardy. Yet they refuse to act upon the sinful state they find themselves in, avoiding the Holy Mystery/Sacrament of Confession and the grace and mercy obtained therein. Instead, they opt for the false and deadly (to the soul) notion that they can somehow forgive themselves or be forgiven by God through some silent conversation they have with God rather than embrace the Mystery of Repentance (Confession) as it has been established by Christ Himself and upheld by the Orthodox faith and Church throughout the centuries.

Papal “Catholicism” and Protestantism have contributed to the false mindset and approach that suggests a general “acknowledgement” of sin is sufficient and that any kind of authentic repentance and turning away from sin is unnecessary; just mutter to yourself the “sinners prayer” and you shall be forgiven or “you are not guilty of any mortal sins” so approach the Holy and Life-Giving Mysteries regardless. All sin places us outside of the embrace of a merciful and loving God, therefore mindful and deliberate action on our part is required if we wish to “return home.” Source: <http://archdiocesecanada.org/>

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

### Troparion and Kontakion:

**Troparion (2):** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

**Kontakion (3):** When I foolishly separated myself from your Fatherly glory, I squandered, in wickedness, the riches You had given me. So now I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal Son, saying: I have sinned before You, O merciful Father; receive me, repentant, and make me as one of Your hired servants.

**Prokimenon (2):** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

**Verse:** The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

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**Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

(1Cor 6,12-20) Brethren: "Everything is lawful for me," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is lawful for me," but I will not let myself be dominated by anything. "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food," but God will do away with both the one and the other. The body, however, is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take Christ's members and make them the members of a prostitute? of course not! [or] do you not know that anyone who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, "the two," it says, "will become one flesh." But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

**Alleluia Verses:** Verse (2): The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (2): Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Lk 15,11-32) The Lord told this parable, “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.’ So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all of these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Dear Parishioners and Friends!** We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

**Sorokousty Memorial Services** As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services on all Sundays of Lent beginning February 21, 2021. This is a time to remember our departed family and friends. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 7. If you use the one in your envelope box, please clearly PRINT the first names of the deceased on the blank side. Thank you!

**We sincerely thank** our parishioners who mail their donations when they are unable to come to Divine Liturgy. If you are financially able, please continue to support our church. You may mail your donations to  
PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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