

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

## Address:

15608 -104 Avenue,  
Edmonton, AB  
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## Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy  
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am  
& Melkite (Arabic) D.L.  
at 2 pm

Akathist or Molebyn  
Most Wednesdays at 6 pm  
(see calendar)

## Parish Website:

<http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

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@dormitionparish

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## Eparchial Website:

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## Pastor:

Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

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## Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Tone 2;

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord; the Holy Martyr Nicephorus



## Our Second "Community Night" will take place this Thursday at 6pm.

This simple prayer and meal with the neighbours is open to anyone at no cost. Fr. Bo will cook 1 pot of his chicken noodle soup and set most of everything up, so that there is no stress for anyone (except him). If you want to come early to help, you can. You can even make another pot of soup, but this time we will use smaller pots than last time so we don't have too much left over. Fr. Bo will be there from about 4pm. All are welcome.

We will have community nights each Thursday of Lent. (and then decide if, and how often, after that.)

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son.

This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).



**The Holy Martyr Nicephorus** lived in the city of Syrian Antioch. In this city lived also the presbyter Sappricius, with whom Nicephorus was very friendly, so that they were considered as brothers. They quarreled because of some disagreement, and their former love changed into enmity and hate.

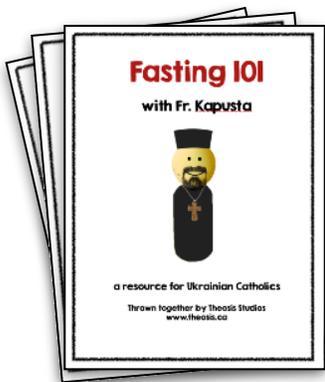
After a certain time Nicephorus came to his senses, repented of his sin and more than once asked Sappricius, through mutual friends, to forgive him. Sappricius, however, did not wish to forgive him. Nicephorus then went to his former friend and fervently asked forgiveness, but Sappricius was adamant.

At this time the emperors Valerian (253-259) and Gallius (260-268) began to persecute Christians, and one of the first brought before the court was the priest Sappricius. He firmly confessed himself a Christian, underwent tortures for his faith and was condemned to death by beheading with a sword. As they led Sappricius to execution, Nicephorus tearfully implored his

forgiveness saying, "O martyr of Christ, forgive me if I have sinned against you in any way."

The priest Sappricius remained stubborn, and even as he approached death he refused to forgive his fellow Christian. Seeing the hardness of his heart, the Lord withdrew His blessing from Sappricius, and would not let him receive the crown of martyrdom. At the last moment, he suddenly became afraid of death and agreed to offer sacrifice to idols. In vain did Saint Nicephorus urge Sappricius not to lose his reward through apostasy, since he already stood on the threshold of the heavenly Kingdom.

Saint Nicephorus then said to the executioner, "I am a Christian, and I believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Execute me in place of Sappricius." The executioners reported this to the governor. He decided to free Sappricius, and to behead Nicephorus in his place. Thus did Saint Nicephorus inherit the Kingdom and receive a martyr's crown.



## The Great Fast is only weeks away! What is "fasting"? and why should we do it?

Pick up one of the "Fasting 101" booklets, and find out. They are available on the table with the bulletins and online on our parish website.

Our website's address is: <http://dormition.eeparthy.com>

In our hall I have put up both my old and new versions of "Our Journey to Pascha and Beyond" This display explains the entire church seasons from Pre-Lent, through the Great Fast, Holy Week, Easter, and everything up to Pentecost. Check it out.

**Our Journey to Pascha and Beyond**  
Understanding the seasons of Pre-Lent, the Great Fast, Holy Week, Easter, Bright Week, Other Seasons, Pentecost and Beyond.

**Pre-Lent 1**

**Sunday of Zacchaeus:**  
The Gospel account of the Christ's encounter by the sinner of Jericho tells us that he was brought to the attention of the Lord by the grace of God. This is the beginning of the journey to Pascha. The Gospel account of the Christ's encounter with the sinner of Jericho is the beginning of the journey to Pascha. The Gospel account of the Christ's encounter with the sinner of Jericho is the beginning of the journey to Pascha.

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee:**  
The Pharisee boasted that he was better than the publican. The Pharisee boasted that he was better than the publican. The Pharisee boasted that he was better than the publican.

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son:**  
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**Sunday of the Blind Men and the Donkey:**  
The story of the blind men and the donkey is a parable of the Kingdom of God. The story of the blind men and the donkey is a parable of the Kingdom of God.

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**Pre-Lent 2**

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**Tuesday of the Prodigal Son:**  
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**Wednesday of the Prodigal Son:**  
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**Thursday of the Prodigal Son:**  
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**Friday of the Prodigal Son:**  
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**Saturday of the Prodigal Son:**  
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**Pre-Lent 3**

**Meatfare Sunday:**  
The story of the blind men and the donkey is a parable of the Kingdom of God. The story of the blind men and the donkey is a parable of the Kingdom of God. The story of the blind men and the donkey is a parable of the Kingdom of God.

**Chesapeake Sunday:**  
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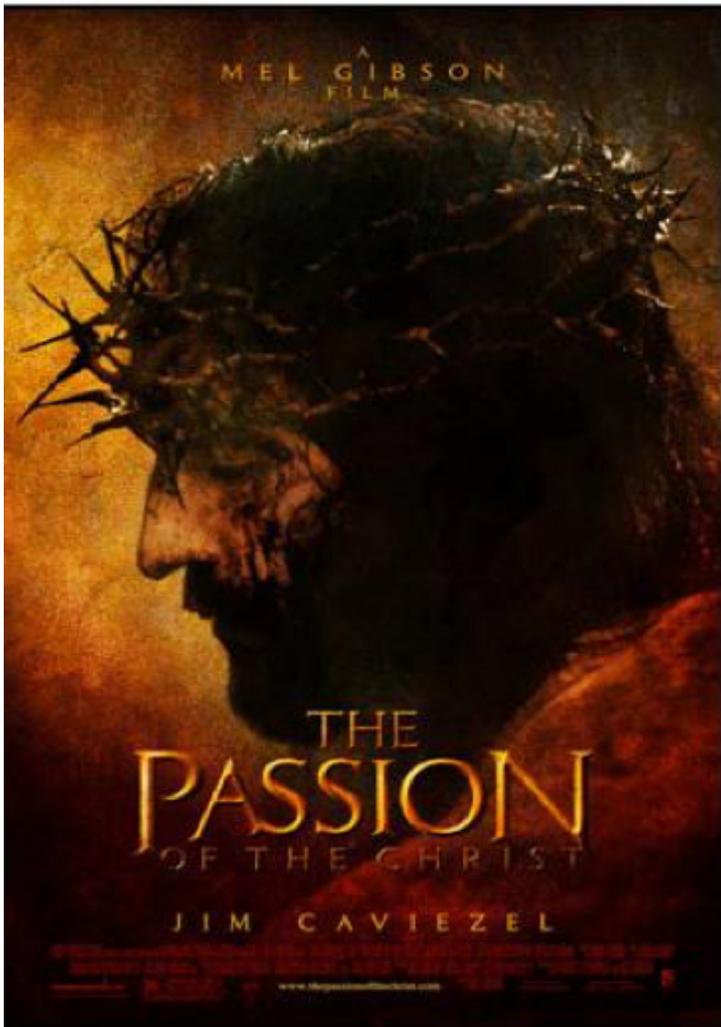
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**Great Fast 1**

**The Great Fast (40 Days):**  
The Great Fast is a time of prayer and fasting. The Great Fast is a time of prayer and fasting. The Great Fast is a time of prayer and fasting.

**Clean Week:**  
Clean Week is a time of prayer and fasting. Clean Week is a time of prayer and fasting. Clean Week is a time of prayer and fasting.

**Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy:**  
The Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy is a time of prayer and fasting. The Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy is a time of prayer and fasting.



# YOU ARE INVITED TO A... **MOVIE NIGHT!**

“**THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST**” - is a powerful film by Mel Gibson about the true story of the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*If you have seen this movie, please don't hesitate to come and see again. It will awaken you and remind you about the GREAT WORKS that God has done for us! We will also talk about the value of suffering. Please bring a friend and RSVP to Solomiia at 587-936-1148 or smsavaryn@gmail.com*

Address: **St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish**  
(use side entrance to the basement)

Date: **Saturday, February 15 at 5 PM** (dinner will be provided)



**Warning from Fr. Bo:** This movie is profound but very graphic. Perhaps younger children should not be in attendance. Those who attend will see our Lord being tortured and killed (which is what the “passion” means).

## Christ in the Old Testament: Prophecy and Fulfillment

We know that God promised a saviour and that Jesus was the fulfilment of that promise. Join us for 4 session during the Great Fast, as we look at the Old Testament and explore where we find the promises and then

look at the New Testament in the life of Christ and beyond to see the glorious fulfilment of God's promise to us. Sessions will consist of a presentation and will conclude with prayer.

### DATES & TIMES:

- March 12 – Introduction, The Messiah - Fr. Danylo Kuc
- March 19 – The Nativity - Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky
- March 26 – The Suffering of Christ - Fr. Mihajlo Planchak
- April 2 - The Passover - Fr. Peter Babej

All sessions run 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

**LOCATION:** Holy Eucharist Parish, 6425 120 Ave, Edmonton

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. No registration is necessary.

Livestreaming will be made available for those at a distance. Contact Bernadette [education@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:education@edmontoneparchy.com) to make arrangements.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9</b> <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b> World Day of the Sick <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> <b>5:30 Tables for Two at St. Josaphat's</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Melkite Youth in Hall</b> 10 am Fr. Bo Appointment with Anonymous Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time Natalya Dashewytsch's Birthday	<b>11</b> <b>Alarm System Monitoring Company coming to the church</b>  <b>at 11 am Sera's Appointment</b>	<b>12</b> (no fasting)	<b>13</b>  <b>6 pm Community Night.</b> <b>7 pm Singing with Namisha</b>	<b>14</b> (no fasting) <b>Icon-Workshop at Camp-Oselia is CANCELLED</b>	<b>15</b> <b>1st All Souls Saturday</b> <b>10 am Singing with Namisha in the hall</b> <b>10 am Melkite baptism in Church</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Meatfare (Last Judgement) Sunday</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>After Liturgy UCWLC's AGM</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Melkite Youth in Hall</b> Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 🐟 <b>2pm Edmonton Deanery Meeting at Holy Cross Parish</b>	<b>20</b> <b>7 pm Singing with Namisha</b> Marko Laschuk's Birthday	<b>21</b> 🐟 <b>7-11 pm Puschenya at the UYUC</b>  <b>Melkites use Hall</b> Melodie Sokoloski-Tower's Birthday	<b>22</b> <b>10 am Singing with Namisha</b> Katherine Vizza's Birthday
<b>23</b> <b>Cheesefare Sunday (also known as Forgiveness Sunday)</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy with "LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS" program</b> <b>After Liturgy The Parish's AGM</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>24</b> 🐟* <b>First Day of the Great Fast - Clean Monday</b> <b>* No meat &amp; No Dairy this day</b> <b>Melkite Youth in Hall</b> Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>25</b> 🐟	<b>26</b> 🐟 Possible Lenten Service... to be determined... Maybe ours... Maybe Melkite... stay tuned.	<b>27</b> 🐟  <b>Community Night at 6pm</b> Ryan Gerace's Birthday	<b>28</b> 🐟  <b>Presanctified Liturgy at 7 pm.</b>	<b>29</b> 🐟 <b>Commemoration of St. Theodore of Tyre</b>
<b>March 1</b> 🐟 <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>2</b> 🐟 <b>Melkite Youth in Hall</b> Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>3</b> 🐟	<b>4</b> 🐟 Possible Lenten Service... to be determined... Maybe ours... Maybe Melkite... stay tuned. Natasha Gerace and Steve Konowalec's Birthdays	<b>5</b> 🐟 <b>Fr. Bo at Reconciliation at LSL School</b>  <b>Community Night at 6pm</b>	<b>6</b> 🐟  <b>Presanctified Liturgy at 7 pm with "Soroko-ooste"</b> Melkites use Hall???	<b>7</b> 🐟 <b>2nd All Souls Saturday</b> Jess Lastiwka and Catherine Ostopowich's Birthdays
<b>8</b> 🐟 <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy Sunday Commemorating St. Gregory Palamas</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy with "LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS" program</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>9</b> 🐟 <b>Melkite Youth in Hall</b> Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>10</b> 🐟	<b>11</b> 🐟 Possible Lenten Service... to be determined... Maybe ours... Maybe Melkite... stay tuned.	<b>12</b> 🐟  <b>Community Night at 6pm</b> Helen Moneta's Birthday	<b>13</b> 🐟  <b>Presanctified Liturgy at 7 pm with "Soroko-ooste"</b>	<b>14</b> 🐟 <b>3rd All Souls Saturday</b>

# Parish & Eparchial News:

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Miranda Mayko, Jean Miskew, Sarah Komar, Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, John Puto, Ann Horsman, Louis Pewar & Rosa Maria Santos.** (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- We wish God's blessings and **happy birthday** to our parishioner: **Natalya Dashewytsch** who's birthday is this week. May God grant you many years!
- If we don't have **your birthday**, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with your corrected birthdate and name.
- The **28<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick** will be celebrated on **February 11**. Pope Francis, to mark the celebraton, issued a [Message](#) entitled, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28), Pope Francis urges that "what is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing."
- As the Canadian government prepares to expand access to euthanasia, the **Catholic Bishops of Alberta and Northwest Territories** have written a **Pastoral Letter** to the faithful on this subject, entitled [In Remaining True to Christ Now and at the Hour of our Death](#). In the Pastoral letter, the bishops offer a thoughtful reflection on Catholic teaching regarding respect for life and our responsibility to remain faithful to God's will. All of us will need support at the time of our dying, they write, but assistance to hasten our death, the willful termination of a human life, is a very different matter. The letter offers words of encouragement on preparing for a holy death, and also calls on Catholics to contact their MPs to oppose any expansion of the current law and advocate instead for more access to palliative care.
- **During Great Lent**, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its **annual collection** for **"Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada."** The purpose of this collection is to support the needs of the Church in Canada. Three charitable institutions are the recipients of the collection: the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, Catholic Missions in Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.
  - The **Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta** responds to the call of Christ to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28: 19-20). The Eparchy of Edmonton supports local priests in their travel, health care, pension, and clergy substitution, thus ensuring that they can respond to the pastoral needs of the faithful, especially the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and funerals in rural Alberta. Visit [www.edmontoneparchy.com](http://www.edmontoneparchy.com) to see how the Church is working for you.
  - **Catholic Missions in Canada** supports over 600 missionaries – priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and lay ministers – throughout 27 eparchies and dioceses right here in Canada, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Catholic Missions supports the local churches in our call to proclaim the Gospel among First Nations communities, missionary support, religious education programs, building and repairs, lay pastoral leadership programs, and education of seminarians. To learn more about the work of *Catholic Missions in Canada* visit ([www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info)) and sign up for a free subscription to its quarterly magazine by calling toll free 1-866-937-2642.
    - Each year the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** is asked to speak out, give leadership, and provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. For our bishops to do so, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Research and gathering information requires staff, time and money. Through the yearly bishops' collection, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous towards the work of their bishops. To learn more about the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).
- The **First Solemn Communion Camp** at Camp Oselia will be our parish's FSC program. If your child is in or near grade 2 and ready to receive their sacraments, please contact Fr. Bo.
- Each year the Edmonton and District Council of Churches organizes an ecumenical celebration to coincide with the annual worldwide **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. This year's Ecumenical Prayer Service, hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, will take place on Sunday, January 19, from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 334 Knottwood Road North NW, Edmonton. Join Bishop David and other Ecumenical Leaders as we pray for Christian unity!
- Rev. Peter Babej, Pastor, Saint Josaphat Cathedral, will lead an Eparchy of Edmonton-wide **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from October 17-29, 2020. Open to all faithful. Contact Father Peter at (780) 422-3181 or : [fr.babej@eeparchy.com](mailto:fr.babej@eeparchy.com) for details.
- **Lenten Schedule:**
  - The current plan is to have Friday **"Presanctified Liturgies"** at 7pm. Unless there is demand likely we will only have one service during the week.
  - The current plan is to have **"Soroko-ooste"** following the Presanctified Liturgies on the 3 Fridays that precede an "All Souls Saturday". We will not do them separately on Saturday during the day.
  - **"Community Night"** will be done each Thursday during Lent at 6pm.
- **Holy Week Schedule:**
  - The current plan is to have morning services at 10 am, and evening services at 7pm. Services will be done at their traditional times (ie Matins in the Morning, and Vespers in the Evening) and not the commonly done "in anticipation" schedule. I will once again do a full complement of services this Holy Week.
  - Missed your opportunity for **house blessing**? You can always call Fr. Bo and arrange something. No problem.

- The UCWLC of our parish will be having their **Annual General Meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>** after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. All UCWLC members are requested to attend this important meeting.



- NEW DATE SET:** Our parish's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 23** after the 10 am Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are requested to join us for this important meeting. The following is the proposed slate for the 2020 PPC that might be elected at this meeting. As always nominations can be raised from the floor.
- After the AGM Fr. Bo will appoint people to head various committees such as Liturgical, Outreach, Communications, Maintenance and others... Let him know if you are willing to help.

Pastor	Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
Chair	Greg Ostopowich
Vice Chair	Don Kwas
Vice Chair	Jordan Schabel
Treasurer	Sheila Leiding
Secretary	Sharon Lonsberry
Past Chair	Simon Pryma
Director 3 year	Helen Sirman
Director 2 year	Sharilynn Shakeshaft
Director 1 year	Steve Konowalec
UCWLC Pres.	To be elected Feb 16
Finance Committee Chair	Alex Schabel
Treasurer	Sheila Leiding
Member	Iryna Laschuk
Member	Jonathan Sharek



Did you hear about the 2 silk worms in a race?

Yeah, it ended in a tie.



Come and join our **“Little Friends of Jesus”** who will be having classes on the following Sundays:

\* February 23  
\* March 8

\* March 15  
\* April 5

\* April 19  
\* May 3

\* May 24  
\* June 14

- Sunday, February 9: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 13: Practice at 7 pm
- Saturday, February 15: Practice with KIDS at 10 am
- Sunday, February 16: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 20: Practice at 7 pm
- Saturday, February 22: Practice at 10 am
- Sunday, February 23: Namisha at DL
- Thursday, February 27: Practice at 7 pm

DL = Divine Liturgy

**Don't miss out!**

**All Kids & Youth are invited especially on Feb 15**



**LITURGICAL  
SINGING  
WITH  
NAMISHA**



# Changeable Parts for today's Liturgy

**Troparion, Tone 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!"

**Troparion:** Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God!\* From you there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,\* who enlightens those who dwell in darkness.\* And you, O righteous Elder, be glad!\* You received in your embrace\* the Liberator of our souls,\* who grants us resurrection.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion:** Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,\* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.\* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:\* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.\* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion:** By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb\* and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon.\* You have come also now and saved us, O Christ our God;\* give peace to Your community in time of war,\* and strengthen its rulers, whom You love,\* for You alone,\* are the Lover of mankind.

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**Prokeimenon:** 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.

**verse:** My soul magnifies the Lord,\* and my spirit has rejoiced in God, My Saviour.

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## Epistle: I Corinthians 6:12-20

*Brothers and Sisters: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated 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 meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.*

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## Alleluia verses:

The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word.

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## Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

*The Lord told this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"*

## Changeable Parts for today's Liturgy

### Hymn to the Mother of God and the Irmos:

O God-bearing Virgin, hope of Christians, protect and guard and save all those who put their trust in you.

In the law, the shadow, and the scriptures, we the faithful see a figure: every male child that opens the womb shall be sanctified to God. Therefore do we magnify the first-born Word and Son of the Father who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who had not known man.

### Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* I will take the chalice of salvation;\* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

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