



THE PROTOMARTYR



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**Glory to Jesus Christ
THE PRODIGAL SON**

**Glory Forever!
Tone 1**

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 1. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters: Theoctiste, Theodotia, and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt (311). Ven. Nikita of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (1108). Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias, of Egypt (251). Martyr Tryphænes at Cyzicus. St. Arsenios of Pharos (1877).

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-32

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Monday, February 1	<i>Eve of the Meeting</i> Great Vespers 7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 2	<i>Feast Day: The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple</i> Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Thursday, February 4	Daily Vespers 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 6	<i>Memorial Saturday</i> Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Vigil Service 5:00 PM Confessions
Sunday, February 7 <i>Meatfare Sunday</i>	Greeting of the Hierarch and Hours 9:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10 AM <i>Meatfare Dinner following the service</i>

Meatfare Sunday: As it's been our tradition before Lent, we will have a special dinner after the Liturgy on Sunday of Meatfare, February 7th. Please purchase tickets to the Meatfare Dinner during the coffee hour after Liturgy. The menu consists of roasted beef, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. See Nina Rapak for the tickets.

Ordination of George Zlatkowski and St. Tikhon's Choir visit: Also on Sunday of Meatfare we will have a special occasion of Bp. Tikhon presiding at the Divine Liturgy and performing ordination of George Zlatkowski into Deaconate. St. Tikhon's Choir will also be present to sing responses. As it was in the past, we will need help from our parishioners to host seminarians overnight. Please contact Fr. Victor if you would like to help with making these accommodations for our visitors from St. Tikhon's. Also with today's Protomartyr is distributed an offering envelope for your contribution in support of St. Tikhon's Seminary. Please be generous!

Haiti Clothing Drive: During the month of February we will be conducting a clothing drive as part of Haiti relief efforts. We ask our parishioners to bring clean, good, summer clothes during this month for shipment to Haiti and distribution thru Haitian Churches coordinated thru GAINUSA. We will have special boxes downstairs starting next week for this drive.

Living Waters Survey: Our Diocesan Office of Communication is conducting a survey of all parishioners to gather more information about their knowledge and use of diocesan publications. At candle desk there are copies of "Living Waters" newsletter available that were marked for each household in our parish and with it there is a brief survey that we ask our parishioners to fill out and bring back by Sun, Feb. 14. Thank you for your participation in this project!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: On February 7 our Sr. and Jr. OCFs will be participating in this national program that raises money to help feed the hungry across the United States. Over the past 20 years more than \$60 million has been raised to fight hunger in local communities like ours. You can be a part of this effort by donating \$ to our soup pots and/or donating canned goods to our Seminarian Food Drive. All monetary profits will go to Philabundance (The Greater Philadelphia Area Food Bank.) We hope you will be generous and thank you for your participation.

Teen Winter Retreat 2010: Will be held on Feb. 12 - 14 at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA. Students from grades 7 through 12 are invited. Tuition fee is \$100 per person and Jan 22 is the deadline for registration. For more information please contact Fr. Victor or Kim Metz at 610-554-1079.