

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

### Kontakion - Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;  
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me.  
Therefore, I cry to You like the Prodigal:  
"I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father;  
receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants."

### Upcoming Events

Gyro Sale at Church-Today, Sunday, February 24  
Blini Dinner and Dance -Sunday, March 9

### Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ

**Archpriest Samuel Kedala, Rector**

Joanne Patrick, Choir Director

#### Parish Council

Timothy Kachur, Sr. Warden

Mark Benda, Jr. Warden

Michael Olsen, Treasurer

Doris Livanos/Susan Matthews, Co/Recording Secretary

#### Council members

Edward Engelsman • Michael Chwan

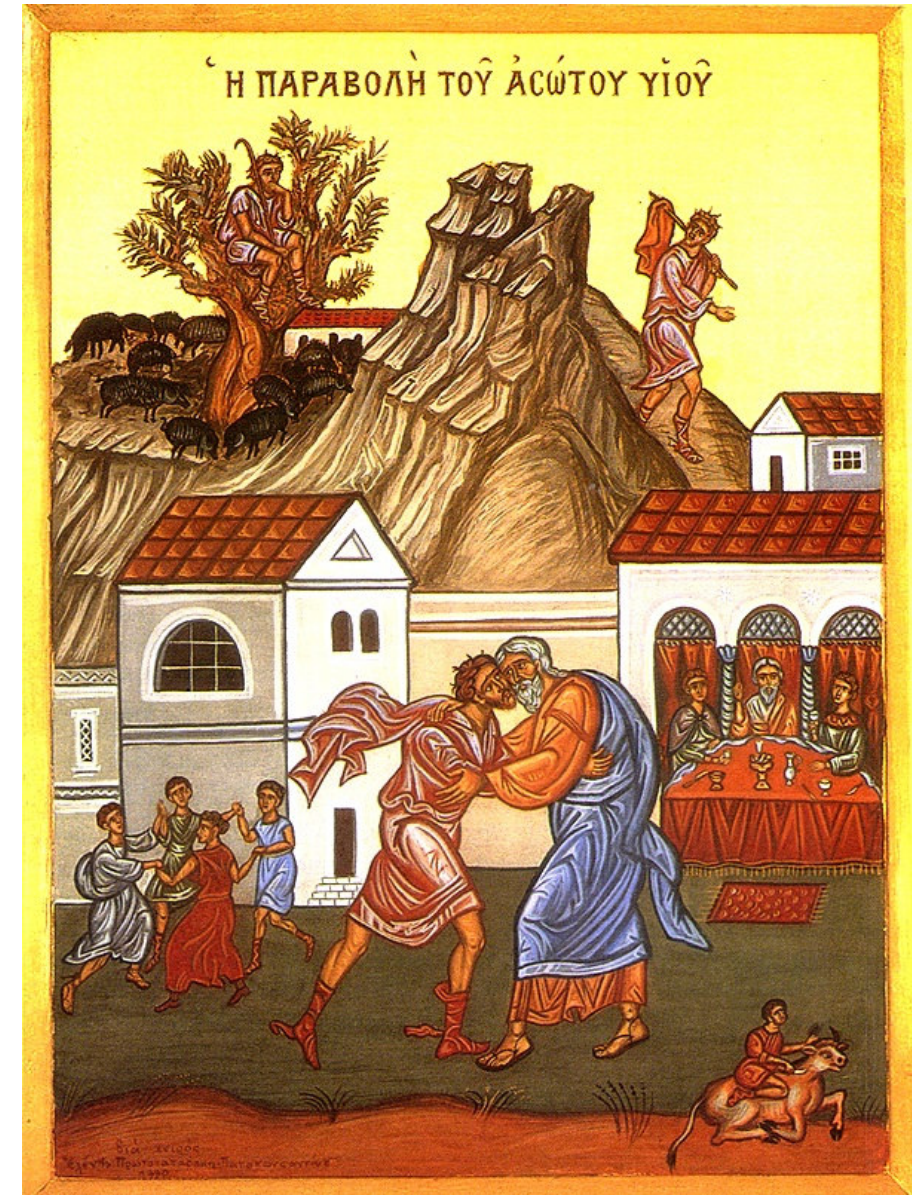
Anna Seniw • Louis Matthews

[www.holyspiritorthodox.org](http://www.holyspiritorthodox.org)

# HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Wantage, New Jersey

February 24, 2008



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

# ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

102 Route 284  
Wantage, New Jersey 07461  
(973) 702-0622

e-mail: [fr.samuel@holyspiritorthodox.org](mailto:fr.samuel@holyspiritorthodox.org) web site: [www.holyspiritorthodox.org](http://www.holyspiritorthodox.org)

**Sunday, February 24, 2008**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Today** ..... **Gyro Sale**  
**Wed.** ..... **7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal**  
**Saturday** ..... **6:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers**  
**Sunday, Feb. 24** ..... **9:15 Church School – 9:35 a.m. Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy**

**Today's commemorated feasts and saints... SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON —  
Tone 6.** First (4th c.) and Second (452) Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John. Ven. Erasmus of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.).

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Epistle) 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle, Forerunner)  
Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel) Matthew 11:2-15 (Gospel, Forerunner)**

### BULLETIN

**The Memorial Service** this morning was offered by the **Marion Ion family** in blessed memory of the six month anniversary of Marion's departed mother **+Maria (Ion)**. By the **Engelsman family** in blessed memory of **+Lydia (Engelsman)** 25 years, may her memory be Eternal. By **Joanne Patrick** in blessed memory of matushka **+Debra**. May their memory be eternal!

**Thank you to The Engelsman family & Ion Family** who signed up to host the social today. **Valentina Bobrowsky** is signed up to host next week. **The schedule is posted downstairs and on our website. Please make arrangements for someone to fill in for you or switch with if you cannot make your day.**

Please place a **food donation in the Sussex Help Center basket** downstairs. The food is distributed to the needy in our community. Thank-you, Despena Eptamenitis.

**Pickup your annual contribution statements downstairs on the Candle Desk.** Thank you.

**Gyro Sale at our Church today.** You may eat them here or take them home for your families.

**Memorial slips** are enclosed w/bulletin. Fill them out and return before the Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgies so that Father Samuel can pray for your loved ones along with you at the Memorial Divine Liturgies.

**Our Blini Dinner** is coming up on **March 9, Forgiveness Sunday**, be sure to put the date aside.

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

**A reminder** to all who are worshipping at Holy Spirit Church, please turn off your cell phones or leave it in your cars until after Divine Liturgy

**PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a**

**little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.**

**WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS**

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, the infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Valentina Bobrowsky, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, the infant Logan Eugene, Evanthia, Loren Chwan, Jennifer, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Kat Shannon, Christine Molbury and her children, and Elise Chwan.

### SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES

By the **Alexandra Gutu** in Blessed Memory of her brother **+ND Dumitru** 2-09-08

**Seven day vigil candles** are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published.

**We welcome our guests** who are worshipping with us today. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

Please be respectful of our children participating in Church School. If you are not a teacher or student, please remain upstairs, rather than interrupt their schooling. Thank you-Fr Samuel

**Visit our web site** at [www.holyspiritorthodox.org](http://www.holyspiritorthodox.org) -Updates to services and schedules will be posted there as needed. **Please try to come early to services.** On Sundays we should strive to be in church by 9:35 am to hear the reading of the Hours, light our candles and say our private prayers (pre-Communion prayers). Thank You!

**Beginning of Great Lent-** Beginning with Sunday, February 17th, we entered into the time of the Triodion, so named for the book where service texts are taken from for Great Lent up to Pascha itself. With the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, we begin to take more notice of fasting days. The week of Feb. 17th is fast free, then the next week is regular (Wednesday and Friday), and then we leave off meat, and then with Forgiveness Sunday, dairy and the rest. Let us prepare to enter the Lenten season as a most important journey in our lives.

**CONFESSION:** Great Lent is a time for each and every one of us to come to the Sacrament of Confession. This is an integral part of our Great Lenten effort. Confessions can be scheduled before or after Great Vespers, before services held during the week, or at other times by arranging with Fr. Samuel. Please remember that when you come to confession, you should plan to receive Holy Communion. In addition, all who come to confession during Lent are encouraged to receive Holy Communion throughout Great Lent, and especially on Great and Holy Pascha, the goal of our Lenten effort. Make this part of your family journey through Great Lent! **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR CHILDREN EXPERIENCE THE VALUE OF CONFESSION ALSO, THROUGH YOUR EXAMPLE!**

**The Rebates from the president's stimulus package will be forthcoming. You may want to apply yours toward our mortgage for this year...**