

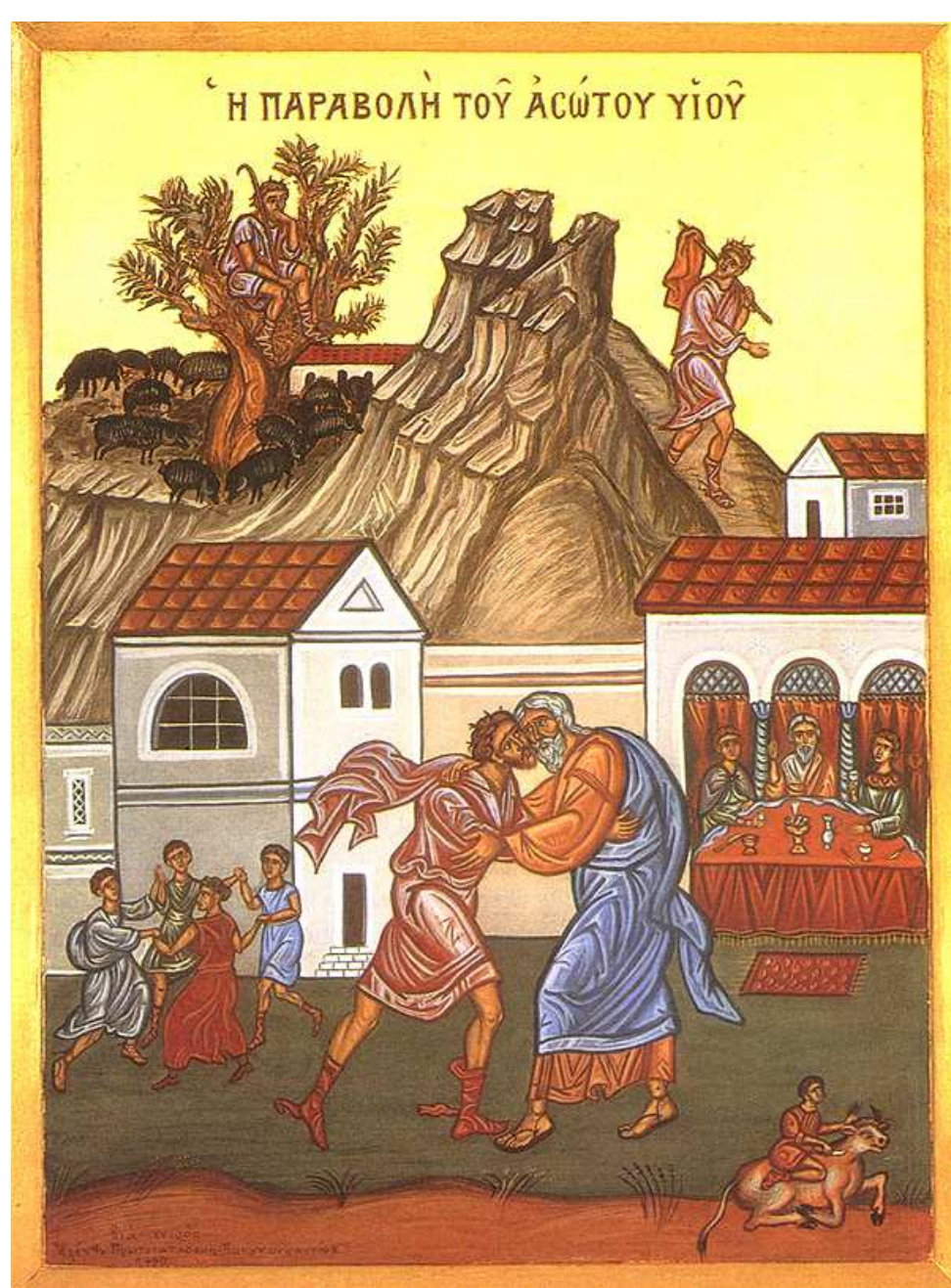
FIRST AND SECOND FINDING OF THE HONORABLE HEAD OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS BAPTIST JOHN

After the beheading of St. John the Baptist (August 29), his body was buried by disciples in the Samaritan city of Sebaste, and his venerable head was hidden by Herodias in an unclean place. St. Joanne, the wife of King Herod's steward Chuza (Luke 8:3), secretly took the holy head and placed it into a vessel and buried it on the Mount of Olives in one of Herod's properties.

After many years, this property passed into the possession of a government official who became a monk, Innocent. He built a church and a cell there. When they started to dig the foundation, the vessel with the venerable head was uncovered, the First Finding. Innocent recognized its great holiness from the signs of grace emanating from it. He preserved it with great piety; but fearful that the holy relic might be abused by unbelievers, before his own death he again hid it in that same place where it was found. Upon his death, the church there fell into ruin and was destroyed.

During the days of St. Constantine the Great, when Christianity began to flourish, the Holy Forerunner appeared twice to two monks journeying to Jerusalem, and he revealed the location of his venerable head. They uncovered the holy relic, placed it into a sack of camel-hair, and proceeded homewards. They met a potter and gave him the precious burden to carry, who did not know what he was carrying. The holy Forerunner appeared to him and ordered him to flee from the careless and lazy monks. At home, the potter preserved the venerable head with reverence. Before his death he placed it in a water jug and gave it to his sister.

From that time, the venerable head was successively preserved by devout Christians, until the priest Eustathius (infected with the Arian heresy) came to possess it. He convinced a multitude who had been healed by the holy head that this was because it was possessed by an Arian. When his blasphemy was uncovered, he fled and buried the head in a cave, intending to return later and use it for his lies. But pious monks settled in the cave; a monastery arose on the site. In 452, St. John the Baptist appeared to Archimandrite Marcellus of this monastery and indicated where his head was hidden. This became celebrated as the Second Finding. The holy relic was transferred to Emesa and later to Constantinople.



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TONE 6

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

THIRTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

***First and Second Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet,
Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John;***

Ven. Erasmus of the Kiev Caves

“Like fools, we left behind our Father’s glory, and by our sins we squandered all He gave us. So now, filled with shame, we beg Him like the prodigal: We have sinned before You, Father, and all we have is our sorrow. In Your tenderness, do not turn us away; take us back at least as hired hands.”

Kondakion, Tone III

“The head of the Forerunner rose from the earth as a star, brilliant with rays of healing and immortality. It gathers the choirs of angels in heaven and assembles the human race on earth to sing with one voice the glory of Christ our God.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 6:12-20
II CORINTHIANS 4:6-15

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 15:11-32
MATTHEW 11:2-15

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Friday, March 1	6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Saturday, March 2	9:00 a.m. Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, February 25	I John 2:18-3:10	Mark 11:1-11
Tuesday, February 26	I John 3:10-20	Mark 14:10-42
	I John 3:21-4:6	Mark 14:43-15:1
Wednesday, February 27	Hebrews 13:17-21	John 10:9-16
Thursday, February 28	I John 4:20-5:21	Mark 15:1-15
Friday, March 1	II John 1:1-13	Mark 15:22,25,33-41
Saturday, March 2 (Departed)	I Corinthians 10:23-28	Luke 21:8-9,25-27,33-36
	I Thessalonians 4:13-17	John 5:24-30

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

- 25, Monday Cooking for St. Herman’s House
- 27, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House
- 28, Thursday 6:30 p.m. IOCC Benefit — European Wine Tasting

MARCH:

- 4, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 9, Saturday 10:00—3:00 Lenten Retreat at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church
- 17, Sunday 5:00 p.m. Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Archangel Michael Church

MEMORIAL SERVICES:

On March 1-2, with March 2 being Memorial Saturday, we will have Vespers at 6:00 Friday evening and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 Saturday morning. If you have departed family members you would like remembered during the service, please contact Father Alexander with a written list of names.

EUROPEAN WINE TASTING:

International Orthodox Christian Charities will host a four-course dinner with wine pairings as a benefit to help charities around the world. The event will be Thursday, Feb. 28, at St. Michael’s Woodside; doors open at 6:30, and dinner is at 7:00. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from Popadja Kathy Babich, Paula Svilar, or Diane Hastings.

CHOIR:

There will be no choir rehearsal this week Thursday. Instead, a brief rehearsal will be held on Saturday before Vespers, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, March 4, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading pages 113-133 on Prayer in Wounded By Love, the life of Elder Porphyrios.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar.

RETREAT:

Sts. Constantine & Helen Church is holding a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 9, 10:00-3:00, preceded by Divine Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. The topic is “Encouraging Faith in One Another,” and the speaker is Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis. Details for registration are in the Fellowship Hall; breakfast and lunch are included in the \$15 fee (\$20 after March 3).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Your 2108 statement of donations to Holy Trinity Church is available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up only your statement; do not take a statement for friend or relative to hand deliver.

GREETERS:

We are looking for new people to become greeters. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980, or ajcundik@cox.net

COFFEE HOUR:

Thank you to Eric and Marjorie Evanoff for our Coffee Hour refreshments today.

HELP IS NEEDED for March 17, 24 and 31. Please sign up in the kitchen.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Neil and Susan Haverly.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, FEBRUARY 17	\$ 3044.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1430.00
BUILDING FUND	45.00
MORTGAGE FUND	45.00
CANDLES	112.00
2/10 SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	320.00
2/10 COFFEE HOUR	79.00

The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy

February 19, 2019

Dear Friends,

The Orthodox Christian community of Greater Cleveland and Lorain will soon honor the Sunday of Orthodoxy. A celebration will take place on Sunday, March 17, 5:00 PM at the Archangel Michael Orthodox Church, 5025 Mill Road, Broadview Heights. His Eminence Archbishop Nicolae of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia will preside; Fr. Joseph, Abbot of the Saint Gregory Palamas Monastery, will preach the homily.

The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy solicits donations to underwrite this celebration and to support the Orthodox ministries in our area. We ask you to contribute by making a donation to the GCCOC. In return you will be listed as a "Patron" in the handout at the Pan Orthodox Vespers, and the donations collected will be used to support local Orthodox charities.

Please make your check payable to the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy or "GCCOC" and return it to your priest or to the address below no later than March 10.

Yours truly,

Fr. Stephen J. Callos
Treasurer, Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy

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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 2019 – PATRON DONATION

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MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	2 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
3 Sunday of Meatfare Sunday of the Last Judgment	4 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle	5	6	7	8	9 10:00—3:00 Lenten Retreat at Sts. Constan- tine & Helen 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
10 Sunday of Cheesefare Expulsion of Adam from Paradise Forgiveness Sunday 5:00 Vespers	11 Beginning of Great Lent 9:00 a.m. Lenten Hours 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	12 9:00 a.m. Lenten Hours 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	13 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	14 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	15 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy	16 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
17 1st Sunday of Great Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy 11:00 a.m. Parish Council meeting 5:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Michael	18	19	20 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	21	22 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy	23 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
24 2nd Sunday of Great Lent St. Gregory Palamas 5:00 p.m. Vigil of Annunciation	25 Annunciation of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	26	27 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	28	29	30 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
31 3rd Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Cross						