

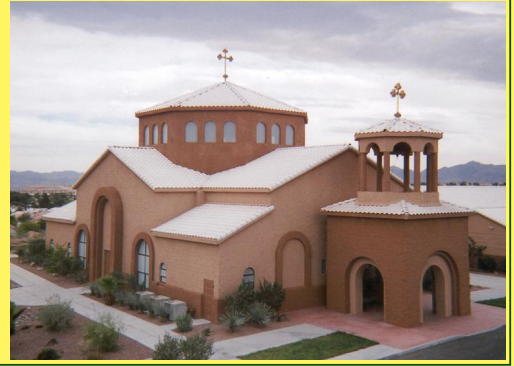
ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

5400 ANNIE OAKLEY DR • LAS VEGAS, NV 89120
702.898.4800 • WWW.LASVEGASORTHODOX.COM

V. REV. JOHN J. DRESKO, RECTOR
702.485.3810 (H) • 860.833.4921 (M)

REVEREND AARON OLIVER, ATTACHED
V. REV. JAMES BERTOLINI, RETIRED • V. REV. JOHN BRUCHOK, RETIRED

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN • FEBRUARY 13-19, 2012



TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: Brethren, All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

GOSPEL: The Lord told this parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

"Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship 2/5: \$ 2,378.00
Total Income 2/5: \$ 3,439.75

Weekly income needed: \$ 4,245.12

2012 INCOME GOAL (6 wks): \$ 25,470.72

2012 INCOME ACTUAL: \$ 26,569.49

Percentage of Budgeted Income: 104.3%

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP "DID YOU KNOW THAT..."

...the invitation you have received to the "non-event" on February 14 is actually an invitation to sacrificial giving? Your contribution to the "non-event" should be above and beyond your normal giving, not in place of it. The Fathers all remind us that nothing has been sacrificed until we give something BEYOND our normal tithe. Until then, we are only doing what God asks as a minimum.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE

February 12

Greeter: Harry/Fern

Readers:

Hours: Sas

Epistle: Jarlson

Post-Comm: Dresko

Coffee: Papa

Cleaners: Dresko/Sas/McAuley

February 19

Greeter: Brophy/Britton

Readers:

Hours: Dresko

Epistle: Hood

Post-Comm: Sas

Coffee: Bica, et al.

Cleaners:

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb 13: 1 John 2:18-3:10

Feb 14: 1 John 3:11-20

Feb 15: 1 John 3:21-4:6

Feb 16: 1 John 4:20-5:21

Feb 17: 2 John 1:1-13

Feb 18: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28

Mark 11:1-11

Mark 14:10-42

Mark 14:43-15:1

Mark 15:1-15

Mark 15:22-25,33-41

Luke 21:8-9,25-27,33-36

SUNDAY, 12 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY OF THE

PRODIGAL SON — TONE 2. St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch. St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople. St. Kristo the Gardener. The "IVERON" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

CHURCH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

**DAILY VESPERS,
6:30 PM
ADULT CLASS**

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

**COFFEE CHAT
10:00 AM**

SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

BAPTISM, 10:00 AM
FEEDING THE HOMELESS, 10:30 AM
PANIKHIDA, 4:30 PM
**GREAT VESPERS,
5:00 PM**
CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

(LAST JUDGMENT) — TONE 3. Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon, and Martyr Apphias. Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis.

CHURCH SCHOOL

have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

"Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

"But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

"And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'" (Luke 15:11-32)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IVERON ICON

Today is the feastday of the Iveron Icon of the Theotokos, whose miraculous vision visited us from Hawai'i back in September. We will honor the Lady and her icon at the end of liturgy with special prayers and then anointing again with the miraculous myrrh from the icon.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Our bi-monthly Feeding the Homeless Project will be held next Saturday, February 18. As has been the custom, we will gather at 10:30 AM to prepare and pack bag lunches as well as hygiene packs. Then we will go downtown to distribute them to the homeless. Please join us!

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Great Lent is almost upon us. The liturgical beginning of the Fast is the celebration of the Vespers of Forgiveness after liturgy on Sunday, February 26. Orthodox Christians miss this service only under the most dire of circumstances. ***We ask all of you to make sure you can join us for this most beautiful and moving service where we share mutual forgiveness.*** We will then have our annual Blini Luncheon before beginning our fast on Monday morning.

NON-EVENT DONATIONS

All of you should have received your "non-invitation" to the "non-event" not being held on Valentine's Day. This is a very cute and innovative to ask for the same donation you would have made to our annual fundraising dinner but at half the cost. We hope and pray that everyone will consider supporting this project. It is one of only two fundraising projects we have during the calendar year.

LENTEN RETREATS

It is now time to plan for the many Lenten activities that we will have in the Valley this year. In addition to the normal Sunday evening services held in our churches, there are two retreats scheduled: the first is the annual Pan-Orthodox retreat. Fr. Meletios Webber, Abbot of St. John's Monastery in Mantion, CA, will speak on "Finding Silence in a Noisy World" on March 3rd here at St. Paul's. Fr. Meletios will also join us on March 4th for liturgy at St. Paul's and then preach at the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. John's Church.

The second is a Teen Retreat (6-12 grades) on OCCUPY HEAVEN: Regaining God in our Life. This will be held on March 30-31 at St. John's Church. Flyers for both are in the church hall and have been distributed electronically.

ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT

Our iconographer, Vladimir Krassovsky, plans on doing our dome soon. This is the major part of the project. It will be a difficult process that once again disrupts the worship space. If you are able and so inclined, now is a good time to consider a donation to the restricted Icon Fund, *above and beyond your normal support of the parish*. Please help!

PLEDGE FORMS

We ask you all to make a financial and time and talent pledge for 2012. These forms are available at the candle desk and have been distributed electronically. **They are to be returned only to Father John or Treasurer Karen Short and are overdue.**

REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest James	Vadim (McClellan)
Archpriest John	Bobbie (Lazar)
Subdeacon Vladimir	Peter (Jolevski)
Matushka Lila (Regan)	Marteen (Moore)
Michelle (Chong)	Anita (Maresca)
The child Christopher (Elliott)	Dorothy (Grudzina)
Colin (Campbell)	Natasha (Zonitch)
Christine (Sechrist)	James (Campbell)
Fernande (Bica)	Janice (Abdoulah)
Madeline & Serge (DeSomov)	Ludmilla (Nesterenko)
Valentina (Karimova)	Tamra (Christensen)

The newly departed Protopresbyter Joseph, Mila, Dolores

IN PREPARATION FOR LENT

Let us present a good fast, well-pleasing to the Lord! A true fast is alienation from the evil one; The holding of one's tongue, the laying aside of all anger, The removal of all sensuality, Of accusation, falsehood and sins of swearing. The weakening of these will make the fast true and well-pleasing. (*First Tuesday of Lent Matins*)