

## The 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).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

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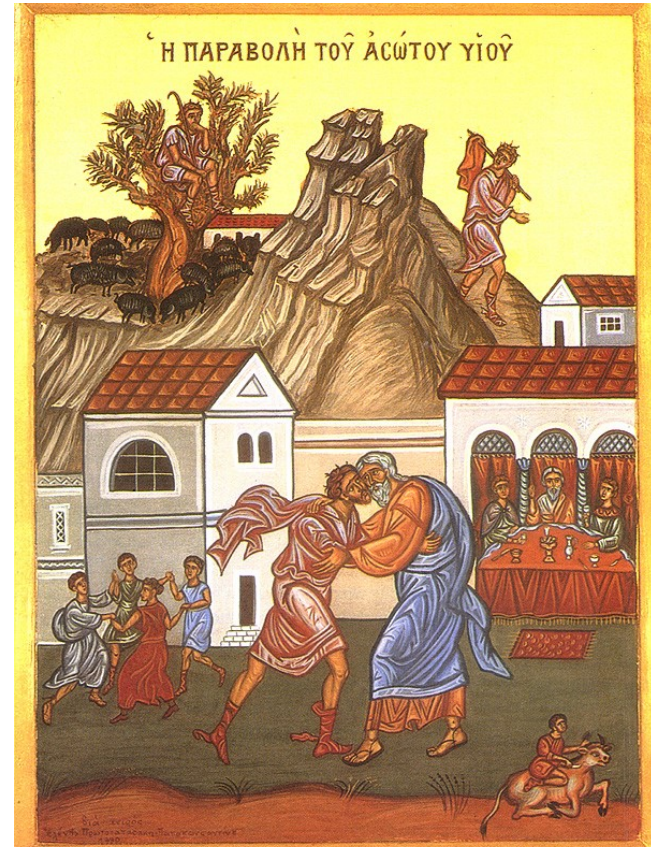
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**Readings**

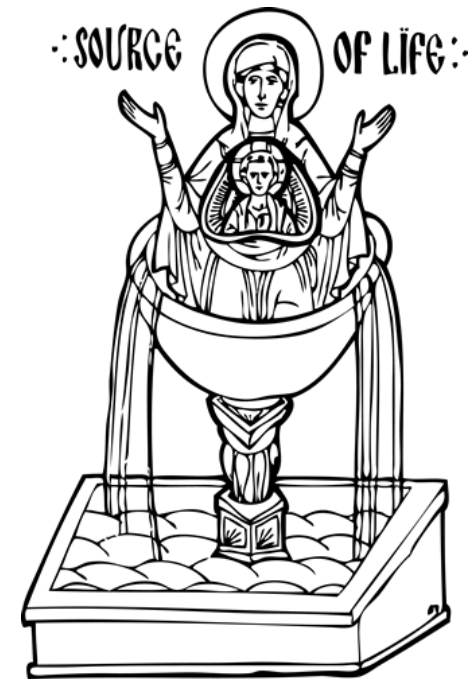
Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Gospel Luke 15:11-32

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 3 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: "I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me as a penitent, // and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"



This Week at St. Herman's

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - *Sunday of the Prodigal Son***

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - *Apostles Archippus & Philemon of the 70***

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and books

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - *Relics of the Holy Martyrs at Eugenius' Gate***

- 8:00 AM - Divine Liturgy for Memorial Saturday
- 6:00 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 6:30 PM - Great Vespers