

# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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## FEBRUARY 8, 2015

### Orthodox Scout Sunday

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting.** Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates ("the General"—319). Prophet Zachariah (ca. 520 B.C.). St. Sava II, Archbishop of Serbia (1269).

**EPISTLE:** 1 CORINTHIANS 6.12-20: Do you know that your bodies are members of Christ?

**GOSPEL:** LUKE 15.11-32: The Parable of the Prodigal Son.

**VESPERS NEXT WEEK:** Rdr Bob.

**HOURS:** Sam C. **NEXT WEEK:** Casey.

**EPISTLE READER:** Stephen. **NEXT WEEK:** Stephen.

**COFFEE HOUR HOST:** Johnson Family. **NEXT WEEK:** Worthington Family.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** We will hold our annual parish meeting next week after the Divine Liturgy on February 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church. This is also Meatfare Sunday, so bring a dish to share as we plot the coming year for our mission parish!

**EVANGELIZATION WEBSITE:** The Department of Evangelization recently announced that its new web site is now accessible at [goodnews.oca.org](http://goodnews.oca.org). The site also will highlight current and past Planting Grant Missions; develop and offer Spanish Language and Russian Language resources in a single location; develop a renewed appreciation for our missionary roots, particularly in Alaska; and point to several OCA resources available to help rejuvenate parishes.

**CHOIR:** The choir will be meeting Tuesday night at Casey's house for rehearsal. All are invited to come and practice. And as always, all are invited to the choir or to sing along with the entire congregation.

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**WELCOME!** We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Please know that we are glad that you are here praying with us and invite you to join us after the service for a meal and to meet everyone in our community.

**KNOW YOUR FAITH:** The next class will be February 17 at Unwind Coffee Shop in the Ithaca Mall. We will be reading and discussing chapter 13 of the Gospel of St John: The Last Supper: Washing of Disciples' Feet; Foretelling of Judas' Betrayal & Peter's Denial. The time is also being changed to 7:30. Invite your friends to join us. The complete syllabus is available on the information table and online.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** It is a beautiful tradition of our Orthodox faith to bless homes in the Theophany season. To have your house blessed, please see Fr James to schedule an appointment. It would be wonderful if we could every house in the parish blessed in the next few weeks. For those who do not make an appointment, Fr James will be calling to schedule a time.

**MEATFARE:** Next week is MeatFare Sunday, the last day on which we partake of meat before the feast of PASCHA. There will be many opportunities for us to be in the presence of our Lord in His house and to prepare ourselves for the coming FEAST OF FEASTS, so please plan accordingly.



**PRAYER SCROLL: LIVING:** Archpriest Timothy Holowatch, Archpriest Herman Shick, Archpriest John Chupeck, Archpriest Thomas Edwards, Archpriest Michael Thier, Archpriest Stephen Mack, Dn Symeon, Abbess Silouana, Mother Raphaela, Mother Christophora, Mat Cecelia, Mat Katya, Mat Catherine, Mat Dorothy, Joshua, Brittany & Isaac, Gretchen, Toni, Peter, Marriane, Terrence, Helen, Judy, Gretchen, Mary & Susan, John & Carmine, Nathan, Leah, Helen, Lindsey, Christopher E, Susanne H, Olga S, Elizabeth, Mary, Joe A, Daniel, Andrew and family, Harold, Wilhemina, Children Anthony, Mia and Isabel, Gordon, Elizabeth, David, Madeline, Shirley, Larry, Christina, Caleb, Jim & Kim, Rachel, Constantine & Maria, Gaetan, Jean, Christine. **BIRTHDAYS:** Brittany. **ANNIVERSARIES:** None. **NAMESDAYS:** None.

**REPOSED:** Priest John, Archpriest Alexander, Rdr Gregory, Daniel, Ada, Walter, Lillian, Joseph, Marie, Joseph, Laura, Martha, Stanley, Helen, Charles, Arthur, Taissia, Steluta, Theophan, Lynda, Florence, James. **NEWLY DEPARTED:** James (1-9). **ANNIVERSARIES:** None.

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## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER VESPERS AND AT ANY OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8:** 9 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour  
6 PM Great Vespers for the Feast

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10:** 8:30 Morning Prayers  
6 PM Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11:** 8:30 Daily Matins  
7 PM Cornell OCF in Anabel Taylor Hall

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12:** 8:30 Morning Prayers  
9:15 Cornell OCF Morning Prayers  
8 PM Ithaca OCF in Mueller Chapel

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13:** 8:30 Morning Prayers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14:** 9 AM Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy  
6 PM Great Vespers

**MEATFARE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15:** 9 AM Divine Liturgy and Annual Parish Meeting

## PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that you would renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only Merciful and loving Lord Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

### Troparion to the Apostles

First enthroned of the Apostles, And teachers of the Universe; Entreat the Master of all  
To grant peace to the world, And to our souls great mercy!

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Lansing, New York

## THE PRODIGAL SON:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON/AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING GREATMARTYR THEODORE STRATELATES/PROPHET ZECHARIAH

### Troparion Tone 2 (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!"

### Troparion Tone 1 (Meeting of the Lord)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
thou didst accept in thine arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

### Kontakion Tone 3 (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!

### Kontakion Tone 1 (Meeting of the Lord)

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb  
and didst bless Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, //  
O only Lover of Man!

### Prokeimenon Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Ps 117/118:4)  
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)

### Alleluia Verses Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

### Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

The parable of the Prodigal forms an exact ikon of repentance in its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. But repentance implies action: 'I will rise up and go. . .' (verse 18). To repent is not just to feel dissatisfied, but to take a decision and to act upon it.

On this and the next two Sundays, after the solemn and joyful words of the Polyeleos at Mattins, we add the sorrowful verses of Psalm 136, 'By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept. . .'. This Psalm of exile, sung by the children of Israel in their Babylonian captivity, has a special appropriateness on the Sunday of the Prodigal, when we call to mind our present exile in sin and make the resolve to return home. - Lenten Triodion

## PLANTING GRANT MISSIONS:

### NEW CHURCH DEDICATED IN KENTUCKY

The Saint Athanasius parish community after Sunday's Liturgy, during which Simeon Siskar was ordained to the diaconate..



The parking lot at Saint Athanasius Church was overflowing the weekend of January 31-February 1, 2015 as Orthodox Christians and their friends from across Kentucky and beyond celebrated the formal dedication of the community's new church building.

The community—the Orthodox Church in America's first in the Commonwealth of Kentucky—is starting its 14th year as a parish of the OCA.

"While we have occupied our new north Nicholasville premises for the past six months, we delayed our formal dedication until this past weekend, after a substantial part of the iconography," said Priest Justin Patterson, Rector. "We also wanted to ensure that His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon, Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the South, and His Grace, Bishop Mark of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, a friend of the parish, could be present to lead the festivities."

On Saturday, January 31, Archbishop Nikon presided at Great Vespers and a Pan-Orthodox Dedication Service. In addition to Bishop Mark and Father Justin, others present included Archpriest Marcus Burch, Diocesan Chancellor; Priest David Arnold, Appalachian; Igumen Seraphim, Abbot of Holy Cross Hermitage [ROCOR], and several members of the monastic brotherhood; and clergy and laity from three other jurisdictions. Father Justin also welcomed several local ministers representing other Christian traditions and the newly elected Mayor of the City of Nicholasville, Pete Sutherland.

The Saturday dedication culminated with a Grand Banquet in the new parish hall, during both hierarchs warmly congratulated the parish faithful and exhorted them to press forward with Orthodox Christian mission work in Kentucky.

On Sunday morning, Archbishop Nikon presided at the Hierarchical Liturgy, during which he ordained Simeon Siskar to the diaconate. A parish-wide photo op and potluck followed.

"Saint Athanasius was the recipient of the three-year OCA Church Planting Grant from 2003-2006 and would not be the community it is today without the investment and commitment from both the OCA and Diocese of the South," said Father Justin. "The parish remains grateful for the OCA's support in those critical early years of the parish's history."

A gallery of photos may be found on the Saint Athanasius Facebook page.



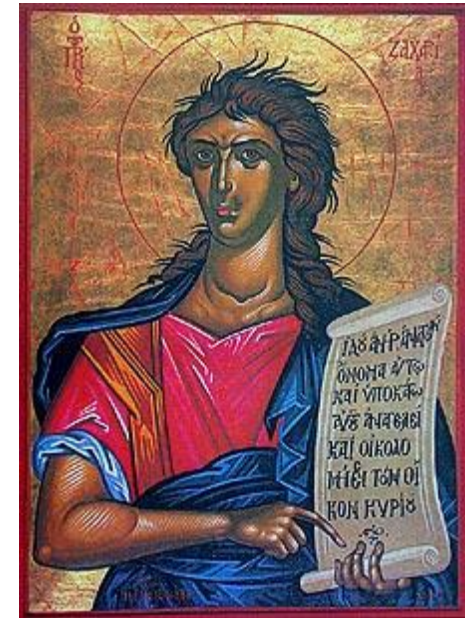
## PROPHET ZACHARIAH

The Prophet Zachariah the Sickle-Seer the eleventh of the twelve Minor Prophets. He was descended from the tribe of Levi, and seems to have been a priest (Nehemiah 12:4,16). He was called to prophetic service at a young age and became, in the wondrous expression of church hymnology, "a spectator of supra-worldly visions."

The Book of the Prophet Zachariah contains inspired details about the coming of the Messiah (Zach 6:12); about the last days of the Savior's earthly life, about the Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem on a young donkey (Zach 9:9); about the betrayal of the Lord for thirty pieces of silver and the purchase of the potter's field with them (Zach 11:12-13); about the piercing of the Savior's side (Zach 12:10); about the scattering of the apostles from the Garden of Gethsemane (Zach 13:7); about the eclipse of the sun at the time of the Crucifixion (Zach 14:6-7).

"Enlightened by dawns all above," the Prophet Zachariah, "saw the future as it were the present." According to Tradition, this "most true God-proclaimer" lived to old age and was buried near Jerusalem, beside his illustrious contemporary and companion, the Prophet Haggai (December 16). The title "Sickle-Seer" given Zachariah comes from a vision in which he saw a sickle flying in the air, destroying thieves and perjurers (Zach 5:1-3).

The holy Prophet Zachariah died around 520 B.C. His tomb was discovered in 415 in a village near Eleutheropolis (Sozomen, Hist. Eccles. VI:32, IX:17). At the prophet's feet was the body of a child dressed in royal accoutrements. His holy relics were transferred to the church of St James the Brother of the Lord (October 23) in Constantinople. - OCA.org



### THE TWELVE MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea • Amos • Micah • Joel • Obadiah • Jonah • Nahum • Habakkuk •  
Zephaniah • Haggai • Zachariah • Malachi